

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Hixville

Photograph



Address: 686 Old Fall River Road

Historic Name: Job Cornell Mill

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Mill

Date of Construction: c 1855

Source: Historic Maps

Style/Form: Greek Revival

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement windows – late twentieth century

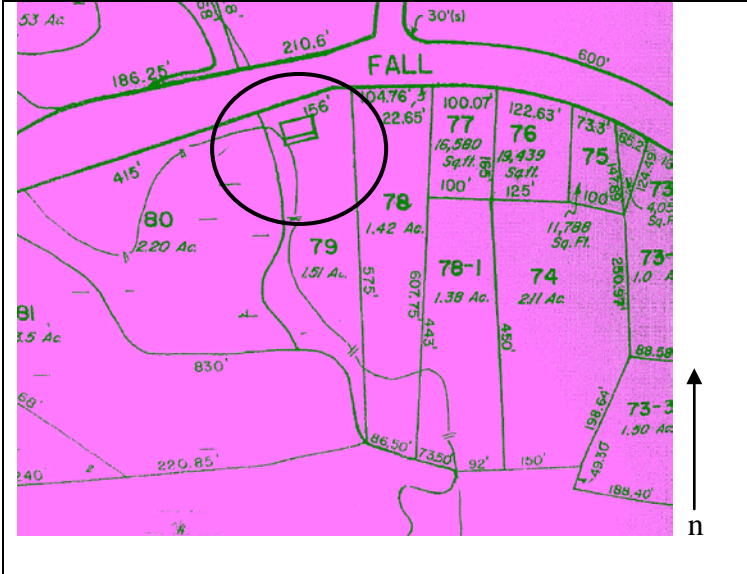
Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 1.51 acres

Setting: The building faces north and is set along the edge of the road.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Town of Dartmouth

Date (month / year): January 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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DARTMOUTH

686 Old Fall River Road

Area(s) Form No.

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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.

686 Old Fall River Road DAR.661 is a one-story, three-bay wood frame Greek Revival residence. The residence faces north and is set back slightly from the road on a level lot. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a granite foundation. The residence terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The residence is clad with wood shingles. Access is provided by a centrally located entry door highlighted by a simple wood surround. A 1/1 double-hung replacement window is located to each side of the door. Each opening is highlighted by a simple wood frame. A shed roof porch projects from the south elevation. 686 Old Fall River Road is a modest mid nineteenth century Greek Revival 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.

According to assessors records, 686 Old Fall River Road DAR.661 was constructed in 1860; however a property appears in the vicinity of 686 Old Fall River Road on the 1856 map and is labeled Grist and Shingle Mill. The 1871 map shows the property as the Job Cornell Saw Mill. Job Cornell (b 1813) was a miller residing in North Dartmouth with his wife, Martha B. Cornell during the mid to late nineteenth century. The property does not appear on the 1895 map. Town records indicate that the property was owned by Frank and Carol G. Viera during the mid twentieth century; however, no date is given. In 1953, the property was acquired by Armand and Audre Thibodeau.

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