

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.22

Town/City: Avon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking northeast.

Address: 168 East High Street

Historic Name: Andrew and Mary McCabe House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1865

Source: Census; map

Style/Form: Gothic Revival

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard / Wood Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Replacement wood sash windows (mid-20th C); Large 2-story addition at rear (post-1969)

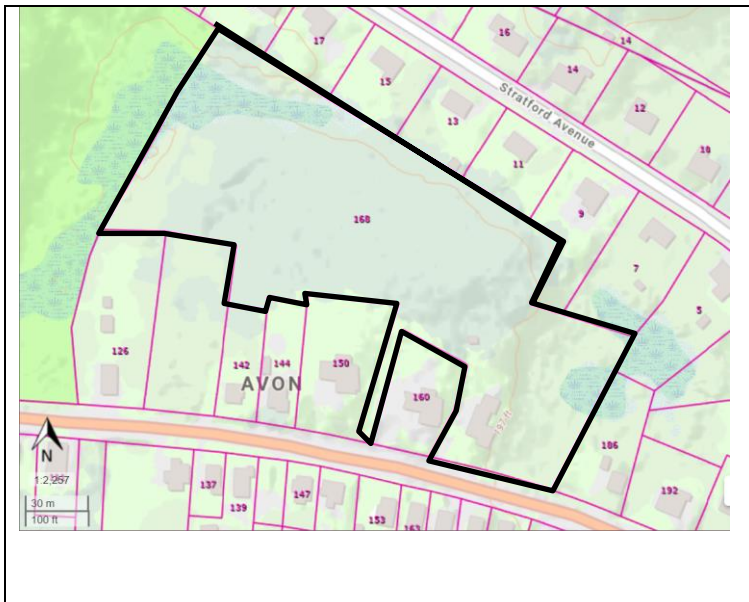
Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 5.16

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

Locus Map



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Organization: Avon Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): December 2022

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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 lot that slopes down from west to east, the house is oriented to the south toward the street. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the west elevation to a parking area near the northwest corner of the house. An uncoursed fieldstone retaining wall begins at the street and connects to the banked brick foundation at the southeast corner of the house. The lot is covered with lawn near the house; the remainder of the lot is wooded.

The L-shaped house consists of a front-gabled east block and a side-gabled west block. The 1½-story frame house is capped with a gable roof with deep eaves. The east block is two bays wide and three bays deep. A delicate, curvilinear bargeboard is attached to the south gable peak. A slender brick chimney with a corbeled cap is centered on the roof ridge. The banked foundation is five bays deep on the exposed east elevation and contains a door and four windows. The west block is five bays wide with a paneled wood door at the center of the elevation. A second, vertical board and batten, door is located at the junction of the two blocks. A hipped-roof porch supported by round Doric columns lines the west elevation of the east block and the south elevation of the west block. Decorative curved wood trim lines the roof edge above the porch roof. Windows throughout the house are 6/1 wood sash framed with wide, flat surrounds with backband moldings and functional louvered wood shutters. A large addition, resembling an attached barn, is attached to the rear of the house. The addition has a gable roof with overhanging eaves and rests on a poured concrete foundation.

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.

168 East High Street was likely constructed circa 1865 for boot maker Andrew McCabe. Andrew McCabe (1834-1924)¹ and his wife, Mary Murray McCabe (1825-1901),² were both born in Ireland and immigrated circa 1850. By 1855, the couple was living in Stoughton, where they and their children were recorded as part of the Massachusetts census. Andrew McCabe found work as a bootmaker. The 1865 Massachusetts census records the family in the location of 168 East High Street. The 1876 map confirms their location here.

In 1900, Andrew and Mary's daughter, Margaret, married Michael F. Clark, who lived on Pond Street in Avon.³ The newlyweds moved in with Andrew McCabe after his wife's death in 1901. Michael Clark worked as a laster in a shoe factory. In 1929, Michael F. Clark purchased the house from his father-in-law's estate.⁴ At the time of the 1940 census, Michael and Margaret's daughter, Mary Clark McCue, Mary's husband, Daniel McCue, and their young daughter were living with Michael and Mary Clark. Daniel McCue worked as a manager of a chain store. Mary McCue worked as a shoe inspector in a rubber sole factory. The property was sold out of the family in 1956.⁵

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⁴ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1833, p. 248.

⁵ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 3522, p. 160.

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Assessor's photograph.