

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: 13 Old Westport Road

Historic Name: William Cummings House

Uses: Present: Mixed Use

Original: Mixed Use

Date of Construction: c 1855

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: No style

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 – late twentieth century

Porch roof – late twentieth century

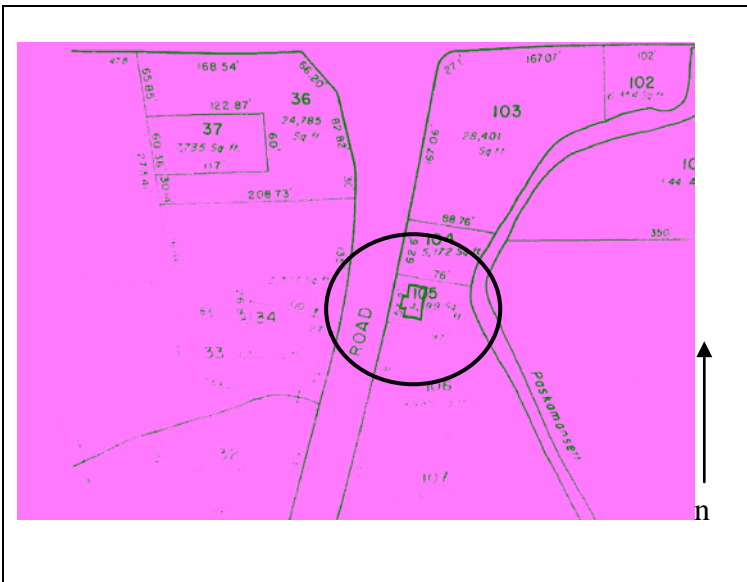
Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: .18 acres

Setting: The residence faces west and is set back approximately seven feet from the road on a gently sloping lot.

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.

13 Old Westport Road DAR.662 is a one-story, three-bay wood frame residence. The residence faces west and is set back approximately seven feet from the road on a gently sloping lot. The building adopts an l-shaped plan on a granite foundation. The principal block terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles; the one-story ell terminates in an intersection gable roof. A projecting cross gable is centered on the west elevation. The residence is clad with wood shingles. Access is provided by a centrally located entry door highlighted by a simple wood surround. A 6/6 double-hung wood sash window is located to each side of the door. Each opening is highlighted by a simple wood frame. 13 Old Westport Road is a modest example of mid nineteenth century residence constructed in the cape form.

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.

13 Old Westport Road DAR.662 was constructed c 1855. The property appears on the 1856 map as the residence of William Cummings (b 1784), a merchant. By 1895, the property had changed hands and was under the ownership of Alden Potter. Town records indicate that the Potter maintained ownership of the property through the early part of the twentieth century. Alden Potter is also associated with 37 Old Westport Road at this time. In 1924, the property changed hands and was under the ownership of Adolph C. Amarantes for a few years. In 1927, the property changed hands again and was owned by Christina D. Costa. In 1956, the property was purchased by Manuel and Gloria Aguiar. The Aguiar family maintains ownership in 2010.

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