

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: 882 Smith Neck Road

Historic Name: Janice R. Akin House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c 1850

Source: Style and Historic Maps

Style/Form: Transitional Greek Revival/Gothic Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Rear addition – twentieth century

Vinyl siding and window replacements – late twentieth century

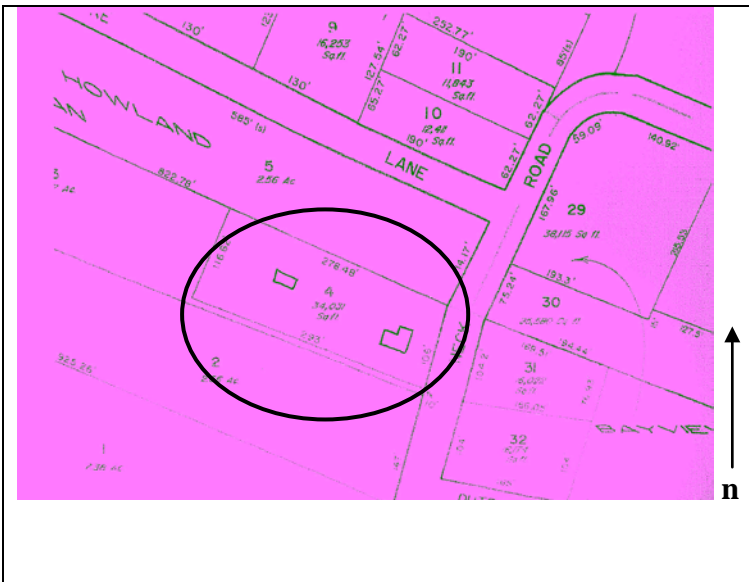
Condition: Poor

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

Acreage: .78 Acres

Setting: The building faces southeast and is set back approximately seventy-five feet from the edge of 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.

882 Smith Neck Road (DAR.150) is a two-and-one-half story wood-frame Transitional Greek Revival/Gothic Revival residence. The five-by-three bay building faces southeast and is set back approximately seventy-five feet from the edge of Smith Neck Road. A granite block stone wall separates the property from the road. The building terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Typical of the Gothic Revival style, a large gable is centered on the facade. A triangular light is featured in the gable. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof. The residence is clad with vinyl siding. The window and door fenestration of the building is asymmetrical. A centrally located door provides access to the building. The opening is framed by a simple wood surround capped by a horizontal hood mould. Two 2/2 double-hung replacement sash windows are located to each side of the opening. Like the door opening each window opening is framed by a simple wood surround capped by a horizontal hood mould. A two-story addition has been added to the west elevation. Although modified by vinyl siding and additions, 882 Smith Neck Road maintains the form and details of a transitional Greek Revival/Gothic Revival constructed in Dartmouth during the late 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.

The Gothic Revival form and details of 882 Smith Neck Road DAR.150 indicate that the property was constructed c 1850. The property appears on the 1856 map as the residence of Janice R. Akin (b 1815) a tinplater and his wife, Hannah D. Akin (b 1819). The Akin family continues to be associated with the property in 1895. Town records indicate that the property was owned by Gideon T. Howland in 1912. Russell Howland owned the property in 1957. The Howland Family maintains ownership of the property in 2010.

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