

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*)

Photograph



Address: 718 Potomska Road

Historic Name: Holder Smith 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

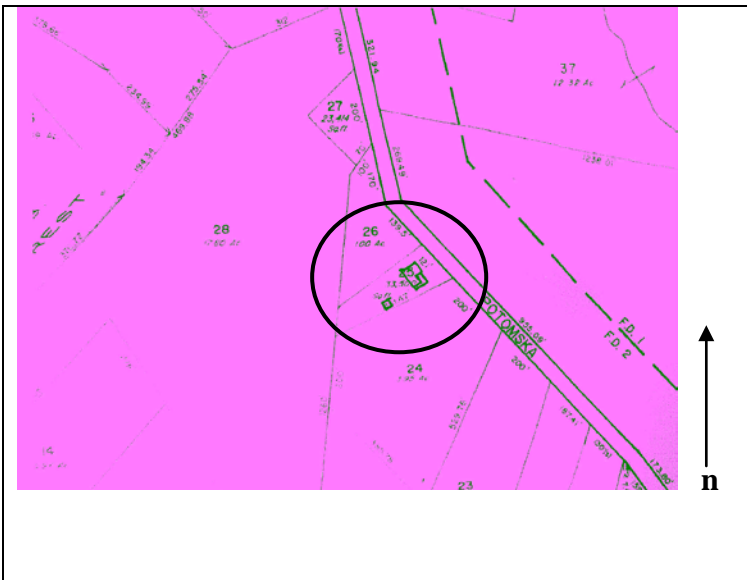
Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A one-story outbuilding is located south of the residence.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement widows – late twentieth century

Side addition – date unknown

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: .77 acres

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

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Organization: Town of Dartmouth

Date (month / year): January 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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DARTMOUTH

718 Potomska Road

Area(s) Form No.

666

___ 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.

718 Potomska Road DAR.666 is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame side hall Greek Revival. The two-by-two bay building faces east and is set back approximately twenty feet from the road. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A high cornice extends over the side elevations. 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 south end of the façade. The opening is framed by a simple wood surround. A modern metal canopy extends over the opening. A single 1/1 double-hung replacement is located to the north. A one-story, gable roof ell projects from the south elevation. A shed roof projects from the east elevation of the ell. Although altered by the side ell, the principal block of 718 Potomska Road maintains the form and some details of a side hall Greek Revival constructed during the mid-nineteenth century. A one-story outbuilding is located south of the residence. The outbuilding terminates in a shed roof sheathed with asphalt. The structure is clad with natural wood 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 Greek Revival form and details of 718 Potomska Road DAR.666 indicate that the residence was constructed during the mid-nineteenth century. The property first appears on the 1856 map as the residence of Holder Smith (b 1785) a farmer and his wife, Elizabeth (b 1788). Town records indicate that the residence was owned by Cornelius H. Smith (b 1825) and George N. Briggs (b 1853) in 1878. The Briggs family owned the property for much of the twentieth century. In 1968, it was acquired by Hattie M. Nunes. In 1990, the present owner Manuel R. Morro and Patricia A. Morro acquired the property.

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