

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Blue Hills

AVO.21

Town/City: Avon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking southwest.

Address: 111 East High Street

Historic Name: James D. and Lucy Mercurio House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1930

Source: 1929 Plan; 1930 Census

Style/Form: Craftsman

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Cut

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles / Wood Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Rear deck added.

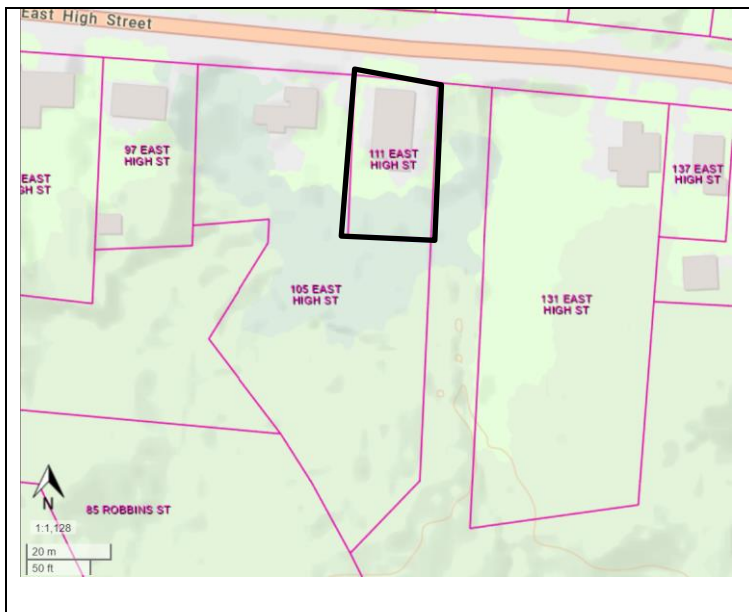
Condition: Excellent

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.19

Setting: Located on a wooded suburban residential street. Surrounding houses range from mid-19th C to mid-20th C construction dates.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Stacy Spies

Organization: Avon Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): December 2022

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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AVON

111 EAST HIGH STREET

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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 and close to the street, the house is oriented to the north. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the east elevation to the rear of the house. The 1-story house rests on a cut stone foundation and is capped with a hipped roof with deep eaves. A hip dormer containing a pair of small, 3-light windows is centered on the north roof slope. The hipped roof shelters an undercut porch that fills the façade. The porch has square-section wood posts, wood steps, a tongue-and-groove wood floor and shingled sides. The center entrance has a metal storm door. A triple window is located on the east side of the center entrance and a paired window is located on the west side of the entrance. These wood-sash windows contain four vertical lights in the upper sash and a single light in the lower sash. The side elevations each contain a single window, a paired window, and a small rectangular sash window. The side-elevation windows are 1/1 wood sash. A second entrance is located at the south end of the east elevation at the elevated wood deck.

111 East High Street is a well-preserved Craftsman-style bungalow that has experienced little alteration.

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.

111 East High Street was constructed circa 1930 for James and Lucy Mercurio next door to his parents' house at 105 East Main Street (AVO.20). James D. Mercurio (1903-1970)¹ was born in Massachusetts, while his wife, Lucy, was born in Italy and immigrated in 1909. James Mercurio worked in a shoe factory and as a restaurant manager. The couple, who married in 1925, lived here with their two sons until they sold the house in 1944.² George and Marie Sullivan owned the house from 1953 until 1977.³

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³ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 3185, p. 518 and Book 5325-385.