

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: 14 Grapevine Road

Historic Name: Charlotte and Nicholas Dodge, Jr. House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

Date of Construction: ca. 1840

Source: visual; 1856 map

Style/Form: Greek Revival

Architect/Builder: Not known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: parged masonry

Wall/Trim: wood clapboards and trim

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: outbuilding; garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): House connected to outbuildings (mid-20th C)

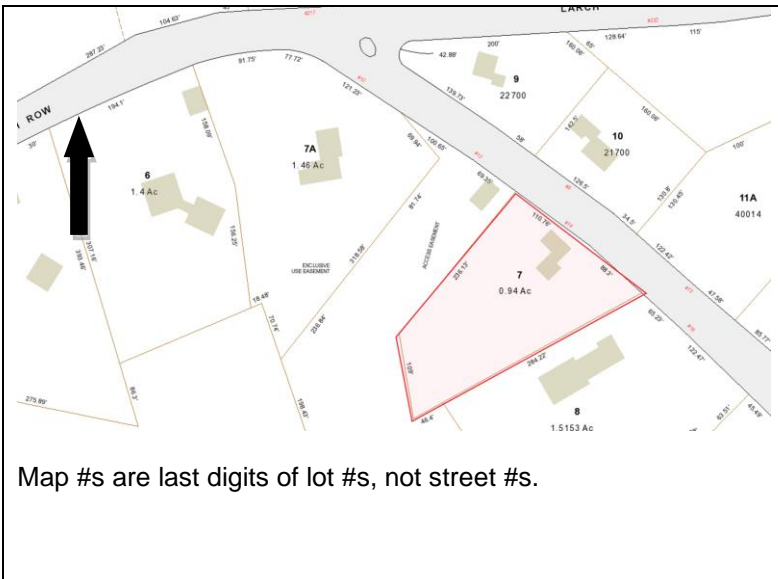
Condition: Very good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.94 acre

Setting: Located at the edge of the crossroads village of Wenham Neck, where the roads leading to Manchester, Wenham center, Hamilton, and North Beverly intersect. The fields that once surrounded the area are now returned to woodland. Fieldstone walls separate the grassy lawns from the roadway.

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.

14 Grapevine Road occupies a large trapezoidal parcel near the corner of Grapevine Road and Larch Row. The house is set close to the street at the north east edge of the lot, which is maintained chiefly in lawn with scattered trees. The shallow area between the house and the roadway is heavily wooded. A dry-laid stone wall with cut-stone piers and steps is located along Grapevine Road along the main elevation. A gravel drive is located at the north elevation. The building consists of a 1½ story main block with a T-plan side ell extending from the west elevation.

Measuring 35 feet long by 17 feet wide, the five bay by two bay main block rises 1½ stories to a side-gabled roof with short gable returns and paired brick chimneys at the gable peak. Walls are sheathed in wood clapboards and trimmed with flat sill boards, corner boards, and fascia boards with a narrow crown molding. The five bay façade (northeast elevation) has a center entrance with a single-leaf door, full-height sidelights, slender pilasters, high flat entablature, and prominent cornice molding. (Photo 2.) Windows typically have 6/6 double-hung sash with narrow molded casings. A shed dormer is located at the south roof slope.

A gable-roof breezeway connects the house to the frame outbuilding. The outbuilding has an asphalt-shingle gambrel roof and is covered with clapboards. Windows are 6/6 double-hung wood sash. (Photo 3.) The building is in good condition. A 4-bay garage (ca. 1915) is located perpendicular to the road near the north elevation of the house. The side-gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has exposed rafter tails. The center bay (south elevation) contains a double-leaf vertical board door. The northernmost bay has been enclosed with shingles. The southernmost two bays have been enclosed with plastic sheeting. The building is sheathed with clapboards with wood shingles in the gable peak. Two diamond-pane casement windows are located on the north elevation. The building is in fair condition.

Well preserved, 14 Grapevine Road is a handsome example of vernacular Greek Revival design in Wenham. The cottage is notable for its conservative, five-bay center entrance form, and robust enframing around the main entrance. The survival of the early garage is also notable.

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.

Shoemaker Nicholas Dodge, Jr. (1819-1895) and his wife Charlotte (1819-1896) appear in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses with children Harriet, Nancy, and Joseph. In 1850, Nicholas was working as a shoemaker. Beginning in 1860, Nicholas worked as a farmer with 145 improved acres planted in rye and corn, and 1 horse, 9 milk cows, 4 oxen, and 6 pigs. The 1856 Walling map shows this house as one of the several properties in Wenham Neck owned by "N. Dodge." (e.g. 204 Larch Row.)

The Nicholas Dodge family lived here through the 1890s. In 1896, Adeline and Edward Cole purchased 204 Larch Row and much of the land around it. It appears that 14 Grapevine Road was part of that sale. Census data and city directories from the 1920s and 1930s indicate that 14 Grapevine Road was the rented home of farm manager James L. Cole and his wife Margaret.

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SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



Photo 2. Façade (northeast) elevation.



Photo 3. Outbuilding at left. House behind trees at right.



Photo 4. Garage.