

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: Sharon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Sharon

Photograph



Address: 116 South Main Street

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1892

Source: Water Records and Style

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Parged

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

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

Acreage 14,190 square feet

Setting: Set back approximately twenty-five feet from the street on a level lot.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Town of Sharon

Date (*month / year*): July 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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.

116 South Main Street (MHC # 161) is a one-and-one-half story wood frame Queen Anne residence. The building adopts an irregular plan. The three-by-three bay building faces west and is set back approximately twenty-five feet from the street on a level lot. The building terminates in an intersecting gambrel roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The gables both feature a wood trim beltcourse above and below the window opening and decorative wood shingles in the gable peak. The front facing gable features a pair of 1/1 double-hung sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the south roof plane and a small eyebrow dormer is located below the chimney. The dormer features a small multi-light sash set within a simple wood surround. Access to the residence is provided by an entrance located at the south end of the façade. A one-story, one-bay hipped roof vestibule protects the opening. A band of three, multi-light casement windows is located on the south elevation. 116 South Main Street is a modest example of a Queen Anne residence.

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.

116 South Main Street MHC # 161 was likely constructed during the last quarter of the nineteenth century; however, an exact date is uncertain as the house does not appear on maps and street directories do not indicate house numbers. Sharon water records indicate that service to the property was installed in 1892. The 1923 directory identifies that Edith (b 1867) and Otis Hardwood (b 1861) live there. Otis is a machinist at a box factory. The Hardwoods continue to reside on South Main Street in 1941. In 1951, the property is the residence of Ernest Johnson, lawyer, and his wife, Alice.

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