

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: 5 Wamsutta Street
Historic Name: Nathan H. Crocker House
Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential
Original: Single-Family Residential
Date of Construction: 1873/2002

Source: Historic Maps and Deeds

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

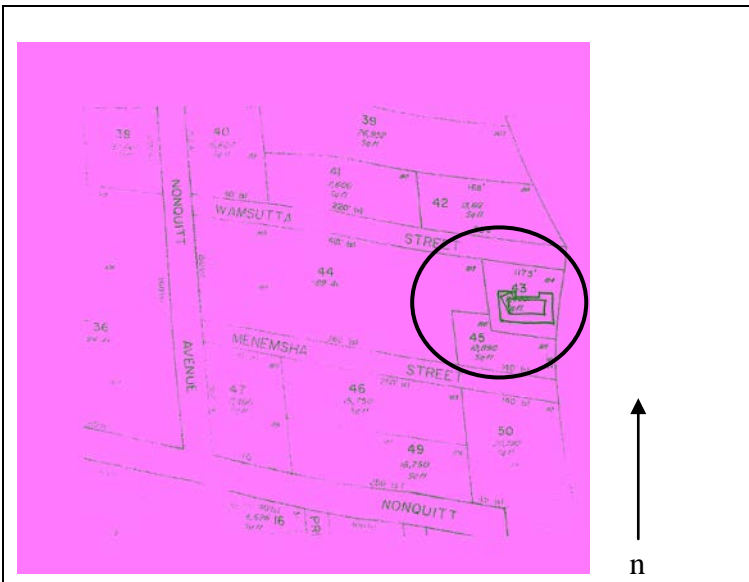
Foundation:

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Assessor's Title records indicate that the property was demolished in 2002 and a new structure was constructed.

Condition: Poor

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

Acreage: .22 acres

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

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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 5 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.

5 Wamsutta DAR.692 is a one-and-one-half story wood-frame reconstructed Victorian Eclectic residence. The four -by-four bay building adopts an irregular plan. The building faces east and is setback from the coast of Buzzards Bay. The building terminates in a crossed gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the south roof plane. Shed roof wall dormers are featured on many of the roof planes. The dormers feature single and paired window openings set within simple wood surrounds. The residence is clad with wood shingles. A wrap-around, one-story porch is featured on the façade. The porch terminates in a hipped roof supported by chamfered wood posts resting on a raised wood deck. Decorative wood brackets are featured at the top of each post and a lattice balustrade is located at the base. Access to the residence is provided by a centrally located French door with multi-light sidelights to each side. A paired entry below the gable leads to a small roof deck. The deck is wrapped by a lattice balustrade. Although 5 Wamsutta is a modern interpretation of a Victorian Eclectic residence constructed in Dartmouth, the property mimics the architectural character of its surrounding properties and maintains the character of the area.

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.

Town records indicate that 5Wamsutta Avenue DAR.692 was demolished and reconstructed in 2001; it is unclear at this time; how much, if any original fabric remains. The property first appears in town records as the residence of Nathan H. Crocker (b 1832), carpenter, and his wife, Cornelia (b 1852). Nathan and Cornelia were married in 1870. The Crocker name is associated with the property until 1955 when it was acquired by H. St. John Webb. The property continues to remain in the Webb family in 2010.

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