

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Town: Dartmouth
Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Smith Mills

Photograph



Address: 37 Old Westport Road
Historic Name: Beriah C. Manchester House
Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential
Original: Single-Family Residential
Date of Construction: c 1850

Source: Style and Historic Maps

Style/Form: Greek Revival

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

- Foundation: Granite
- Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles
- Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Replacement doors and windows

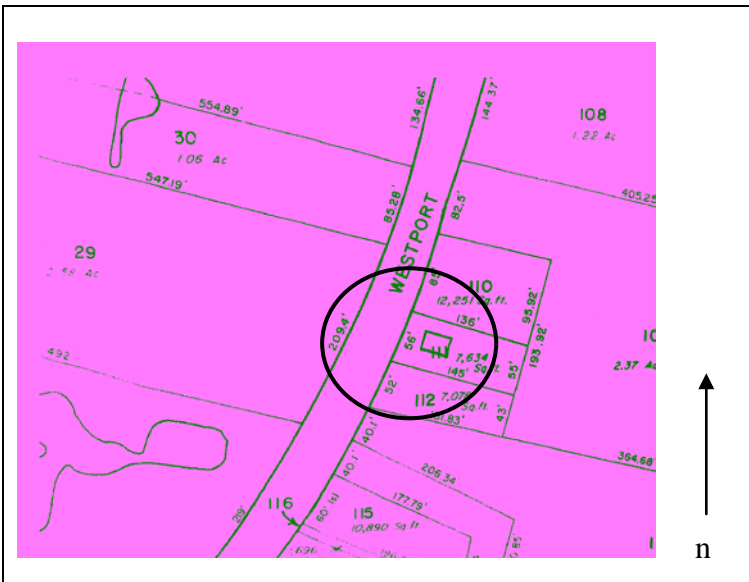
Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: .18 acres

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

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Town of Dartmouth

Date (*month / year*): January 2010

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

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 37 Old Westport 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.

37 Old Westport Road DAR.663 is a modest two-story wood-frame Greek Revival. The two-by-three bay building faces west and is set back approximately ten feet from the road. The foundation is granite. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Cornice returns define the front façade. The residence is clad with vinyl siding. Access is provided by an entry at the north end of the façade. The opening is framed by a simple wood surround. A hipped roof protects the opening. A paired 1/1 double-hung replacement window is located to the south. Although modified, 37 Old Westport Road maintains the form and some details of a modest mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival.

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.

The Greek Revival form and style of 37 Old Westport Road DAR.663 are typical of properties constructed during the mid-nineteenth century. The property appears on the 1856 map as the residence of Beriah C. Manchester (b 1816) a mariner and his wife, Phebe (b 1830). In 1871, the property is shown as a property of Captain Alden T. Potter. Alden Potter is also associated with 13 Old Westport Road at this time. Additionally, while Alden Potter is shown on the 1895 map of Smith Mills; town records show a Paul S. Hathaway (b 1870), a day laborer, as owning the property in 1895. The records indicate that Martha Potter owned the property in 1910 and in 1914, it was owned by Holden W. Potter. The Potter family owned the property until 1951 when it was acquired by Laura R. Paine. The property is currently owned by Jesus Raymond and Shawn P. Figlioli.

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