

FORM B – BUILDING

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Blue Hills

AVO.15

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

Town/City: Avon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



59 East High Street (right) and 63 East High Street (left).
View looking southeast.

Address: 59 East High Street

Historic Name: Herbert and Mae Lawrence House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1927

Source: Deeds

Style/Form: Bungalow

Architect/Builder: Albert W. Willis and Francis J. Curran

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Parged Masonry

Wall/Trim: Brick / Wood Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

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

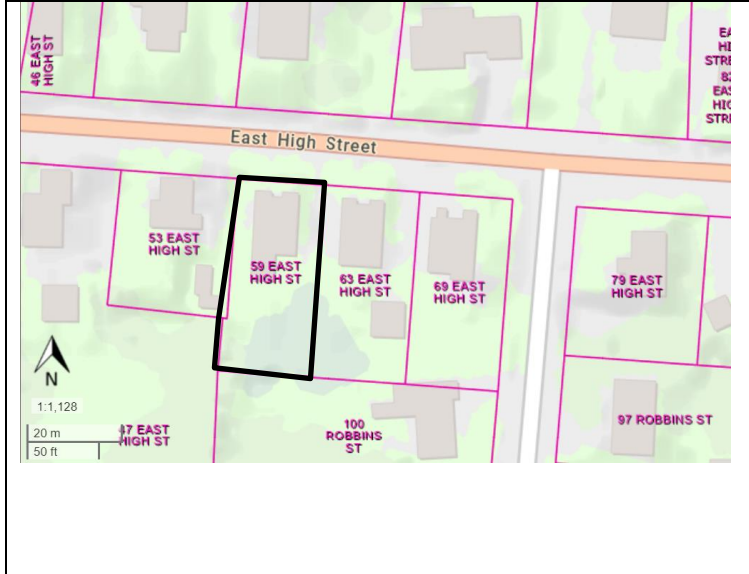
Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.18 acre

Setting: Located on a suburban residential street. Surrounding houses were constructed from mid-19th to late-20th centuries.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Stacy Spies

Organization: Avon Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): December 2022

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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59 EAST HIGH STREET

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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. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the east elevation to a parking area at the southeast corner of the house. The 1-story, rectangular-plan house is capped with a hipped roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter tails. A wood-shingled hip dormer containing a single window is centered in the north elevation. A brick chimney is located at the south end of the roof ridge. The house is constructed of common bond brick with a soldier course and a header course used as a skirt board. Upright stringer bricks serve as lintels and header bricks serve as window sills. An undercut porch at the northwest corner of the house is supported by two square Doric columns atop brick piers. A turned wood balustrade encloses the porch. The porch ceiling is constructed of tongue-and-groove wood boards. The porch shelters a single window in the north elevation and a Colonial Revival-style paneled wood door in the west elevation. A triple window containing two narrow windows flanking a larger center window fills the east end of the façade. The house is three bays deep. The west elevation contains two pairs of windows and a smaller center sash window. The east elevation contains a single window at the north end and two bays of triple windows. A run of poured concrete steps with a metal railing (mid-20th C) leads to a door at the south end of the east elevation. The door contains multiple diamond-shaped lights in the top half. A small, wood-shingled ell is attached to the west end of the rear (south) elevation. Windows throughout the house are 1/1 vinyl sash replacements with internal faux muntins and are framed by plastic, screw-on shutters.

An identical bungalow is located next door at 63 East High Street (AVO.16).

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.

59 East High Street was constructed ca. 1927-1928 by carpenter Albert Willis and plumber Francis Curran. Albert W. Willis of West Bridgewater (1883-1956)¹ and Francis J. Curran of Randolph (1884-1949) purchased the land in 1927.² Herbert and Mary "Mae" Drummond Lawrence purchased the new house that same year and lived here until circa 1939.³ Herbert W. Lawrence (1899-1970)⁴ and his wife, May (1903-1981)⁵ were married in 1927. Herbert Lawrence worked as a draftsman for a road construction company. Joseph and Blanche Martin family owned the house from 1955 until 2016.⁶

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³ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1774, p. 477.

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⁶ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 3397, p. 217 and Book 31722, p. 380.

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United States Census. Ancestry.com.



View looking southeast.



View looking southwest.