

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town/City: Wenham

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

Photograph



Address: 86 Dodges Row

Historic Name: Julia Young House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1935

Source: Census and Assessor's records

Style/Form: Craftsman

Architect/Builder: Not known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, uncut

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard and Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

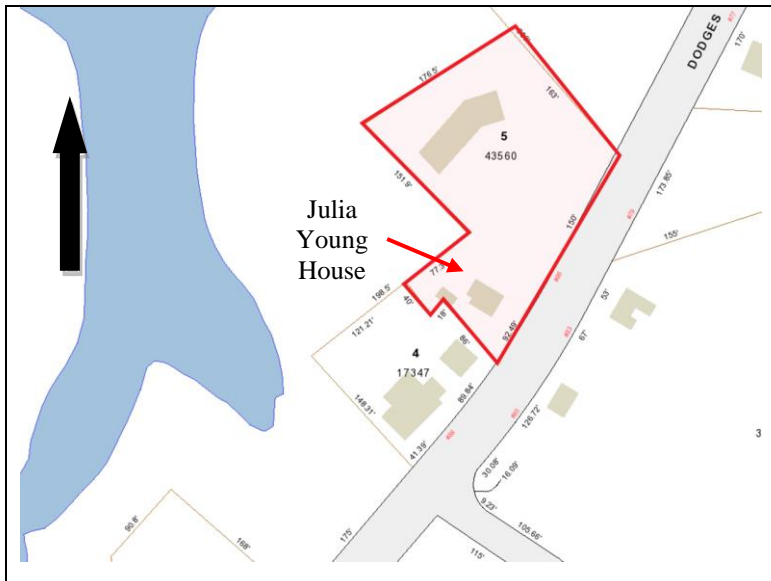
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Detached shed (ca. 1935) at west corner of house.

Additional house constr.1992 at NW corner of property.

Major Alterations (*with dates*): none

Locus Map



Map #s are last digits of lot #s, not street #s.

Condition: Very good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.9 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. Large, wooded estates and suburban dwellings are located across the street.

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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

WENHAM

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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 1-story house has a 2x2 bay square plan capped by a pyramidal roof with an interior brick chimney. The building's wide, overhanging eaves have exposed rafters. Windows have 2/2 sash and molded casings. The offset entrance on the façade features a single-leaf door, concrete steps, and a modest pergola. A 1-car frame shed of similar design and pyramidal roof is located southwest of the house at the property line with 88 Dodges Row. The house is very similar in design to Sears, Roebuck kit houses "Rosita" and "Kimball," perhaps indicating that this might be a kit house, perhaps from a rival company such as Aladdin Homes.

Given the stylistic similarities to the house, the shed was likely constructed at the same time, and perhaps also purchased from a catalog.

Well preserved and well maintained, 86 Dodges Row is a good, unusual example of early 20th-century housing in Wenham. The modest house is distinguished by its compact size, square plan, hip roof with exposed rafter tails, original fenestration, and matching early shed. Further research is recommended into its relationship with early 20th-century catalog houses.

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 property was owned by the Henderson family through at least the second half of the 19th century and was sold out of the family in 1919. (Essex South Deed Book 2422, Page 126) In 1920, Julia Sargent Young (1856-1940) purchased the land. (Essex South Deed Book 2492, Page 266) Julia grew up next door at 88 Dodges Row (See form) and had lived at 88 Dodges Row off and on during her adult life. In 1920, Julia was working as a live-in housekeeper for the Henderson family on Enon St. in Beverly. In 1930, she lived in Beverly and worked as a companion for an elderly woman.

The house was built circa 1935. Julia Young may have constructed the house for her retirement; Julia's sister Amanda lived next door at 88 Dodges Row, their childhood home. It may also have been constructed for family members Alonzo and Herman. (The 1940 census indicates that the brothers had been living at this address in 1935).

In 1938 Julia had sold the property to Amanda, Herman, and Alonzo Young, "together with the buildings thereon." (Essex South Deed Book 3164, p. 233) The 1940 census notes Alonzo, age 50, and Herman, age 44, both working as gardeners on private estates, as residing at this address. The property is currently owned by the Frederick and Gertrude Young Realty Trust. (Essex South Deed Book 21375, p.129)

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