

FORM B – BUILDING

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Blue Hills

AVO.96

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town/City: Avon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking northwest.

Address: 347 West Main Street

Historic Name: Patrick and Sarah Lynch House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1858

Source: Deed, Census

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Cut

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

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Aluminum siding; Replacement vinyl sash windows and door (late 20th C or early 21st C)

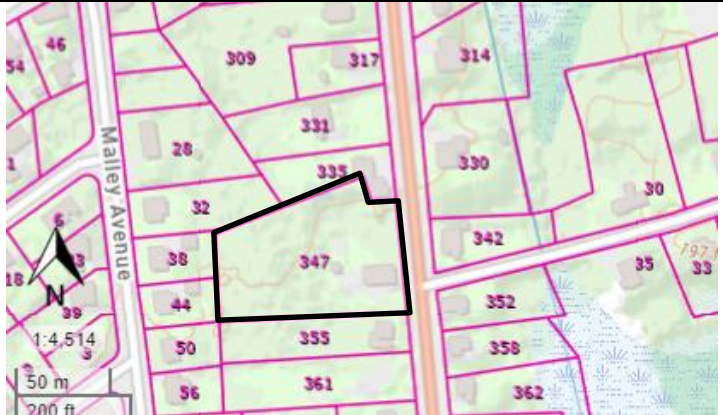
Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 1.4 acres

Setting: Suburban residential setting. Surrounding houses are of similar size and setting, and range in age from mid-19th through mid-20th century.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Stacy Spies

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.

The house is located on a level lot and oriented to the east toward the street. The area surrounding the house is covered with lawn; the rear of the lot is wooded. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the south elevation to a parking area at the rear of the house. The house rests on a cut-stone foundation and rises 1½ stories to a side-gabled roof with overhanging eaves and gable-end cornice returns. A brick chimney with a corbeled cap is located at the south end of the roof ridge. The house is five bays wide and two bays deep. The center entrance contains a wood or metal door with a wide, flat surround. A shed-roof porch supported by turned wood posts extends the width of the façade. The pediment centered on the porch roof is infilled with narrow, vertical wood boards. The porch is enclosed with a square section balustrade (a late-20th-C replacement). Windows are 2/1 wood sash with wide, flat surrounds; A few have been replaced with 1/1 vinyl sash. A 1-story perpendicular ell extends from the north end of the main block's rear elevation. A brick chimney is centered on the ell's roof ridge. An enclosed porch is located at the southwest corner of the house.

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.

347 West Main Street was likely constructed circa 1858, the year in which Patrick Lynch purchased a parcel of land on the west side of West Main Street.¹ Irish immigrant Patrick Lynch (1803-1880) and his wife, Sarah (Colgan) (1805-1887), lived here with their son, William P. Lunch (1846-1884).² The Lynch home was part of the "Donegal" area of East Stoughton, so named for the numerous Irish immigrants who settled along West Main Street between Pond Street and Harrison Boulevard. Irish immigrants began arriving in large numbers to East Stoughton in the 1840s and 1850s. The Irish immigrants "took jobs as day laborers on farms, and later, they worked in large numbers in shoe factories."³ By the time of the 1870 census, the house was owned by Margaret Darney Lynch and her husband, Michael. Michael Lynch worked as a boot and shoemaker. The couple's son, John L. Lynch, was recorded as the owner of the house on the 1888 map. The Lynch family lived here until it was sold in 1930.⁴

The Avon assessor's record cites a construction date of circa 1750 for this house. Interior inspections were beyond the scope of this survey, but a closer examination of surviving framing, floorplans, and interior features and finishes by an architectural historian with expertise in early Massachusetts building technology could provide additional insights into a likely original construction date and on the physical evolution of the building over time.

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¹ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 214, p. 17.

² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/70190073/patrick-lynch>. Accessed April 24, 2023.

³ Hanna: 33.

⁴ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1911, p. 459.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



View looking northwest.



View looking southwest.