

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Bliss Corner

Address: 7 Kirby Street

Historic Name: Manuel L Sylvia House

Uses: Present: Two-Family Residential
Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1897

Source: Dartmouth Tax Cards

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

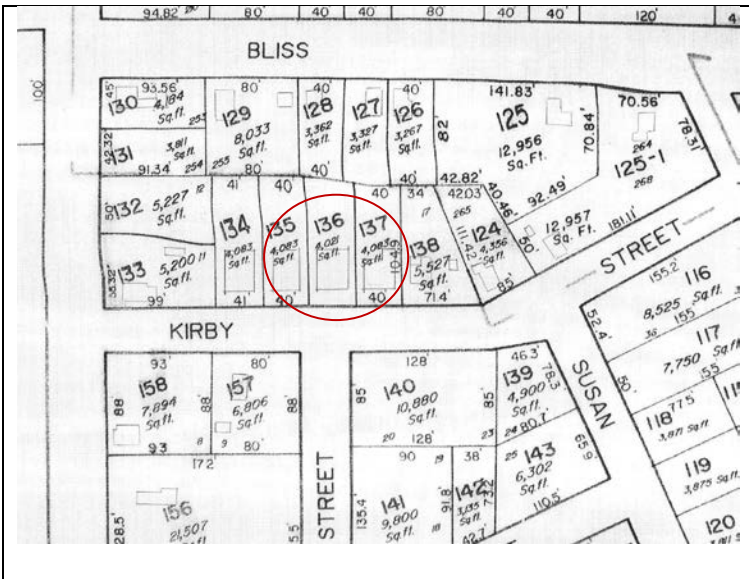
Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite & Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Infill Front Porch (late 20th Century)

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 0.09 Acres

Setting: Set in a dense suburban area of residential properties.

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Date (*month / year*): July 2011

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 7 KIRBY 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.

The two-story house at 7 Kirby Street (DAR.773) faces south and is located at the edge of the sidewalk. The lot slopes downhill along the length of the street. A narrow paved path on the west side of the dwelling leads to the rear (north) yard. A one-story two by one bay addition, likely an enclosed front porch, extends across the full width of the front (south) façade. The roof of the addition is used for a balcony. The main entrance is located on the west elevation of the front addition. The entrance is reached by a small flight of brick stairs with a cast iron handrail. The dwelling rests on a high granite foundation, while the front addition rests on a concrete foundation. The dwelling terminates in a hip roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The deep eaves of the hip roof extend over the wood shingles walls below. Fenestration includes 6/6 replacement sash windows and glass block windows in the base of the front addition. Sash windows on the south façade are flanked by shutters. An exterior brick chimney is located on the side (west) elevation.

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.

The area known as Bliss Corner is located near the New Bedford Town Line and more closely resembles the density of that urban area, than rural Dartmouth. Kirby Street was laid out after 1900. A trolley line built c1897 on Dartmouth Street provided transportation into New Bedford and eventually was extended to Padanaram. The trolley line was discontinued in 1939. The dense residential area developed rapidly c1911 when public water from New Bedford was extended to the area. Manuel L Sylvia, a laborer, purchased the property off Dartmouth Street in 1897 and lived there until 1916.

Additional owners include: Joaquin Pereira (1916-1919); Augustino Perreria (1919-1926); Francisco & Maria Estrella (1926-1945); Isabelle AugustMaranhas (1945-1951); Jose & Isabelle Augusto Maranhas (1951-1980); and Frederick Maranhas (1980-present)

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