

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: 8 South Pleasant Street

Historic Name: William Bears House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c 1925

Source: Sanborn Maps and Water Records

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete Block

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

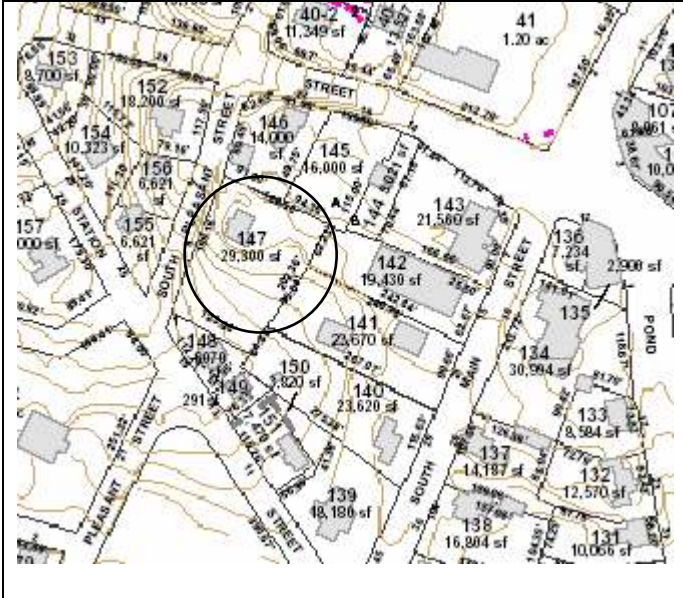
Condition: Good

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

Acreage 29,300 square feet

Setting: The house is set approximately forty feet back from the street on a terraced lot.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Town of Sharon

Date (*month / year*): July 2008

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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.

8 South Pleasant Street (MHC # 168) is a two-story wood-frame Colonial Revival. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a formed concrete block foundation. The three-by-two bay building faces west and is set approximately forty feet back from the street on a terraced lot. The lot is retained by a low stone wall. The building terminates in a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The residence is clad with painted wood shingles. A centrally located gable roof entry porch is featured on the west elevation. The porch roof is supported by wood columns resting on a raised wood deck. To each side of the entry is a paired 6/1 double-hung wood sash window highlighted by a simple wood surround. 8 South Pleasant Street is a modest early twentieth century Colonial Revival 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.

There is sparse development shown west of South Main Street and south of Depot Street until the map of 1916. The house at 8 South Pleasant Street MHC # 168 was constructed c 1925. The property first appears in the 1937 directory as the residence of William Bearse, bank officer, and his wife, Florence and Carleton and Odila Bearse; Odila was formerly of North Hampton, MA. The Bearse family continued to occupy the residence in 1941. By 1951, the property was the residence of Frank Fleming, an industrial engineer, and his wife, Pauline.

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