

FORM B – BUILDING

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

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 489 Smith Neck Road

Historic Name: John Bettencourt House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1878

Source: Assessor Records

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

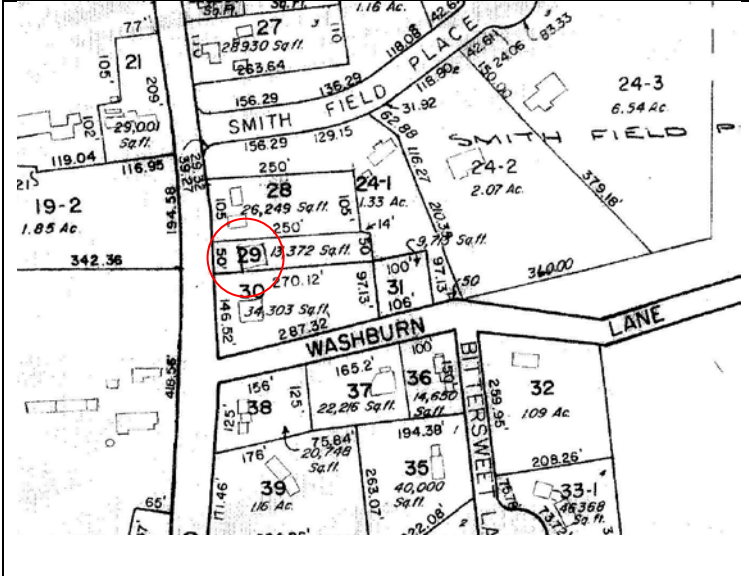
Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement Windows (late 20th Century)

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 0.31 Acres

Setting: Set in a formerly rural area built-up in the mid and late 20th century.

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Date (*month / year*): July 2011

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 489 SMITH NECK 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 one story residence at 489 Smith Neck Road (DAR.1022) faces west. The two by four bay dwelling rests on a rectangular stone foundation. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in wood shingles. Although altered, a few details remain like the eave returns and corner boards. The side entrance is accessed by a set of brick stairs and sheltered by a gable portico supported by turned posts. The entrance is located on the south end of the west façade and a secondary entrance is located on the south façade near the rear (east) end. To the north of the main entrance is a bow window. Above in the gable end is a pair of casement windows. Additional fenestration includes large and small 1/1 sash windows and an octagonal fixed window. Windows are typically flanked by shutters.

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 at 489 Smith Neck Road was owned in the early 20th century by John S Bettencourt, a Portuguese immigrant from the Azores. Bettencourt was a farmer on Smith Neck Road, where he lived with his four children, including Joseph Jr., who were born in Portugal, his second wife Mary and their daughter Clara. According to the 1930 Census Joseph Jr married c1926 and he and his wife lived in a dwelling adjacent to his father on Smith Neck Road.

Owners include: John S Bettencourt Jr, a farmer (1925-1944); Adelard & Bertha Lizotte (1944-1946); Adelard Lizotte (1946-1970); Reginald Paquette (1971-1972); David & Marion Demoranville (1972-present)

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