

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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

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Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 140 Smith Neck Road

Historic Name: Abraham Smith House

Uses: Present: Summer House

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1780-1820

Source: Style

Style/Form: Colonial

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone & Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Windmill DAR.908 c1870

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Addition (c2009)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | | yes | X | **Date** 1870s & 1960s

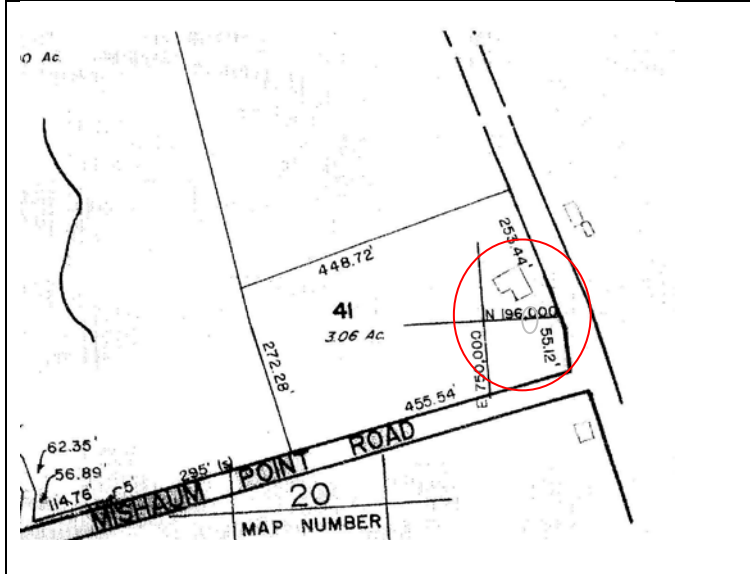
Acreage: 2.62 Acres

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

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): July 2011

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH

140 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.

A windmill at 140 Smith Neck Road (DAR.1021) was previously surveyed. The wood shingle four story windmill structure represents one of the few of its type remaining in Dartmouth. At one time Dartmouth was dotted with structures of this type, particularly in the low-lying area where windmills were used to pump sea water in the manufacturer of salt. This windmill now remains in use as a residence and the rear side has been altered by the addition of large plate windows from top to bottom. The structure has six sides and is surmounted by a rounded cap. (Kirk Denton, Dartmouth Historical Commission, 1981)

The windmill consists of three story walls clad in painted wood shingles capped by a rounded cap sheathed in wood shingles. The wall cladding is laid to form narrow band around the mill every two-three feet in height. The cap is topped by a large rounded finial. Fenestration in the windmill is primarily small multi-pane swinging windows. An entrance to the windmill is located on the northeast façade and obscured from the road by vegetation and intervening stone walls and fencing.

The dwelling at 140 Smith Neck Road (DAR.1021) is located to the east of the windmill. The five by two bay cape to the north end of the dwelling has a central brick chimney and a side gable roof. The centrally located simple wood panel door is flanked on each side by two 8/12 sash windows. A side gable addition to the south is three bays wide and features similar sash windows. A one story bay window projects from the south side of the addition. The roof of the addition is slightly lower than that of the main portion of the dwelling and has a brick chimney that projects from the interior end of the addition. The dwelling rests on a new concrete foundation. The roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles and the walls are clad in painted 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.

Although Assessor's records indicate the dwelling was constructed c1880, the appearance and style of the dwelling indicate an earlier date c1780-1820. An internal investigation and/or additional deed research would be necessary to determine a more precise construction date. The small dwelling at the corner of Smith Neck Road and Mishaum Point Road was owned in the mid to late 19th century by Abraham H Smith, a farmer. Although the 1895 map indicates the house as well as other dwellings on Mishaum Point Road and Smith Neck Road were owned by Captain Jno. Smith, census records indicate that Abraham H Smith and his second wife Julia lived on Smith Neck Road as late as 1910.

The windmill to the south of the dwelling was bought by Colonel Green of Round Hill in Newport and brought to his estate to satisfy his desire to reconstruct a working windmill on his property. It was moved to this site and turned into a dwelling c1981.

Additional owners include: John Bullard (pre1946); Elisabeth Houghton (1946-1974); Adelaide Griswold (1974); William & Eleanor Cole Hallenbeck (1974-present).

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