

# 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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## Photograph



**Town:** Dartmouth

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
Padanaram, South Dartmouth

**Address:** 4 West Rockland Farm

**Historic Name:** Horatio Hathaway Brewster House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** 1896-1925

**Source:** Style & Maps

**Style/Form:** Classical Revival

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Clapboard & Wood Shingle

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Garage

Pool

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

Rear additions and windows (1970s)

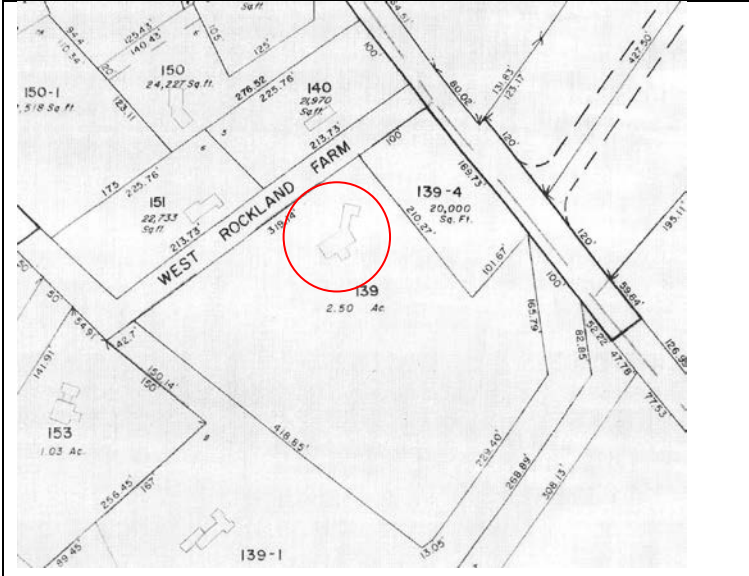
**Condition:** Good

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

**Acreage:** 2.50 Acres

**Setting:** Set at the edge of dense village area of residential properties.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Larry

**Organization:** ttl-architects, llc

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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH

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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 4 West Rockland Farm Road is set back from the road and located near the corner of Rockland Farm Road. Partially obscured by vegetation, the two story five bay Classical Revival dwelling has a rectangular plan on a concrete foundation. A rear ell extends from the south façade and a one story side ell at the north east corner connects the dwelling to the two car garage. The roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. The front facing walls of the dwelling are clad in painted clapboards while the secondary elevations are clad in wood shingles. The central entrance is a wood panel door under a arch transom with an elaborate door surround. Windows, primarily 12/12 sash windows, are symmetrically arranged and flanked by shutters. The one-and-a-half story garage is set close to West Rockland Farm Road. The large flush overhead garage door is sheltered by a narrow projecting roof that extends across the full width of the north elevation. Above this band is a narrow multi-pane transom window. The side gable roof of the garage is sheathed in asphalt shingles and the walls are stucco.

## 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.*

Rockland Farm was owned in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by W.C.N. Swift. The first building to appear on maps in the approximate location of the current dwelling at 4 West Rockland Farm is a barn owned by Horatio Hathaway, a former whaler and owner of cotton textile mills in New Bedford. Five generations of the Hathaway family owned the Rockland Farm estate from c1895-1946.

According to assessor records the house was built c1880, but it does not appear on the 1895 map and its Classical Revival style would indicate a later construction date, possibly 1896-1925. According to current sales information the residence was altered in the 1970s and was designed by Royal Barry Wills (1895-1962), a traditional architect practicing in Boston in the mid20<sup>th</sup> century. Additional owners include: Horatio Hathaway Brewster, a longtime member of the New Bedford Yacht Club, & Elizabeth Loring (c1945); Joseph & Janet Frothingham (1946-1968); Arthur F & Katherine Buckley (1968-1991); and Katherine Buckley (1991-present).

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