

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Smith Mills

Photograph



Address: 11 Old Westport Road

Historic Name: William Thacher House

Uses: Present: Mixed Use

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c 1855, 2010

Source: Historic Maps and Historic Photos

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

The property has been recently been demolished and rebuilt into a two story four-bay block - 2010.

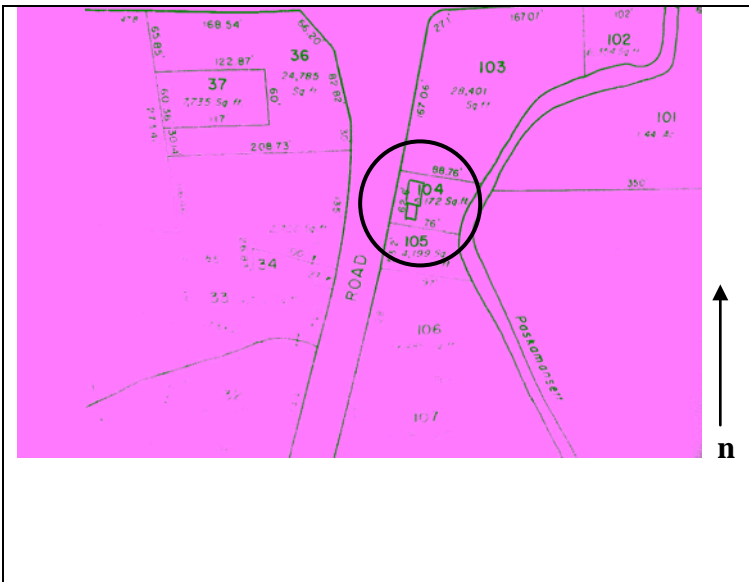
Condition: Poor

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

Acreage: .12 acres

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

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: Geoffrey E. Melhuish, ttl-architects

Organization: Town of Dartmouth

Date (month/year): January 2010

Date & Alternations changed, J.Lund, 2011

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH

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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.

This dwelling house is a simple Gothic Revival building with the characteristics center placed cross gable. The front doorway is centrally placed beneath cross gable and is protected from the elements by a bracketed canopy. Window placement at front façade is one to the left of the doorway, two to the right of the doorway. Structure is 1 1.2 stories in height and the foundation is of granite. A long, 1 story addition is built rear right (Weinstein 1983).

11 Old Westport Road (DAR.148). Photographs taken in 1983 show a modest Gothic Revival structure with characteristic center gable and hooded entry below. The property has been recently rehabilitated into a two story four-bay block. 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.

The William Thacher House, 11 Old Westport Road DAR.148 was constructed c 1855. The property first appears on the 1856 map as the residence of Elihu Kirby (b 1816) a farmer and his wife Hope (1826). In 1871, the property is labeled the residence of M. Macomber. By 1886, the property had changed hands and was under the ownership of William Thacher (b 1866) grocer and postmaster. Town records indicate that the property changed hands in 1910, first to Elizabeth Hower and secondly to Phyllis Macomber. The records indicate that the property was transferred numerous times throughout the twentieth century. Owners of the property include Nellie Gifford (1919); Elizabeth Ryder (1934); Ellsworth C. Chase (1973) and the current owners, Carlos and Isabel Santos who purchased the property in 2004.

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