

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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**Town:** Dartmouth

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 712 Smith Neck Road

**Historic Name:** Joseph Head House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1888

**Source:** Tax Records

**Style/Form:** Italianate

**Architect/Builder:**

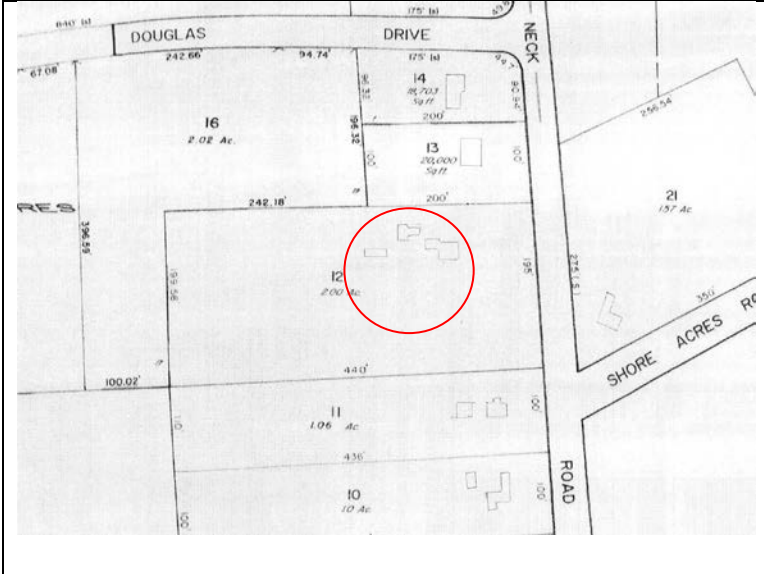
**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Workshop

Shed

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

Replacement Windows (Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century)

**Condition:** Fair

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

**Acreage:** 2.0 Acres

**Setting:** Set in a formerly rural area built-up in the mid and late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Recorded by:** Julie Larry

**Organization:** ttl-architects, llc

**Date (*month / year*):** July 2011

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 712 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 Italianate dwelling at 712 Smith Neck Road (DAR.1023) faces east and is set back approximately thirty feet from the road. Several sheds are located to the rear (west) of the dwelling. The three by two bay building rests on a rectangular stone foundation. To the rear of the one-and-a-half story dwelling is a one story rear ell. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A narrow brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof. The walls of the dwelling are clad in wood shingles. The side hall entrance is located on the north end of the east façade. To the south of the wood panel door are two 2/2 replacement sash windows. Above the first floor fenestration are two additional 2/2 replacement sash windows symmetrically located in the gable end. Each window and the main entrance are capped by a decorative crown typical of the Italianate style. A secondary entrance on the south side of the rear ell is reached via a set of brick stairs.

## 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.*

Joseph Head, a day laborer, and his wife Deboran, are the earliest known owners, acquiring the house in 1888. Although Assessors records indicate the house was built c1880, it was likely built c1888.

Owners include: Joseph Head (1888-1910); Mary Palmer (1910-1915); Deboran B Head (1915-1919); William Palmer (1919-1923); Joseph F Ormond (1923-1926); Edward & Virginia Marshall (1926-1935); David & Ella Mosher (1935) Esther Warburton (1936); Alfred Bonneau (1936); Arthur & Ehtel Wilcox (1936-1953); Catharine & Albert Bradley Jr (1953-1959); Norman & Ruth Holcomb (1959-1997); and Ruth Holcomb (1997-present).

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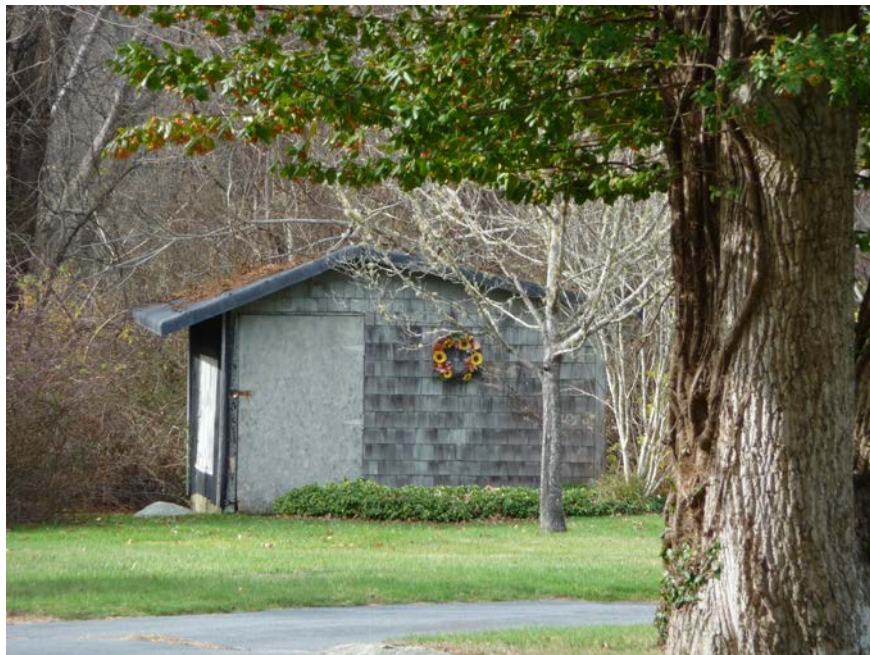
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