

FORM B – BUILDING

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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Padanaram

Address: 575 Elm Street

Historic Name: Gifford-Sturtevant House

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

Date of Construction: c1895

Source: Historic Maps and Style

Style/Form: Dutch Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Shed

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Wood shingle siding replaced with clapboards (21st century)

Condition: Excellent

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

Acreage: 0.34 Acres

Setting: Set in a dense area of residential properties in the village of Padanaram.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): July 2011

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 one-and-a-half story dwelling Dutch Colonial Revival dwelling 575 Elm Street (DAR.736) faces west and sets back approximately thirty feet from the street on an elevated lot. The five by three dwelling rests on a stone foundation and terminates in a gambrel roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. A front gambrel dormer is located at the north end of the front (west) façade. A smaller gambrel dormer on the front façade is located to the south of the larger dormer. The walls are clad in wood clapboards. Fenestration includes 2/1 sash windows, pairs of 2/1 sash windows, and small rectangular windows in the attic level of the gable ends. The centrally located wood panel door is protected by a projecting portico. The gable roof portico features a full pediment supported by square columns and pilasters. A secondary door is located on the east end of the south façade.

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.

Elm Street is a major travel corridor into the village of Padanaram. It was accepted by the town as a street in 1804, although it likely existed prior to that date.

The house was owned in 1895 by Eduard B Sturtevant, a carpenter. Sturtevant was the son-in-law of Eunice Gifford (bc1819) and husband of Lucy Gifford (b1856). The Gifford's family lived in a house on this site in 1871 and they appear from US census records to have been living on Elm Street since the 1840s. Eunice Smith was the widow of Charles S Gifford, a carpenter, whom she married in 1844. Charles died in 1872. Their youngest daughter, Lucy, married Eduard Sturtevant in 1876. Lucy, her husband, and their son Charles lived with her mother on Elm Street as late as 1910. Lucy remained in the Elm Street house into the 1930s, living with a companion, after her mother's and husband's deaths in the first quarter of the 20th century.

Assessor Records list a date of 1876, but the exterior Dutch Colonial appearance dates from 1895-1915. It is possible that parts of the house date from the mid 19th century during the residence of Charles and Eunice Gifford. An interior investigation would be necessary to determine a more certain construction date.

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