

# FORM B – BUILDING

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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:** 63 South Pleasant Street

**Historic Name:** Herbert S. Pike House

**Uses:** Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** Between 1888-1910

**Source:** Sanborn Maps

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

A one-story garage is located northwest of the residence.

**Major Alterations (*with dates*):**

Vinyl Siding (Late Twentieth Century)

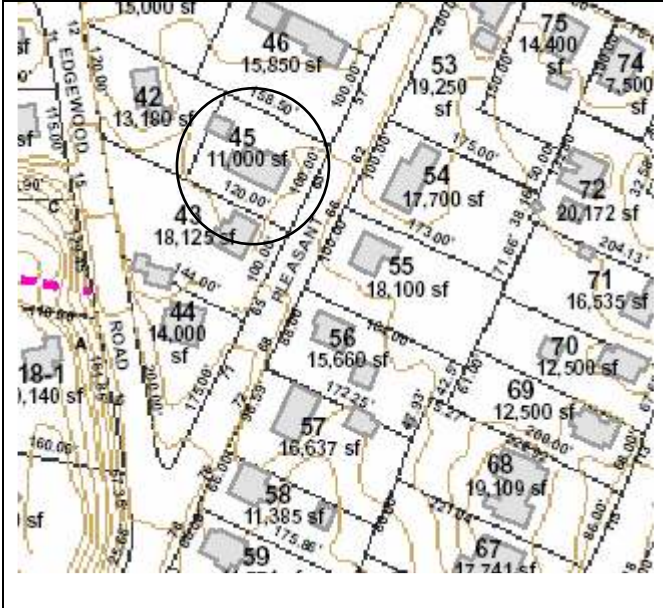
**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage** 11,000 square feet

**Setting:** Set back approximately thirty feet from the road on a level lot.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Ann Larry & Geoffrey E. Melhuish  
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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.*

63 South Pleasant Street (MHC # 169) is a two-and-one-half story wood-frame Queen Anne residence. The building adopts a rectangular plan on a stone foundation. The three-by-four bay building faces east and is set back approximately thirty feet from the road on a level lot. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles; a small scale cross gable is featured on the south elevation. The front gable features two 2/1 double-hung wood sash windows set within a simple wood surround. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof. The residence is clad with vinyl siding that features a flare between the first and second floors. A one-story, full-width porch is featured on the east elevation. The porch terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The roof is supported by turned wood columns resting on a raised wood deck; wood brackets are located at the eave. The window and door fenestration of the building is asymmetrical. Entrance to the building is through a door located at the north end of the facade. A fixed sash window is located to the north and a bay window is located to the south. A one-story bay window is located on the south elevation. The bay terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Although slightly modified with vinyl siding, 63 South Pleasant Street is a well-preserved example of a two-and-one-half story front gable Queen Anne inspired residence constructed in Sharon at the turn of the 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.*

There are only a few houses shown along South Pleasant Street until the map of 1916. Even the Sharon Map of 1888 shows this area as mostly undeveloped lots within a development called Pleasant View. 63 South Pleasant Street MHC # 169 was constructed between 1888 and 1910; tax assessor's records indicate a date of 1903. The 1920 census indicates Herbert S. Pike (b 1886), his wife, Grace (b 1891), their three sons, Douglas (b 1913), Donald (1915), and Charles (1916) share the residence with brother in law, David B. Neilson (b 1884), Altha L. Neilson (b 1887) and Ruth L. Neilson (b 1914). Herbert is listed as a commercial ventilator salesman and David works in an auto tire store. Neither Pikes or Neilsons are listed in the 1910 census. The Pikes and the Neilsons continue to reside at 63 South Pleasant Street in 1937.

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