

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.23
AVO.24

Town/City: Avon

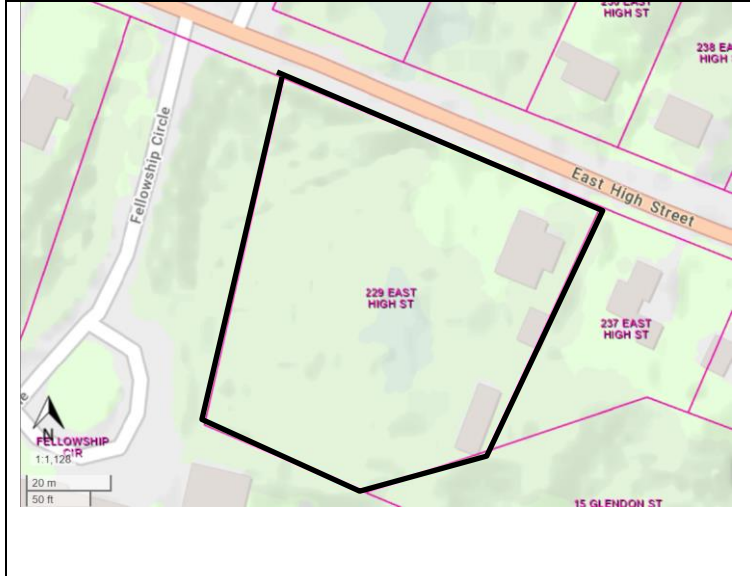
Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking southeast.

Locus Map



Address: 229 East High Street

Historic Name: Calvin L. and Amanda Noyes House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1879

Source: Deed; Map

Style/Form: Second Empire

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Cut

Wall/Trim: Asbestos Shingles / Wood Trim; Metal Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Ell added along east elevation (unknown date); Replacement vinyl sash windows (late-20thC or early-21stC)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 1.4

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

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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 close to the street on a large, level lot, the house is oriented to the north, toward the street. The area immediately surrounding the house is covered with lawn; the remainder of the lot is wooded. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the house's east elevation to a detached garage located southeast of the house. A brick walkway and cast concrete steps lead from the sidewalk to the house.

The 1½-story frame house rests on a cut stone foundation and rises to a mansard roof. A molded wood cornice marks the transition between the two roof slopes. An interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap is located on the east roof slope. The house is covered with asbestos siding and trimmed with metal at the cornice and frieze. Shallow shed dormers with molded wood cornices are located along the façade and side elevations. The façade features a pair of dormers with a shared roof. The side elevations each contain three single dormers and a dormer containing a pair of sash windows at the south bay. A hipped-roof screened porch supported by slender, square-section Doric wood columns atop a shingled railing fills the façade (north elevation). A hipped-roof projection centered on the porch aligns with the entrance to the house. Sheltered by a metal storm door, the entrance is framed by fluted pilasters and a frieze adorned with a dentil course. Windows throughout the house are vinyl sash replacements. The irregular fenestration on the west elevation contains a bay window, a single sash window with a molded wood surround, and two small sash windows. A shed-roof addition on a concrete block foundation fills the east elevation. The addition contains two sash windows and a small hopper or fixed window.

A hipped-roof garage (ca. 1920s, AVO.24) with deep, overhanging eaves is located southeast of the house. The north elevation contains a segmental-arched vehicle opening and an 8/12 wood sash window. The north elevation is covered with asbestos siding and the east (side) elevation is covered with asphalt shingles. The garage has a wood cornice and cornerboards.

This vernacular Second Empire dwelling is a locally-uncommon type. Few houses of this type are located in Avon.

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.

229 East Main Street was likely constructed circa 1879, the year in which Calvin L. Noyes purchased this parcel of land.¹ Calvin L. Noyes (1813-1892) worked as the Holbrook (later Avon) railroad station depot master.² Before having this house constructed, Calvin Noyes and his family lived on the second floor of the railroad station; it was not uncommon at that time for the depot master and his family to live above the station. (This living arrangement is confirmed by the 1876 map which noted "C. Noyes" residing at the Holbrook rail station.) Calvin Noyes and his wife, Amanda M. Thayer Noyes (1829-1875),³ were married in 1850. Calvin Noyes' obituary noted that he was born in Newburyport and moved to the East Stoughton/ Randolph area in the 1840s. "He first taught school, and later was a prominent local shoe manufacturer. He later was station agent, [a] position he held for over 25 years, resigning in '86, on account of old age and ill health."⁴

After Calvin Noyes' death, the property was transferred to his son, Edward P. Noyes (1858-1923), a coal dealer. Edward P. Noyes lived here with his wife, Lucy (1860-1906), and their four children, including Frank M. Noyes, who would later serve as

¹ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 733, p. 295. Recorded 1895.

² U.S. Census. 1880.

³ Findagrave.com Memorial #102191723. Accessed Nov. 28, 2022.

⁴ "Calvin L. Noyes of Avon Dead," *The Boston Globe*, 26 November 1892.

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Avon Selectman in the 1930s. After Edward Noyes' death, the property was transferred to his daughter, Myrtle Noyes. Myrtle Noyes worked as a stenographer, according to census records.

In 1929, Polish or Russian immigrants Simon and Anna Korczynski purchased the house from Myrtle Noyes. The 1930 and 1940 censuses noted that Simon Korczynski worked as a carpenter for the railroad. The couple owned the property until 1949.⁵

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View looking southwest.



Garage. View looking northwest at east and north elevations.

⁵ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1850, p. 580 and Book 2727, p. 374.