

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*)
North Dartmouth

Address: 41 Taft Avenue

Historic Name: Alfred Szala House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential
Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: Early 20th century

Source: Construction & 1912 Subdivision Plan

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Enclosed Front Porch (Mid-Late 20th Century)
Siding & Windows (Late 20th Century)

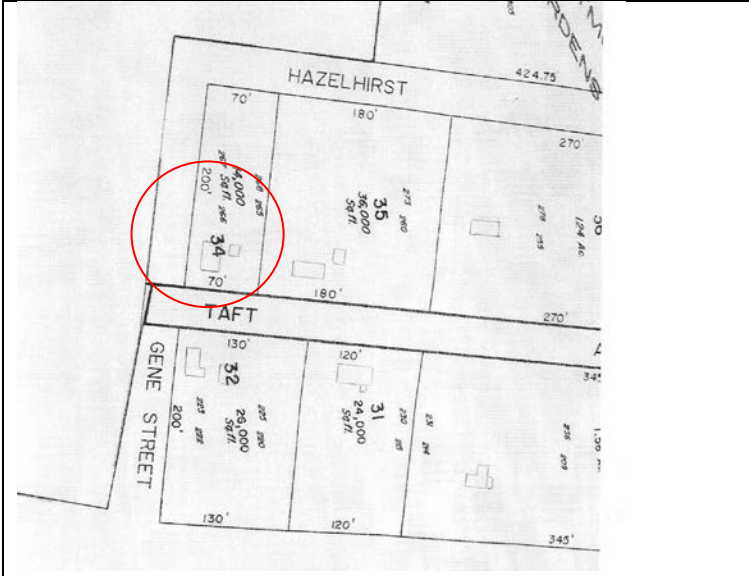
Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 0.32 Acres

Setting: Set in a formerly rural area laid out as a subdivision in 1912 and built-up in the mid 20th century.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): July 2011

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 41 TAFT AVENUE

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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 dwelling at 41 Taft Avenue is located approximately four feet from the road facing east. The one story dwelling is rectangular in plan with a side gable front section and a gable rear ell. At the front of the dwelling is an enclosed porch with a hip roof. The raised porch rests on a concrete block foundation while the rest of the dwelling rests on a high stone foundation. The walls of the dwelling are clad in vinyl siding. The roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. Two interior brick chimneys are irregularly located. Fenestration included pairs of 1/1 replacement sash windows, as well as 1/1 sash windows and small decorative fixed sash windows. The entrance is located on the south side of the enclosed porch. The door is a modern replacement door. A set of wood stairs leads to the front entrance. A late 20th century garage is located to the north of the dwelling.

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 development south of Old Westport Road and west of Chase Road was not laid out on the 1895 map of Dartmouth. This area was laid out as Dartmouth Gardens in 1912 and the house probably dates from this time period given its stone foundation and scale. Alfred Szala was a toolmaker who lived in the house 1935-1993. He was the son of Josesph Szala, a Polish immigrant, and a dairyman and milkdealer who lived on Old Westport Road in the 1930s. Members of the Szala family owned the house at 41 Taft Avenue until 2002.

Owners Include: Alfred Szala (1960s); Cecelia Szala (1987-1997); Alfred Szala (1997-2002); James Enos (2002); and Jane McMaster (2002-present)

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