

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.61
AVO.62

Town/City: Avon

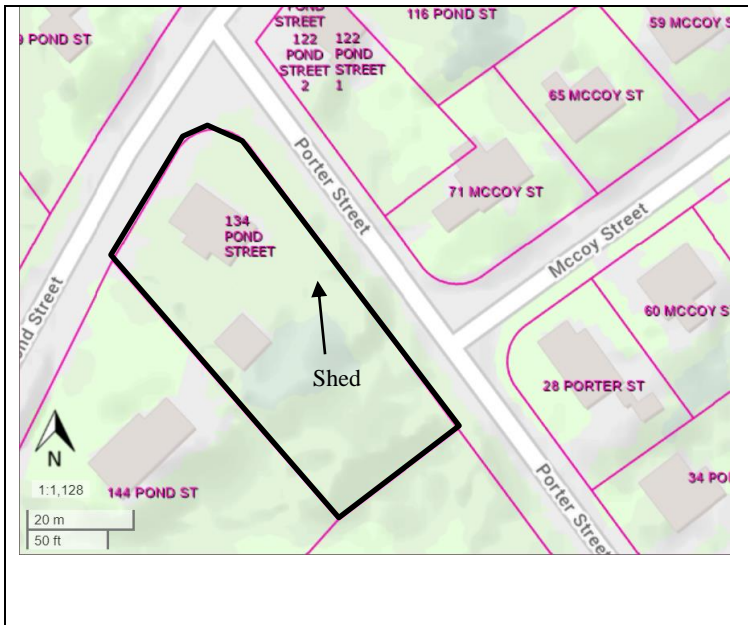
Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking southeast.

Locus Map



Address: 134 Pond Street

Historic Name: Edith and Samuel C. French House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1892

Source: Deed

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Cut

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding / Vinyl Trim, Wood Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: 2-car garage; shed.

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Vinyl siding and replacement vinyl sash windows (late 20th C or early 21st C); Porch bases replaced with concrete block.

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.44

Setting: Located on a suburban street. Houses to the north and west were constructed during the 18th and 19th centuries. A mid-20th-century residential development is located to the east and south.

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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, corner lot covered with lawn, the house is oriented to the northwest, toward Pond Street. A concrete walkway leads from Pond Street to the façade. An asphalt-paved driveway leads from Pond Street past the west elevation to a detached garage. The frame house rests on an uncoursed cut stone foundation and rises 1½ stories to a front-gabled roof with deep eaves. A slender brick chimney is centered on the roof ridge. An undercut porch with turned wood posts, decorative jigsawed wood brackets, and a spindle valance is located at the north corner of the house. The porch shelters a paneled wood door with a light in the top half. On the façade, the window surrounds have projecting wood lintels and corner blocks detailed with rondels. A 2-story, cross-gabled projection is centered on the south (side) elevation. The projection is two bays wide with a pair of windows in the gable peak. The north (side) elevation contains irregularly-placed fenestration, a shed-roof wall dormer, and a hipped-roof vestibule accessed by precast concrete steps with a pipe railing. The rear (east) elevation contains an undercut porch with a single turned wood post at the south corner of the house. An enclosed porch is located at the upper story of the east end of the rear elevation. Wood scrolls (added in the late 20th century) have been applied to the porch frieze, and façade window and door lintels. With the exception of a single, square, wood-frame window above the rear undercut porch, windows throughout the house are 1/1 vinyl sash replacements.

A detached frame 2-car garage atop a poured concrete foundation is located southwest of the house. The northeast elevation contains two metal overhead vehicle doors. A 6-light fixed window is located in the east elevation. Two 2/2 wood sash windows are located in the west elevation. A frame shed (ca. 1892, AVO.62) is located east of the house at the Porter Street frontage. The 1-story, gable-roof shed is covered with wood shingles. The shed consists of a main block and a small ell. The main block contains a vertical board door in the north elevation. The west elevation contains two side-hung vertical board doors. The ell has an asymmetrical gable roof with shallow eaves.

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.

134 Pond Street was likely constructed circa 1892, the year in which Edith F. French purchased this lot of land.¹ Edith F. French (1863-1943)² married house carpenter Samuel Chesley French (1854-1931) in 1887 and made this their residence, according to census records.³ Charles Watson Cannon purchased the house from Edith French in 1919.⁴ Cannon and his wife, Eulalia, were both born in Canada and lived here with their three children, Delma, Thurlow, and Verne. Charles Cannon worked at a box factory. The property remains in the Cannon family.

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View looking northeast.



Shed. View looking south.