

# FORM B – BUILDING

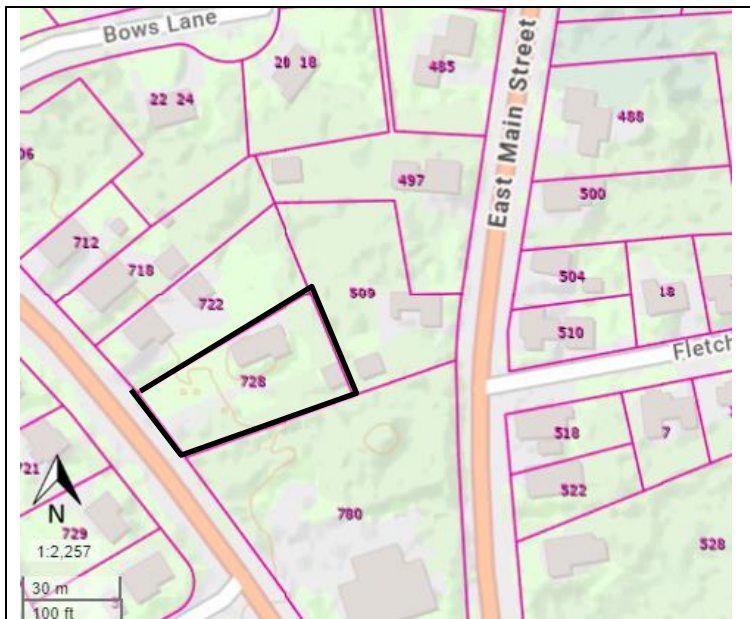
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



View looking northeast.

## Locus Map



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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AVO.107  
AVO.108

**Town/City:** Avon

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):

**Address:** 728 West Main Street

**Historic Name:** Bradford A. and Cordelia H. Wade House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1856

**Source:** Deed, Marriage date

**Style/Form:** Greek Revival

**Architect/Builder:** Not Known

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards / Wood Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** Carriage house / garage (ca. 1856)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Replacement vinyl sash windows (late 20<sup>th</sup> C or early 21<sup>st</sup> C); Porch enclosed. 1-story addition at rear.

**Condition:** Good

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** 0.41

**Setting:** Located on a busy suburban thoroughfare. Houses to the north date from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Houses to the west were constructed in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. Mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, domestically-scaled commercial buildings are located at south property boundary.

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**Date** (*month / year*): December 2022

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AVON

728 WEST MAIN STREET

## MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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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 level lot covered with lawn, the house is oriented to the south. An asphalt-paved driveway leads from the street, past the house's south elevation to a carriage house (converted to a garage). A hedgerow lines the west property line along the sidewalk. Mature trees line the south and east property lines.

The 1½-story frame house has a front-gabled roof with overhanging eaves. Shed dormers are located on the north and south roof slopes. The south roof slope also contains a pair of front-gabled wall dormers. An interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the west end of the north roof slope. The building is clad with wood clapboards and trimmed with cornerboards and a wide, compound frieze. A scalloped wood bargeboard adorns the façade eaves. A hipped-roof porch, enclosed with two sash windows and a picture window, fills the first floor of the façade (west elevation). A wood door with a light in the top half is located at the porch's south elevation. Two sash windows are located in the gable peak above the porch. The south elevation contains a single sash window and an oriel window containing a multi-light, wood-frame fixed window flanked by 4/4 wood sash windows. At the east end of the south elevation, a shed-roof porch supported by slender wood posts shelters a wood door and a box bay window. Brick steps with cast concrete caps lead to the porch. The north elevation contains two sash windows and a wood-shingled, shed-roof projection. Unless otherwise noted, windows throughout the building are 1/1 vinyl sash replacements with plastic, screw-on shutters.

The 1-story frame carriage house / garage (AVO.108) has a side-gabled roof with a shallow overhang along the west elevation and no overhang on the gable ends. The building is covered with wood shingles and wood trim. A large vehicle opening fills the west elevation. A shed-roof ell attached to the north elevation contains a single sash window and a vertical-board wood pedestrian door. The building has a poured concrete floor and an asphalt-shingled roof.

### 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.*

728 West Main Street was likely constructed circa 1856, the year in which Bradford A. Wade (1832-1908)<sup>1</sup> purchased the land from his father, Ruel Wade.<sup>2</sup> Bradford A. Wade worked in a boot factory and married Cordelia Holbrook (1839-1910)<sup>3</sup> in 1859. The couple had three children. In 1901, Bradford A. Wade sold the house to their son, Harry H. Wade, with the provision, that, for the remainder of their lives, Bradford and Cordelia Wade be provided the right to "occupy any two rooms in the house."<sup>4</sup> The house remained in the Wade family until 1911.<sup>5</sup>

George H. and Ruth E. Chase lived here with their family from 1922 until 1948.<sup>6</sup> George H. Chase worked as a sheet metal worker in the construction industry, according to census records.

<sup>1</sup> Findagrave.com Memorial #146103897. Accessed Oct. 5, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 247, p. 305 [609].

<sup>3</sup> Findagrave.com Memorial ##146103904. Accessed Oct. 5, 2022.

<sup>4</sup> Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 900, p. 391.

<sup>5</sup> Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1199, p. 221.

<sup>6</sup> Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1933, p. 635.



