

FORM B – BUILDING

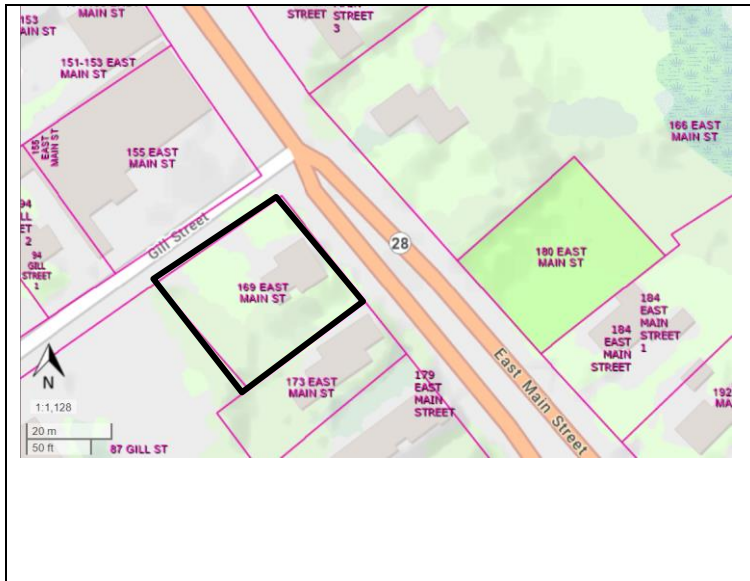
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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



View looking west.

Locus Map



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

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Blue Hills

AVO.31

Town/City: Avon

Place: (neighborhood or village):

Address: 169 East Main St.

Historic Name: James and Mary Ingham House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1854

Source: Deed

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Cut

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding / Vinyl Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (with dates): Vinyl siding; Aluminum trim; Replacement vinyl sash windows (late 20th C or early 21st C); Metal awning (mid-20th C)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.26

Setting: Located near a busy intersection along the four-lane, divided Route 28. Surrounding buildings are 1- and 2-story frame dwellings constructed during the 19th-20th centuries.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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169 EAST MAIN ST

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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 east toward East Main Street. A short run of poured concrete steps lead from the sidewalk to a stoop at the house; the steps continue as a retaining wall along the East Main Street frontage. (The poured concrete steps and wall were likely constructed when the road was widened in 1930). An asphalt-paved driveway leads from Gill Street to the building's north (side) elevation. The 1-story house rests on a cut stone foundation and rises to a side-gabled roof with shallow overhanging eaves. A brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the center of the roof ridge. The facade is five bays wide with a center entrance. The paneled wood door (1920s-1930s) is secured with a metal storm door and sheltered with an aluminum awning. The side elevations are two bays deep and each contains a pair of small windows centered in the gable peak; the pair in the south gable peak retains the original 2/2 wood sash. A perpendicular, 1-story ell extends from the center of the rear (west) elevation. Windows throughout the house are vinyl replacement sash framed by plastic, screw-on shutters.

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.

The James and Mary Ingham house was likely constructed circa 1854, the year in which James Ingham purchased this property.¹ James Ingham (1824-1895)² was born in England and married Mary B. Packard in 1848.³ In 1864 he moved to East Stoughton center (Goeres Square Area AVO.B), buying the property at 155-163A Main Street (AVO.117). According to census records and city directories, James Ingham worked as a carriage painter and as a wallpaper hanger.

By 1870, Bernard Dolan (1838-1908)⁴ and his wife, Margaret Smith Dolan (1837-1896)⁵ had purchased the house and made it their residence. Both born in Ireland, the couple was married in 1859. Census records of that time indicate that Bernard Dolan worked in a boot factory. In 1887, Bernard Dolan was elected as a Representative for the 7th Norfolk District (Randolph, Stoughton, Sharon and Walpole).⁶ Bernard and Margaret Dolan's children continued to live here as adults. Philip Dolan (1872-1936)⁷ worked as a shipper in a boot factory and daughter Margaret Dolan (1868-ca.1958) worked as a stitcher in a shoe factory. In the 1920s, siblings Alice, Margaret and William Dolan were living here. Margaret Dolan lived here for the remainder of her life, working as a stitcher into the 1940s.

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