

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Wenham

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

Photograph



Address: 77 Dodges Row

Historic Name: Philip S. Young House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

Date of Construction: ca. 1885

Source: visual analysis, map

Style/Form: No style

Architect/Builder: Not known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard and trim

Roof: Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: none

Major Alterations (*with dates*): side dormer (L 19th c/E 20th c); Door trim pediment over main entrance. Entry porch and stairs. (Late 20th C)

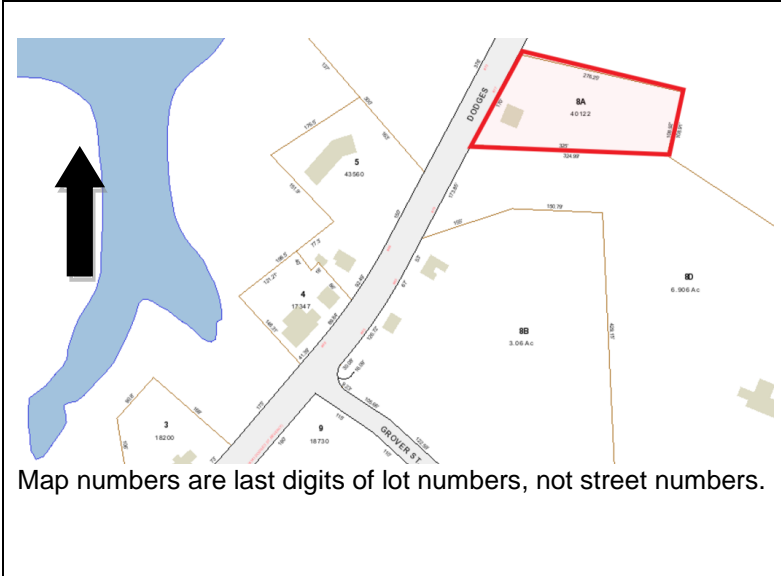
Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.91 acre

Setting: The house is located along Dodges Row which connects North Beverly to Wenham Neck and Hamilton. Much of the surrounding area is part of the Longham Reservoir and is heavily wooded.

Locus Map



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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.

77 Dodges Row occupies a trapezoidal lot on the east side of Dodges Row just north of Grover Street. The house is set close to the street atop a shallow rise at the base of a hill and faces west toward the street. A run of cast concrete steps leads from the house to the roadway. The lot behind the house is wooded and rises eastward from the street. A small paved drive and parking area is located at the south elevation.

Measuring 30 feet long by 20 feet deep, the main block in an L-shaped form rising 1½ stories from a banked brick foundation to a gable roof with an interior brick chimney rising from the south roof slope. The façade (west) elevation contains a large cross gable with cornice returns in the southern half. A hip dormer is centered on the south roof slope. A small gable-roof vestibule centered on the south elevation shelters an entrance to the basement level. An enclosed porch is located at the northeast (rear) corner of the house. Walls are clad with clapboards and cornerboards. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with molded casings and metal-frame storm windows. The three bay façade (west elevation) has a single-leaf center door with simple pedimented trim at the offset.

The massing of the building is unusual. At first look, it appears to be a front-gabled plan with an ell added to the north elevation. However, the foundation does not appear to have any indications that its wall was not all laid at one time. Furthermore, there is a house of nearly identical design further south on Dodges Row in Beverly, BEV.627 (ca. 1880), providing support that this was the intended design.

Well maintained and generally well preserved, 77 Dodges Row is a modest example of vernacular, late 19th century housing in Wenham, still in its original setting. The design is notable for its intact form, fenestration, and trim. The main entrance likely was constructed with an Italianate door hood, whose absence detracts from the building's architectural integrity.

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 77 Dodges Row does not appear on the 1872 or 1884 maps of Wenham. The 1910 map identifies the house as belonging to the "Misses A & J Young." In 1910, unmarried sisters Amanda and Julia Young lived across the street at 88 Dodges Row, their childhood home. Extended family lived at 86 and 88 Dodges Row during the early decades of the 20th century. The house at 77 Dodges Row was part of the extensive landholding of their father Philip S. Young.

British-born Frederick Cross and wife Mary Anne rented the house at 77 Dodges Row during the 1930s. Cross had been working as a gardener in Beverly Farms since 1911. The 1932 city directory lists Frederick and Mary as well as misses Gladys M. and Kathleen M. Cross, who both worked as stenographers on Cabot Street in Beverly. By the time of the 1940 census, the Cross family had moved to Hale Street in Beverly Farms.

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SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



North and West (facade) elevations.