

# 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

**Town:** Dartmouth

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 264 Smith Neck Road

**Historic Name:** Thomas Smith House

**Uses: Present:** Single-Family Residential

**Original:** Single-Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c 1855

**Source:** Historic Maps, Style, and Deeds

**Style/Form:** Transitional Federal/Italianate

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



### Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A one-story wood frame barn is located northwest of the residence. A late-twentieth century one-and one-half story wood frame residence is located north of the barn.

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

Rear wing and porch, c 1895; bay window c 1870.

**Condition:** Good

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

**Acreage:** 14.50 acres

**Setting:** The building faces east and is set back approximately forty feet from the edge of the road. A stone wall and wood picket wall separates the property from the road.

**Recorded by:** Geoffrey E. Melhuish, ttl-architects

**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.*

264 Smith Neck Road (DAR.153) is a two-story, wood-frame Transitional Federal/Italianate residence. The three-by-two bay building faces east and adopts a rectangular plan on a granite foundation. The residence is setback approximately forty feet from the street; a stone wall and picket fence separate the property from the road. The building terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A paneled balustrade is featured along the hip. A slight overhang of the roof features bracketing along the cornice. An exterior brick chimney is located on the south elevation. The building is clad with painted wood clapboards. Access to the residence is provided by a centrally located door. The opening is framed by pilasters, sidelights, and an entablature with elliptical fanlight. A 6/6 double-hung wood sash is located to each side of the entry. The window openings are framed by a simple wood surround capped by a horizontal wood mould. One-story bay windows are featured on the north and south elevations. Each bay terminates in a hipped roof with eave brackets. A one-story addition projects from the west elevation. A one-story wood frame barn is located northwest of the residence. The barn terminates in a side gable roof. A sliding track door on the east elevation provides access to the interior. A late-twentieth century one-and one-half story wood frame residence is located north of the barn. 264 Smith Neck Road is a well preserved transitional Federal/Italianate residence with associated outbuilding constructed in Dartmouth during the mid nineteenth century.

**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.*

Research undertaken for the 1983 Survey of Dartmouth indicates that 264 Smith Neck Road DAR.153 was constructed c 1855. The property first appears on the 1856 map as the residence of Thomas Smith (1781-1877) and his wife Priscilla (1795-1877). Thomas is listed as a farmer. The Smith name continues to be linked with the property at the turn of the century. In 1943, the property was acquired by Frederick and Harriet Towle. In 1956, Charles Kirby purchased the property. The Kirby family is still associated with 264 Smith Neck Road in 2010.

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