

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: 477 Smith Neck Road

Historic Name: Captain Abner Smith House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c 1850

Source: Historic Maps and Deeds

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles/Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Rear addition and elevation improvements - 2005

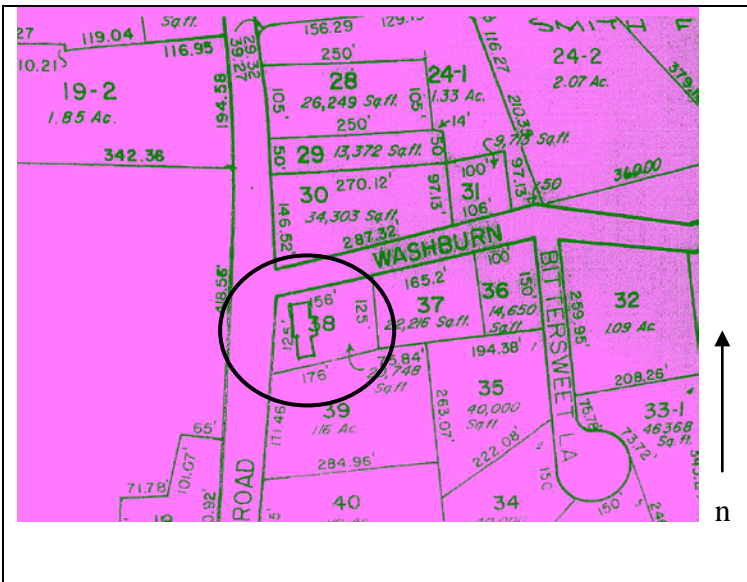
Condition: Good

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

Acreage: .48 acres

Setting: The building faces north, towards South Avenue and is setback approximately twenty-five feet from the road.

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.

477 Smith Neck Road DAR.683 is a two-story wood-frame Italianate located on the east side of Smith Neck Road south of South Avenue. The three by three bay principal block of the property faces north, towards South Avenue, and adopts a rectangular plan on a stone foundation. The residence is setback approximately twenty-five feet from the road. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Two gable roof wall dormers are featured along the west elevation and an interior brick chimney pierces the west facing roof plane. The gable of each dormer features a decorative sunburst motif. The building is clad with unpainted wood shingles. The front facing gable features three 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows set within simple wood surround capped by a horizontal hood mould. An entry at the east end of the north façade provides access to the building. The opening is protected by a bracketed hipped roof. Two 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows set within simple wood surround capped by a horizontal hood mould are located to the west of the entry. A one-story bay window is located at the south end of the west elevation. A one-and-one-half story wing projects from the south elevation of the principal block. The wing connects the residence to a modern one-and-one-half story, two-car garage. Although modified by additions, 477 Smith Neck Road maintains the form and details of an Italianate 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 Italianate details of 477 Smith Neck Road DAR.683 indicate that the property was constructed during the mid-nineteenth century. While the property appears on the 1856 map, the property is not identified. In 1871, the property is identified as the Captain Abler Smith (1813-1874) residence. In 1895, Everett Mosher (b 1876), a coachman and painter and his wife, Jennie E Mosher (b 1875) are identified as the residents. Town records show that the Mosher family was still associated with the property during the mid to late twentieth century; Francis, son of Everett and Jennie and his wife Mary acquired the property in 1943. The current owners, Dennis and Caroline McGuire acquired the property in 1995.

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