

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: 104 Chase Road

Historic Name: Abraham J. Potter House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c 1855

Source: Historic Maps and Style

Style/Form: Gothic Revival

Architect/Builder:

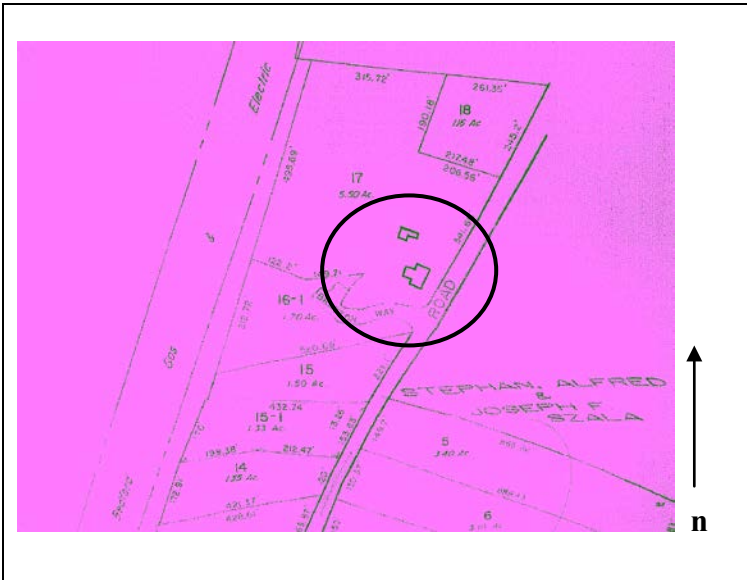
Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

A one-story shingled outbuilding is located west of the residence and a one-story, one-car garage is located north of the residence.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Rear addition – late nineteenth century

Condition: Good

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

Acreage: 5.50 acres

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

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Organization: Town of Dartmouth

Date (*month / year*): January 2010

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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.

104 Chase Road MHC # DAR.144 is a two-and-one-half story wood-frame Gothic Revival. The five-by-three bay building faces east and is set back approximately fifteen feet from the edge of Chase Road. The building rests on a granite foundation and terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Typical of the Gothic Revival style, a large cross gable is centered on the facade. An interior brick chimney pierces the west roof plane. The residence is clad with wood shingles. The window and door fenestration of the building is asymmetrical. Entrance to the building is through a centrally located wood door. The opening is protected by a bracketed hipped canopy. Two 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows are located to each side of the opening. Each opening is capped by a simple horizontal wood mould. A late nineteenth century one-story addition has been added to the west elevation. A one-story shingled outbuilding is located west of the residence. The small structure is clad with wood shingles and terminates in a gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. A one-story, one-car garage is located north of the residence. The garage is clad with wood shingles as well.

104 Chase Road is a well preserved Gothic Revival residence constructed in Dartmouth during the late nineteenth century.

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 Gothic Revival Style and massing of 104 Chase Road MHC # DAR.144 are typical of properties constructed during the mid-nineteenth century. The property first appears on the 1856 map as the residence of Abraham J. Potter (b 1828) a farmer, and his wife, Jane (b 1825). The Potter family maintained ownership of the property through the nineteenth century and into the twentieth century when it was owned by the daughter of Abraham and Jane, Calista J. Potter (b 1870) in 1913. In 1929, the property was purchased by Alden C. Braxton. The Braxton family continues to own 104 Chase Road in 2010.

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