

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: 28 Walnut Street

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1894

Source: Maps and Water Records

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone Foundation

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

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

Acreage 14,025 square feet

Setting: The house is set approximately twenty feet back from Walnut Street.

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.

28 Walnut Street (MHC # 189) 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-three bay building faces north and is set approximately twenty feet back from Walnut Street. The building terminates in an intersecting gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the east roof plane near the ridge. A single 2/2 double-hung wood sash window is located in the gable. The residence is clad with wood clapboards. A one-story, full-width porch is located along the façade. The porch terminates in a hipped roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The roof of the porch is supported by wood posts resting on a wood deck. A simple wood balustrade is located between the posts. Access to the residence is provided by an entry located at the west end of the façade. A pair of 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows are located to the east. A two-story bay window is located on the east elevation below the intersecting gable. A multi-light window and wood shingles are featured in the gable. A two-story, two-car garage is located southeast of the residence. The garage terminates in a front gable roof. 28 Walnut Street is a modest Queen Anne style residence similar to other constructed on the street and in the town.

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.

28 Walnut Street MHC # 189 was constructed c 1894; Sharon water records indicate that service to the property was installed in 1894. In 1923, the property is the residence of Beatrice (b 1876), William H. (b 1871) and William C. Armstrong (b 1902). The Armstrong's had been living in Boston. William H. is listed as a carpenter in the 1910 census. The Armstrong's continue to occupy the property in 1937. By 1941, the property is under the ownership of the Homeowners Loan Corporation and the occupants are Justin and Ruth Shankman.

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Water Records of Sharon.

