

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town: Dartmouth

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

Address: 32 Middle Street

Historic Name: Abram & Susan Eldridge House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: Late 18th Century

Source: Style & Form

Style/Form: Colonial

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Rear Additions (1Late 20th Century)

Outbuildings removed (after 1921)

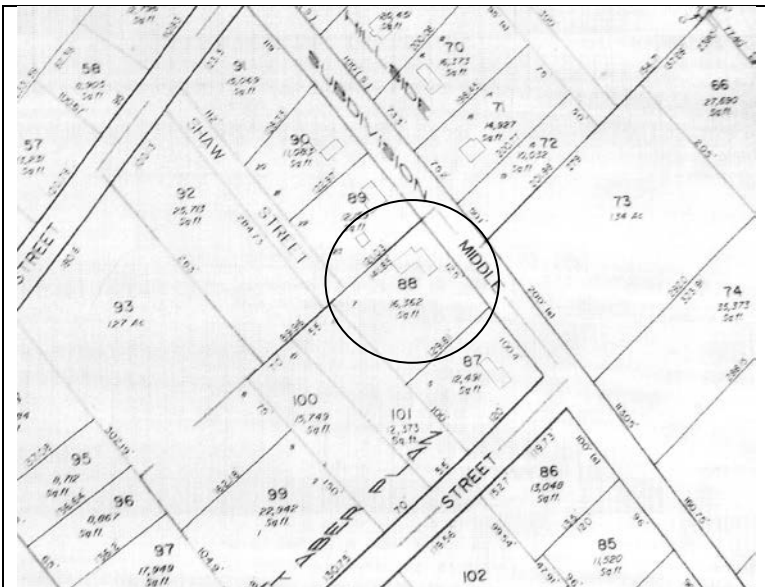
Condition: Good

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

Acreage: 0.38 Acres

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

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): July 2011

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 32 MIDDLE 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 one story Colonial at 32 Middle Street (DAR.776) faces northeast and is located approximately eight feet off the street. A wooden picket fence parallels the street in front of the five by one bay dwelling. The narrow one-story portion of the dwelling parallels a 19th century rear addition. The rear addition has been expanded, probably in the late 20th century, to the south with a shed roof and an ell extending from the west face of the rear addition with a cross gable roof. Asymmetrically placed 6/6 sash windows on the main (east) façade flank either side of the unglazed wooden entrance door. The door is encased in a narrow wood surround. In line with the door is an interior brick chimney that pierces the ridge of the side gable roof. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. On the end of the rear addition is a bay window. Underneath is a bulkhead doorway attached to the concrete foundation. At the rear an open wood frame deck extends west from the rear addition. Pavement is located to the left of the residence on the southeast end of the lot. A minor wood shed is located on the northwest end of the lot. The shed is composed of materials similar to the main house.

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.

Although Assessor Records indicate the house was built c 1880, the exterior appearance and scale of the dwelling are more typical of a late 18th century Colonial dwelling. In the 19th century the dwelling appears on the 1856 and 1871 maps as the dwelling of A Eldridge, probably Abram [Abraham] Eldridge, a caulker and carpenter who lived in South Dartmouth village with his family during this period. Abraham married Susan Gates of Voluntown, CT in 1845. Abram died in 1888.

In the last decades of the 19th century the dwelling was owned by members of the Brightman family. Circa 1895 the owner was likely Edward E Brightman, a carpenter working in NB and living in South Dartmouth. Circa 1905 Pardon E Brightman, a blacksmith, lived on Middle Street in South Dartmouth. Circa 1910 Pardon and his wife moved to Russell's Mills Road.

Subsequent owners include: Alexander & Mary Etta Taber (1920s); Norman Anderson, a fisherman, & his wife Jean Anderson (1957-1987); Alden & Lori Pettengill (1987-2000); John & Gillian Simmons (2000-2006); and Robert Conron (2006-present)

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