

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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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:** 39 Old Westport Road

**Historic Name:** Nathan Raymond House

**Uses:** Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c 1850

**Source:** Style and Historic Maps

**Style/Form:** Greek Revival/Side Hall

**Architect/Builder:** Unknown

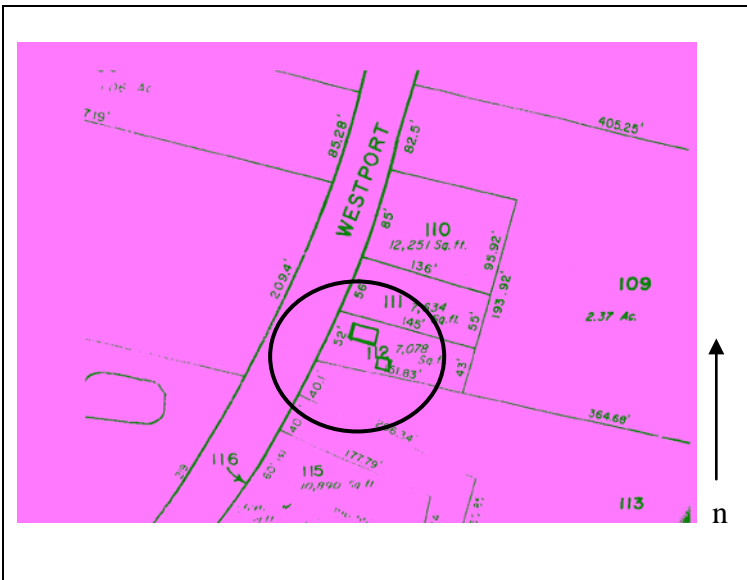
## Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A one-story, one-car garage is located southeast of the residence.

## Major Alterations (*with dates*):

A one-story, shed roof ell – early twentieth century  
Replacement doors and windows – late twentieth century

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** .16 acres

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

**Recorded by:** Geoffrey E. Melhuish, ttl-architects

**Organization:** Town of Dartmouth

**Date (month / year):** January 2010

**INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET**

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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.*

39 Old Westport Road DAR.664 is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame Transitional side hall Greek Revival/Gothic Revival residence. The foundation is granite. The three-by-six bay building faces west and is set back approximately twenty feet from the road. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Cornice returns define the front façade. A centered gable is featured on the south roof plane and a gable dormer is located to the east. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof. The residence is clad with wood shingles. Access is provided by an entry at the north end of the façade. The opening is framed by a simple wood surround. A modern gable roof supported by slender wood posts extends over the opening. Two 6/6 double-hung replacement windows are located to the south. A one-story, shed roof ell projects from the south elevation. A one-story, one-car garage is located southeast of the residence. The garage terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The structure is clad with natural wood shingles. Although modified, 39 Old Westport Road maintains the form and some details of a Transitional side hall Greek Revival/Gothic Revival residence constructed during the mid-nineteenth century.

**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 39 Old Westport Road DAR.664 are typical of properties constructed during the mid-nineteenth century. The property appears on the 1856 map as the residence of Nathan Raymond (b 1801) a shoemaker and his wife Hannah (b. 1806). The shoe shop is shown on the map to the south. The property continues to be owned by the Raymond's in 1871. A Mrs. S. Pratt is shown on the 1895 map of Smith Mills. Town records indicate that the property was owned by Charles L. Johnson in 1922 but was quickly sold to Charles F. Dearing in 1923. The Dearing family maintained ownership of the property until 1967 when the Ambrose family purchased the residence. The Ambrose family still maintains ownership in 2010.

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