

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 486 Hixville Road

Historic Name: Asa W. Reed House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Agricultural

Date of Construction: Mid- nineteenth century

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: No style/Cape

Architect/Builder: Unknown

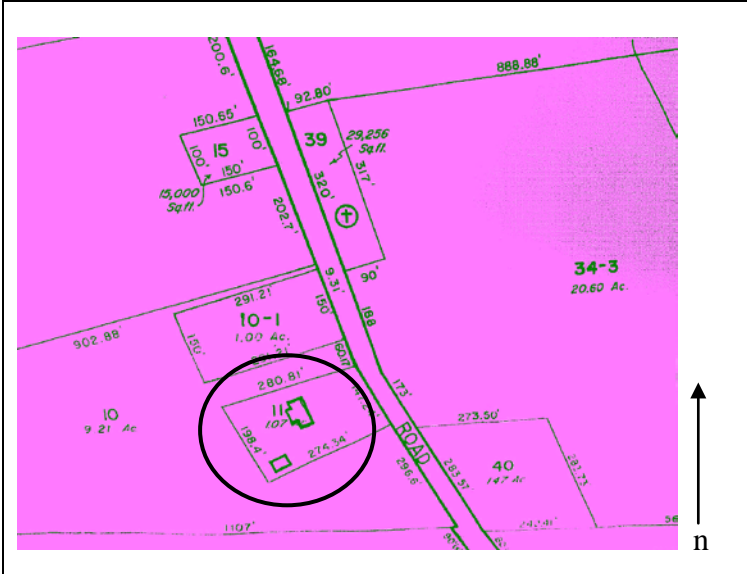
Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A one-story, one-car garage is located southwest of the residence.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement windows – late twentieth century

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 1.07 acres

Setting: The building faces east and is set back approximately one-hundred feet from the edge of the road.

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Organization: Town of Dartmouth

Date (month / year): January 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 486 Hixville Road

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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.

486 Hixville Road DAR.642 is a one-story five bay cape. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a granite foundation. The five-by-two bay building faces east and is set back approximately one-hundred feet from Hixville Road. The residence terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A center chimney pierces the ridge of the roof. The exterior walls of the residence are clad with wood shingles. The fenestration of the residence is symmetrical. A centrally located wood door is framed by a simple wood surround. Two 6/6 double-hung replacement windows are located to each side of the opening. The window opening are framed by simple wood surrounds. A one-story, two-bay wide ell projects from the south elevation. The ell terminates in a gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A one-story, one-car garage is located southwest of the residence. 486 Hixville Road is an example of a well-maintained early nineteenth century Cape.

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.

486 Hixville Road DAR.642 was constructed during the mid nineteenth century. The property appears on the 1856 map as the residence of Asa W. Reed (1816-1894), a farmer, and his wife, Rhoda Reed (1808-1901). In 1871, the property is identified as the residence of Mrs. M. Gifford. The 1895 map identifies the property as the T.Gifford Estate. Town records indicate the property was owned by Hattie B. Murphy during the mid twentieth century. In 1971, the property was acquired by Alan R. Perhson and his wife Muriel. The Perhson family continues to own the property in 2010.

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