

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Smith Mills

Photograph



Address: 59 Old Westport Road

Historic Name: William B. Peck House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c 1850

Source: Historic Maps and Deeds

Style/Form: No style

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement siding, doors and windows – late twentieth century.

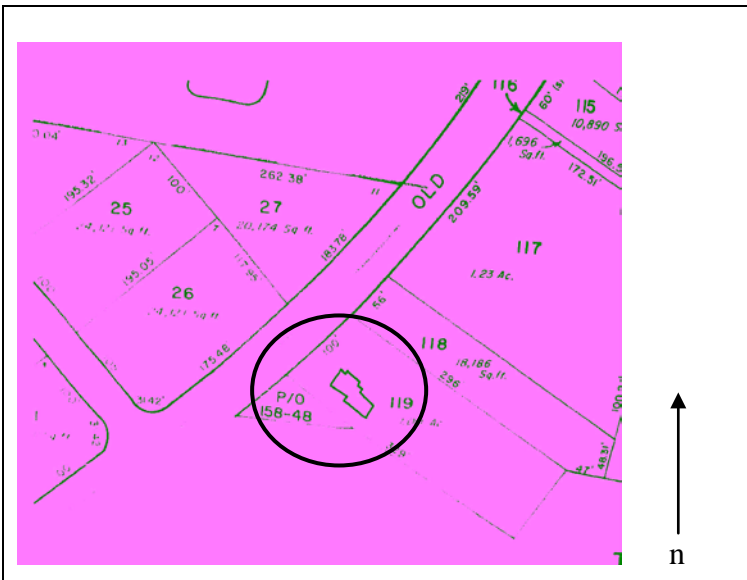
Condition: Poor

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

Acreage: 1.0 acres

Setting: The building faces west and is set back approximately forty feet from the edge of the road.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Town of Dartmouth

Date (month / year): January 2010

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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.

59 Old Westport Road DAR.665 The property has been recently rehabilitated. This building has been substantially altered and no longer conveys the form or details of a nineteenth century residence.

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.

According to assessor's records, 59 Old Westport Road DAR.665 was constructed in 1860. The property may appear on the 1856 map as the residence of William M. Peck (b 1814), a farmer, and his wife Mary (b 1819). Mrs. Peck is shown on the 1895 map of Smith Mills still residing at the address. Town records indicate that the property was owned by Gertrude M. Poole during the mid twentieth century. In 1951, the property was acquired by Antone and Sarah Sylvia. The Sylvia family owned the property until 1989 when it was purchased by Robert D. Medeiros. Robert V. Medeiros owns the residence in 2010.

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