

## FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

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Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
220 Morrissey Blvd.  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125






inventoried building. Indicate north.

Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) King

Address 255 Main Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Uses: Present residence

Original unknown

Date of Construction c.1850

Source maps

Style/Form \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Material: \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures \_\_\_\_\_

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage .5 acres

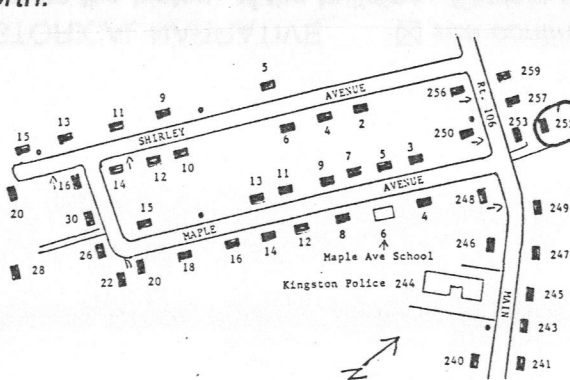
Setting \_\_\_\_\_

linear village, behind 253 Main Street

Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

☒ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

☒ *see continuation sheet*

*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.*

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.  
*a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*If checked, you must attach*

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 255 Main Street was built c.1850. This 3x2 bay, wood frame, 2 story building sits on a brick foundation. The building is clad with wood shingles. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A pair of brick chimneys are centered at the ridge. The center entrance contains a wood door flanked by fluted pilasters. The fenestration is symmetrical and contains 2/2 wood sash with plain surrounds and a molded drip cap. The cornerboards are thin. The cornice is boxed with returns.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

FROM: Bartlett, Cornelius A. Houses, Occupants, etc. in Kingston, Massachusetts (Between the Forge Bridge and the Great Bridge): 1867-1879. Annotations of 1942 by E.F. Drew and of 1972 by Doris M. Johnson, Kingston, MA. 1879.

(11A)

(E.F.D.) *At the rear of No. 11 (253 Main Street) is a dwelling house which was built many years ago. Some time since, it was purchased by Wm. Herbert Bailey, whose widow still owns and occupies. DMJ: Numbered 255 Main Street, this was the house of Jane and Henry Meinholz until 1991. He was sentenced to life for the murder of his next door neighbor, Melissa Benoit.*

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Melville, Doris Johnson. Major Bradford's Town: A History of Kingston: 1726-1976. Kingston, MA., 1976. [KPL]

## MAPS:

1726 Kingston. John Gray [MHC]

1795 A Plan of the Town of Kingston. John Gray. [MHC]

1820-30 Five School Districts [KPL]

1876 Town of Kingston. Boyden (w/directory). [KPL]

1876 Town of Kingston, Enlargement of Village. Boyden. [KPL]

1879 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [MHC]

1896 Bird's Eye View of Kingston [KPL & MSL]

1903 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [KPL]

Sanborn Insurance Company Maps:

Plymouth: 1896 June

1901 April (1896, 1901, 1906 include Kingston Village

1906 Feb. and Factories in Kingston)

Kingston: 1912 (6 sheets)

1925 (7 sheets)

1943 (7 sheets)

1954 (8 sheets)

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Community

Property Address

Kingston

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## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district  
☒ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by Deirdre Brotherson

*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

This property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to a Historic District (Area B). This district is eligible under Criterion A (associated with events that have made a contribution to the broad pattern of our history) as a building which is part of a linear village on Main Street which has evolved from a village area to a residential neighborhood (there are few commercial establishments on Main Street - they have shifted to areas near the railroad) but the architecture in this linear district continues to tell the story of the evolution of this area through the variety and high quality of the architectural styles (Criterion C: the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction - as a contributing architectural member of this district.)