

FORM B – BUILDING

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Blue Hills

AVO.77

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

Town/City: Avon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking south.

Address: 46 West High Street

Historic Name: Ebenezer Tucker House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1858

Source: 1858 map

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: Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): House raised by ½ story and porches added (After 1916 per Sanborn Fire Insurance Atlas); Vinyl siding, replacement doors, and replacement vinyl sash windows (late 20th C or early 21st C)

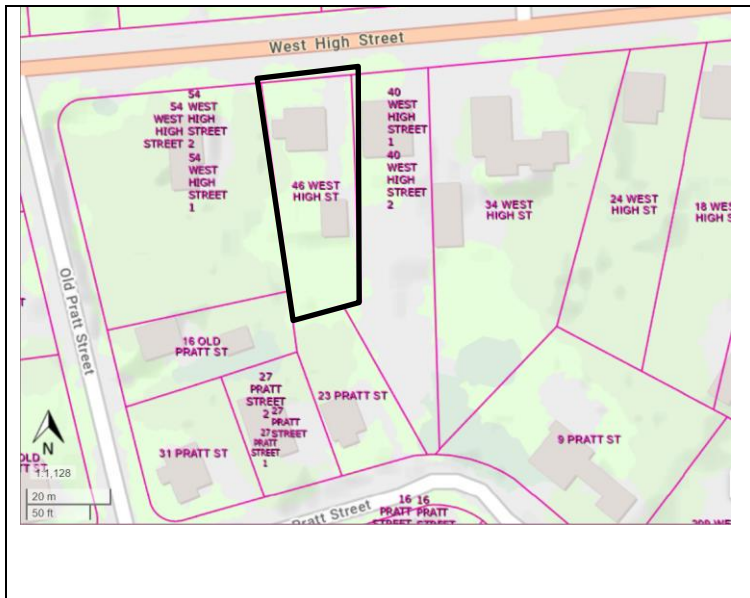
Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.28 acre

Setting: Located on a suburban residential street amid houses of similar age, size, setback and materials.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Stacy Spies

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.

The house is located on a level lot and oriented to the north, toward the street. The lot is covered with lawn. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the house's east elevation to a detached garage located southeast of the house. A second driveway leads to the house's west elevation.

The house rests on a cut stone foundation and rises two stories to a side-gabled, "saltbox" roof. The roof has a shallow overhang at the façade and no overhang at the side elevations. An interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the south roof slope, beside a large gable dormer. The house is four-over-three bays wide and three bays deep. The entrance, centered on the façade, contains a pressed-panel metal door framed by sidelights. A front-gabled porch supported by round columns shelters the entrance. The porch rests on a concrete base with brick veneer. The porch features gable-end cornice returns and an elliptical-arched ceiling. A small, hipped-roof enclosed porch is located at the east and west elevations. Windows throughout the house are 1/1 vinyl sash framed by plastic screw-on shutters.

The building's original appearance is difficult to discern given the extensive alterations and replacement materials. 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 Massachusetts building technology could provide additional insights into a likely original construction date and on the physical evolution of the building over time.

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 house at 34 West High Street was owned by Ebenezer Tucker in the 1850s and likely used as a rental property. High Street, later clarified as East High Street and West High Street, was laid out in the 1840s. The new road connected Page Street with Main Street and the new Fall River Railroad station just over the municipal line in Randolph (later, the Avon station).

Ebenezer Tucker (1815-1874)¹ "came to East Stoughton as a young man and entered the employ of [Adam] B. Goldthwaite as a boot cutter, [and] in due time became a partner of Mr. Goldthwaite, whose sister he married and to whose business he succeeded as a sole proprietor."² Ebenezer Tucker became one of East Stoughton's busiest boot manufacturers.³ Loring Goldthwait, who had also worked for Adam B. Goldthwaite, joined Ebenezer Tucker in this new venture. "They were very successful, and when their factory burned, they replaced it with another on High Street."⁴ Ebenezer Tucker brought his son, William H. Henry Tucker (1840-1898),⁵ into the business when he was still a teenager and renamed the business "E. Tucker & Son."⁶ The Tucker factory was located at the present-day location of 70 West High Street. (Also see 34 West High Street, AVO.75 and 67 West High Street, AVO.80.)

¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146099244/ebenezer-tucker>. Accessed Dec. 23, 2022.

² "Ebenezer Tucker," *Stoughton Sentinel*, 17 January 1874, cited in FindaGrave listing.

³ Hurd: 407.

⁴ Hanna: 39.

⁵ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146096787/william-henry_h-tucker. Accessed March 3, 2022.

⁶ U.S. Census. 1860.

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Ebenezer Tucker married Mary Etta Goldthwaite (1819-1903)⁷ in 1839. In the 1850s, Ebenezer Tucker purchased several acres of land, with buildings, on the south side of West High Street. The 1858 map notes that Ebenezer Tucker owned 34 and 46 West High Street at that time. The house was owned by the Tucker family until 1890.⁸

The Martin family owned the house from 1917 until 1940.⁹ Natives of Maine, Nellie and Richard Martin lived here with their son, Casper. Richard Martin worked as a house carpenter. Casper Martin worked as a draftsman and later as a self-employed house painter.

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View looking southwest.

⁷ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146099765/mary-etta-tucker>. Accessed Dec. 23, 2022.

⁸ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 643, p. 438

⁹ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 4834, p. 400.