

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/City: Avon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking northwest.

Address: 107 Pratt Street

Historic Name: William F. and Frances Harding House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1897

Source: Deed

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Uncut

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard / Wood Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Replacement vinyl sash windows (late 20th C or early 21st C); Porch railing and steps replaced (early 21st C)

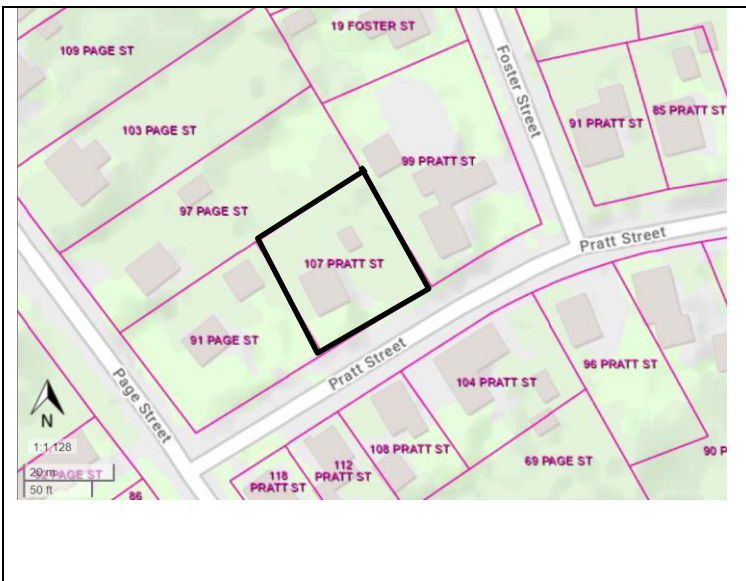
Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.19

Setting: Located on a suburban side street amid houses of similar size and age.

Locus Map



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Organization: Avon Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): December 2022

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.

Located on a level lot covered with lawn and scattered mature trees, the house is oriented to the south toward the street. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the east elevation. The house rests on a fieldstone foundation and rises 1½ stories to a front-gabled roof with overhanging eaves. Clad with wood clapboards, the house is trimmed with gable-end cornice returns, cornerboards, and a frieze. A slender brick chimney is centered on the roof ridge. The house is two-over-three bays wide and three bays deep. A shed-roof porch supported by turned wood posts with decorative wood brackets fills the façade's first story. The side-hall plan entrance contains a paneled wood door with a light in the top half. Windows and doors have flat wood surrounds with narrow wood crowns. Windows throughout the building are 1/1 vinyl sash replacements. A 1-story, shed-roof ell extends from the rear elevation.

The house is a common form that endured through the mid-late 19th century and into the turn of the 20th century in Avon.

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.

107 Pratt Street was likely constructed circa 1897, the year William Harding purchased this parcel of land.¹ William Franklin Harding (1869-1946)² and his wife, Frances Wade Harding (1870-1929)³ were married in 1892. William Harding worked as a cutter in a shoe factory. Annie and William Battles owned the house from 1904 until 1922 and lived here with their four children.⁴ William Battles worked in a shoe factory and Annie Battles worked as a "retail dealer" for a variety store. The Sullivan family owned the house from 1922 until 1990.⁵ Andrew and Leona Sullivan purchased the house in 1922 and lived here with their children, who later inherited the property. Andrew Sullivan, like the previous owners, worked in a shoe factory.

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¹ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 786, p. 400.

² Findagrave.com Memorial #85418259. Accessed Oct. 28, 2022.

³ Findagrave.com Memorial #191227480. Accessed Oct. 28, 2022.

⁴ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 980, p. 425 and Book 1509, p. 18.

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