

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Dartmouth
Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Nonquitt

Photograph



Address: 3 Wamsutta Street
Historic Name: George A. Bourne House
Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential
Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c 1873

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Read shed addition – early twentieth century

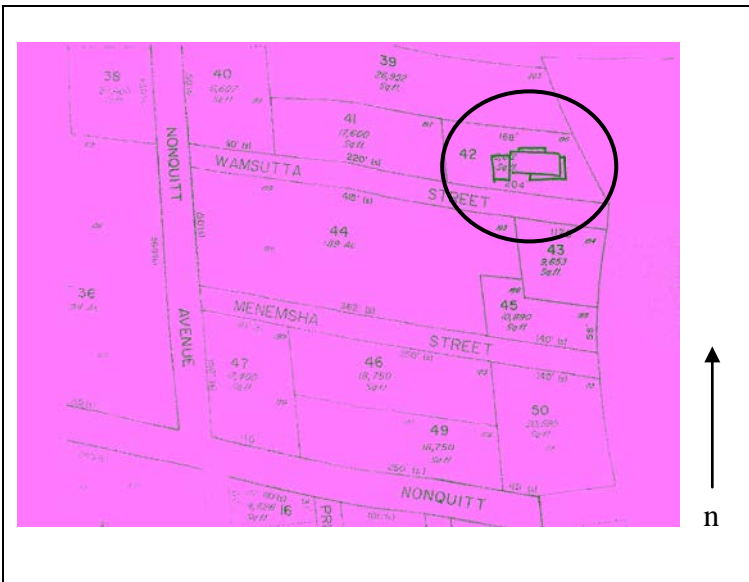
Condition: Good

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

Acreeage: .31 acres

Setting: The building faces east and is set on the shores of Buzzards Bay.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Town of Dartmouth

Date (*month / year*): January 2010

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

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 3 Wamsutta Street

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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.

3 Wamsutta DAR.691 is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame Victorian Eclectic residence. The three-by-four bay building adopts a t-shaped plan. The building faces east and is setback from the coast of Buzzards Bay. The building terminates in a trussed crossed gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The trussed gable is a Stick style detail. Decorative sawn trefoils are featured below the truss work at the eave. The residence is clad with wood shingles. A wrap-around, one-story porch is featured on the façade. The porch terminates in a shallow pitched hipped roof supported by chamfered wood posts resting on a raised wood deck. Exposed rafters tails are featured along the eave. Access to the residence is provided by a centrally located entry marked by a parabolic arch. The deck is wrapped by a simple open lattice balustrade. 3 Wamsutta is a well-maintained one-and-one-half story cross gable Victorian Eclectic residence 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.

Following several years of camping in Dartmouth farm fields, in 1872 ten investors formed a closed corporation, Nonquitt Beach and Wharf Association, joined later in the same year by ten more, to buy up 5 farms. They divided the land into house lots and began building, originally 656 lots but later reduced, and they preserved the property along entire shore line for common use. A hotel was built in 1873 to serve meals and accommodate guests. In February, 1893 the hotel burned to the ground. Plans were already in place to build another gathering place for Nonquitters, which were put into immediate action, and the Casita, later known as the Casino, was built as a place for literary, artistic, and social gatherings.

According to assessor's records, 3Wamsutta Avenue DAR.691 was constructed in 1890; however the property was likely constructed closer to 1873 like the other properties in the development. The property first appears in the town records as the residence of George A. Bourne (b 1815), an auctioneer from New Bedford and his wife, Lucy R. Bourne (b 1818) in 1876. The records indicate that the property was acquired by Susan C. Webb in 1911. The property continues to remain in the Webb family in 2010.

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