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BUILDING FORM

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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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

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Area(s) FormNo.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 288 Main Street was built in 1878 in the Queen Anne cottage style. This 3x4 bay, wood frame, 2-story building sits on a brick foundation. The building is clad with wood shingles. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A brick chimney is at the center ridge. The sidehall entrance contains a early 20th century wood panel door with a large square glass pane in the upper portion. The door is protected by a door hood supported by brackets with drop pendants. The windows contain 2/2 wood sash with flat surrounds. The cornice is boxed with returns. A bay window projects from the facade, adjacent to the entrance. The bay window contains 1/1 wood sash. A side ell projects from the east elevation and is similar in form ^{and} materials to the main block. A secondary entrance is on the north side of the ell.

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.

(#65) 1877 autumn - Mrs. Henry Sturtevant (Widow of the late Henry) built a house, above No. 6 [278 Main Street] (now Mr. DeNormandies, No.6) - Finished - spring of 1878 - and Mrs. Sturtevant, and two daughters moved into it. This lot was purchased of F.H. Holmes. It is nearly opposite the lower point of the "Three corner lot".

Notes, E.F.D. After the death of Mrs. Sturtevant and one daughter, the surviving daughter, Miss Helen, a retired school teacher in the town schools, lived there the rest of her life. After her death, a nephew Henry Sturtevant, son of a brother of the same name, took the house and lived there with his wife (Maude Cushing of Duxbury) and their son Henry, fourth of the name in succession. Mrs. Maude Sturtevant, her son Henry Jr. and the latter's wife (Jane Farrington) own and occupy in 1942.

This is the best unaltered example of the cottage -type buildings which were built in this area and in other areas of Kingston. This house and #282 Main Street [not surveyed] are almost identical in plan.

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MAPS

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 288 Main Street

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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.)