

# FORM B – BUILDING

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 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town:** Sharon

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*) Sharon

## Photograph



**Address:** 78 South Pleasant Street

**Historic Name:** James Denison House

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

Original: Single-Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c 1900

**Source:** Water Records

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

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

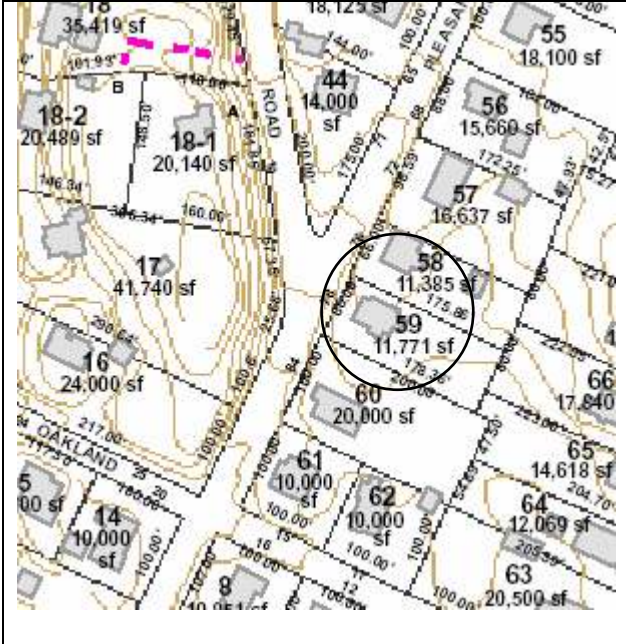
**Condition:** Good

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

**Acreage** 11,771 square feet

**Setting:** The house is set approximately forty feet back from South Pleasant Street.

## 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.*

78 South Pleasant Street (MHC #173) is a two-and-one-half story wood frame Queen Anne residence. The building adopts an irregular plan on a stone foundation. The three-by-two bay building faces west and is set approximately forty feet back from South Pleasant Street. The building terminates in a front gable roof with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridge. A single 1/1 double-hung wood sash window is located in the gable. Additionally, a two-story cut-away bay window at the south end of the west elevation is capped by a gable roof that projects slightly from the principal gable. Both gables feature a sunburst motif in the bottom corners of the gable. The residence is clad with wood shingles. A two-story porch is located to the north of the bay window. Porch details include slender wood columns and a simple wood balustrade on the first floor and a slender wood balustrade on the second. 78 South Pleasant Street is well preserved Queen Anne style 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.*

While South Pleasant Street appears as early as 1876, there is little development along the street until the late nineteenth century. 78 South Pleasant Street MHC # 173 was constructed c 1900. The building first appears in the 1923 directory as the home of James (b 1849) and Alice Denison (b 1871); however, the Denisons are listed on South Pleasant in 1917. No occupation is given for James. Alice continues to occupy the property in 1951.

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