

FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Hixville

Address: 808 Old Fall River Road

Historic Name: John & Fannie Sabins House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential
Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1870

Source: Historic Maps & Atlases

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Garage/stable

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Siding, Front & Rear Dormers (Late 20th Century)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

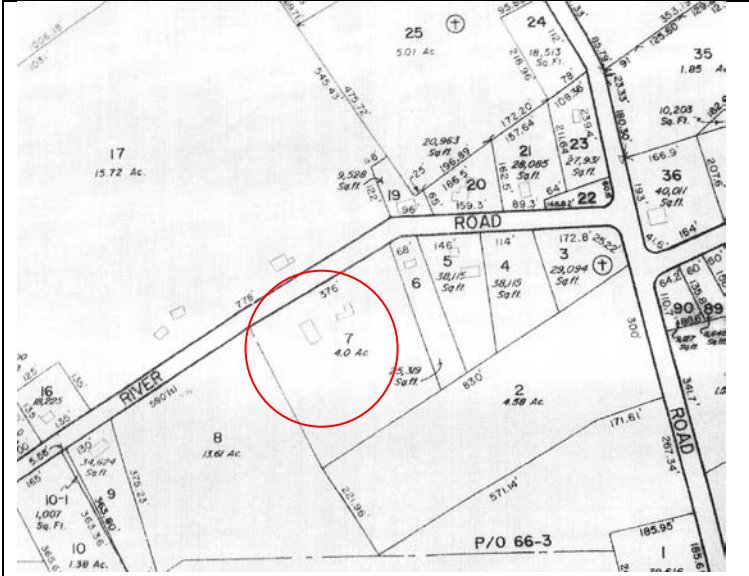
Acreage: 4 acres

Setting: Set in a dense village area of residential properties, religious, and formerly commercial properties.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH

808 OLD FALL RIVER ROAD

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half story residence at 808 Old Fall River Road (DAR.1008) faces north and is approximately thirty five feet off the road. A tall wood picket fence partially borders the front lawn. A front gable section extends out from the north façade to create an L-shaped plan. A one story shed roof addition extends along the east side of the front gable section and rests on a decorative concrete block foundation. The main dwelling rests on a granite foundation. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. The gable roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. A gable roof dormer rests on the north slope of the side gable roof, while shed dormers are located on the east slope of the front gable and the south slope of the side gable roof. A painted interior brick chimney also extends from the north slope of the side gable roof. An unenclosed porch is located in the L formed by the two building forms. The wood frame porch features square wood posts supporting a hip roof and decorated with decorative wood brackets. Fenestration includes 6/6 replacement sash windows and an octagonal fixed sash window in the gable end.

A detached single bay garage now used as a stable is located to the southwest of the dwelling. The gable front building has an asphalt shingle roof and wood shingle clad walls. The swinging wood doors are located off center on the gable end. Above the garage doors is a 6/6 wood sash window. A shed roof addition along the west façade is clad in vinyl siding. A metal fence enclosure to the north, west and south of the outbuilding retains farm animals. A small late 20th century greenhouse is attached to the rear (south) of the garage.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Although Tax Assessment Records indicate the dwelling was built c1880, historic maps indicate that the dwelling was owned by J. Sabins in 1871. The dwelling was likely constructed c1870. John Sabins was a farm laborer, who resided in Hixville village with his wife Fannie. On the 1895 map the dwelling was owned by E Jones. Edward Jones and his wife Emily lived in the dwelling c1880-1895. Jones was a blacksmith who moved to Dartmouth from Fall River where he apprenticed as a blacksmith to Oscar Durfee c1870. He and Emily married in Fall River c1875. Edward died in 1913.

C1920 the dwelling was acquired by Gregory [Gregorie] Bergeron, a French Canadian immigrant and farmer. Bergeron and his wife Emily lived in Dartmouth 1917-1936. The Bergerons lived with their nephew Ulric Lafond[Lafonte] [Lacfond] and his wife Yvonne [Evon]. The Lafond family would own the house from 1936-1993. Ulric, a chauffeur and truck driver, and Yvonne had nine children: Mrs. Zelide Stadig, Mrs. Rose Murphy, Mrs. Loretta [Lauretta] Martel, and Theresia, Aurore B, Evette I, Georgette C, Theodore G, and Esther M Lafond. Ulric and Yvonne's children owned the house 1943-1965. Theodore, their only son owned the house from 1965-1993. Theodore worked as a maintenance man for C-DE Company in New Bedfords. His sister Yvette worked as a nursing supervisor at Trusdale Hospital in Fall River. Yvonne died in 1983.

Additional owners include: Daniel & Margaret Faria and Wayne & Laura Faria (1993-1999); Wayne & Laura Faria (1999-present).

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