

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Avon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



View looking southwest.

Address: 497 East Main Street

Historic Name: Samuel and Julia Heath House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1845

Source: Deed; Census

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 visible

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Attic level expanded and rear ell added; Vinyl siding; Replacement vinyl sash windows (late 20th C or early 21st C)

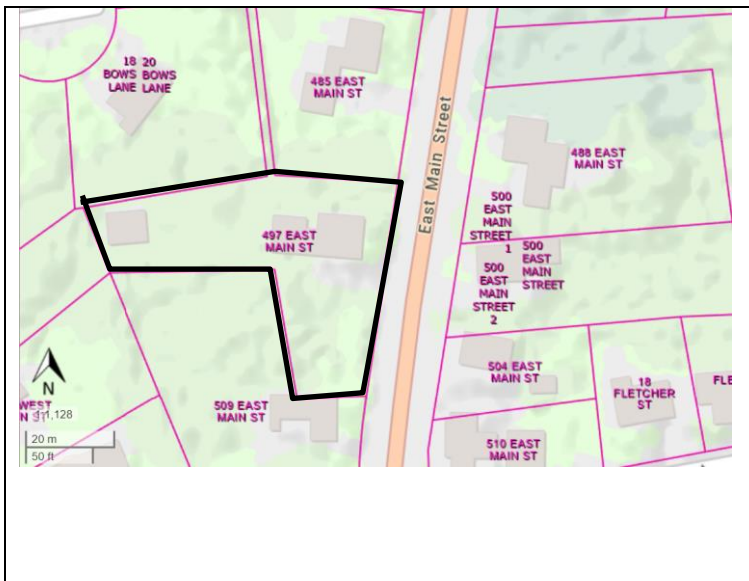
Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.46

Setting: Located on a suburban street amid houses constructed in the 19th and 20th centuries.

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 gently sloping lot covered with lawn, the house is oriented to the east toward the street. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the south (side) elevation. Mature trees line the rear lot line. The 1-story frame house rests on a cut stone foundation and rises to a side-gabled roof with no overhang. A brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the center of the east roof slope. The rear elevation has been expanded with a full-width dormer to create a second story. A 1-story perpendicular ell of indeterminate age extends from the rear elevation. The facade is five bays wide with a center entrance containing a paneled wood or metal door. The north elevation is two bays deep. Windows throughout the building are 1/1 vinyl sash replacements with faux 12/12 inserts. Plastic shutters frame the façade windows. Brick steps (20th C) lead to the entrances on the façade and south elevation. A gable-roof enclosure on the north elevation shelters the bulkhead entrance to the basement.

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.

497 East Main Street was likely constructed circa 1845, the year in which Samuel Heath of North Bridgewater purchased the property.¹ Farmer Samuel Heath (1808-1878)² lived here with his first wife, Julia Ann Place Heath (1827-1847).³ In 1849, Samuel Heath remarried, to widow Eliza Packard of Abington. The couple lived here until circa 1864, when the couple moved to Sharon. John Clapp married Mary Heath, Samuel and Eliza Heath's daughter, in 1868 in Sharon, Massachusetts. By 1870, the couple had moved to East Stoughton and lived at 497 East Main Street with their four children.⁴ John Clapp worked in the boot and shoe manufacturing industry.

In 1914, John Clapp sold the house to Annie E. Gowell and her husband, Herbert.⁵ Census records indicate that Annie Gowell worked as a "forelady" in a shoe factory and Herbert Gowell worked as a "laundryman,"⁶ as a teamster and later as a farm laborer. The couple lived here until 1934, when the house was foreclosed on during the Great Depression.⁷

Gertrude and Hervey Palardy purchased the house in 1935 and lived here with their three children.⁸ Hervey Palardy worked as a laster in a shoe factory. The property remained in the family until 1975.⁹

¹ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 160, p. 563.

² Findagrave.com Memorial #86611716. Accessed Oct. 19, 2022.

³ Findagrave.com Memorial #86611841. Accessed Oct. 19, 2022.

⁴ U.S. Census. 1870.

⁵ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1287, p. 10.

⁶ City Directory, 1916.

⁷ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 2050, p. 310.

⁸ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 2074, p. 517.

⁹ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 5255, p. 48.

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View looking northwest.