

# 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

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**Town:** Dartmouth

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

## Photograph



**Address:** 797 Potomska Road

**Historic Name:** George Pierce House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1880

**Source:** Assessor Records

**Style/Form:** No Style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Garage (Mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Gable Addition (Early 20<sup>th</sup> Cen)

Front Addition/Enclosed Porch (Late 20<sup>th</sup> Cen)

**Condition:** Fair

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

**Acres:** 0.93 Acres

**Setting:** Set in a formerly rural area built-up in the mid and late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Larry

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**Date** (*month / year*): July 2011

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH

797 POTOMSKA 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.*

The dwelling at 797 Potomska Road (DAR.1012) faces west towards the main road. A metal fence separates the yard from the road. The one and a half story residence is L-shaped in plan and rests on a granite foundation. The front gable of the main portion of the dwelling and the side gable roof of the ell are sheathed in asphalt shingles. The west slope of the ell's side gable roof is broken by a projecting gable wall dormer with a 6/6 sash window. A brick exterior end chimney is located at the rear (east) end of the main portion of the dwelling. An enclosed porch with a shed roof is located in the corner formed by the two building sections. The enclosed porch addition features a trio of smaller double hung sash windows centered on the western façade. The walls are clad in wood shingles. The primary entrance in the center of the west facing gable end is slightly raised and flanked by a pair of 2/2 sash windows. A cornice extends the full width of the façade above the three openings. Above, another pair of 2/2 sash windows are centered within the gable end. Similar 2/2 sash windows are asymmetrically located on the remaining facades. On the northeast corner of the side ell a recessed engaged porch.

To the southeast of the dwelling is a garage. The one-bay garage faces west with a single sliding door and a centered swinging upper story "hayloft" door. The garage is clad in vertical wood siding and the front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles.

## 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 dwelling does not appear on the 1871 Map of Dartmouth, and the only dwelling on the east side of Potomska Road, north of the schoolhouse, on the 1895 Map belongs to George Pierce. George W Pierce was a farm laborer, who lived alone c1900. Circa 1905 Lathan Pierce, a mason is living on Potomska Road. Additional deed research would be necessary to determine owners in the early to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. The house may have been owned by members of the Smith family in the 1930s. Several homes on Potomska Road were occupied by members of the Smith family in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Additional owners include: Arthur Duarte, an iron dealer & proprietor of South End Wrecking Co in New Bedford and his wife Olive (1950-60s); Paul & Ginger Cordeiro (1972-1978); John P & Kathleen Connor (1978-1996); Steven Neville (1996-1997); Lillian MacDonald (1997-2000); and Lynne Chapman and Brian Weir (2000-present). The dwelling appears to have been either used seasonally or as a rental property as late 20<sup>th</sup> century owners have principal residences outside of Dartmouth.

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