

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.88

Town/City: Avon

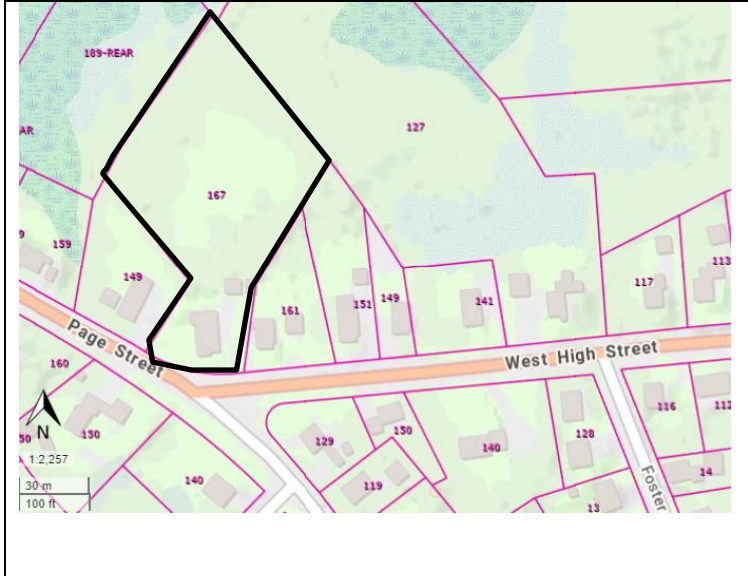
Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking northeast.

Locus Map



Address: 167 West High Street

Historic Name: John and Emma Young House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: 1900

Source: Deed, Newspaper

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Uncut

Wall/Trim: Asbestos Siding / Wood Trim, Aluminum Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Asbestos siding; Chimney removed; Replacement vinyl sash windows (late 20th C or early 21st C)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 1.68 acres

Setting: Located on a suburban street amid houses constructed from the mid-19th century through the mid-20th century.

Recorded by: Stacy Spies

Organization: Avon Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): December 2022

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AVON

167 WEST 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.

The house is located at the south end of a level lot and oriented to the south, toward the street. The lot is covered with lawn near the house; the remainder of the large lot is wooded. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the house's east elevation to a detached frame garage. A poured concrete walkway leads from the driveway to the entrance on the façade (south) elevation. The 1½-story frame building rests on a river rock foundation and rises to a side-gabled roof with overhanging eaves. The L-plan house is covered with asbestos shingles; A kicked shingle course atop a stringcourse encircles the building between the first and half stories. At the west end of the façade, the gable roof swoops down to form the roof of a porch supported by turned wood posts. A wood spindle valance remains at the porch's west elevation. The porch floor, steps, and balustrade appear to be recent replacements. The porch shelters the entrance, which appears to be a metal storm door and a paneled wood door. A 1½-story projection fills the east end of the façade. At the first story, the projection contains a cutaway bay with a single window in each elevation. The projection's half-story contains a pair of rectangular windows beneath a kicked shingled course. The east elevation contains a single and a triple sash window at the first story and a pair of windows beneath a kicked shingle course at the half-story. A 1-story ell is attached to the northeast corner of the house. The west elevation contains a triple window and a single window at the first story and a pair of windows beneath a kicked shingle course at the half-story. Windows throughout the house are vinyl sash replacements with narrow, molded surrounds.

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.

167 West High Street was constructed in 1900 on the site of the ca. 1750 Laban Simmons house¹ for Joseph E. Young (1855–1906) and his wife, Emma Thurber Young (1863–). Joseph E. Young worked as a trimmer in a shoe factory. When their son, Edward T. Young (1883–1963), married, he and his wife, Florence, made their home here as well. Like his father, Edward T. Young worked in a shoe factory. Edward T. Young sold the house in 1954.²

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