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Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125



Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 7 Pembroke Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Aluminum Foundry

Original trolley car barn

Date of Construction c.1894

Source maps

Style/Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble & cement block

Wall/Trim wood shingle & shiplap siding

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
sand shed & pattern storage shack c.1950

Major Alterations (with dates)

c.1946 enlarged on front, side and rear

Condition good

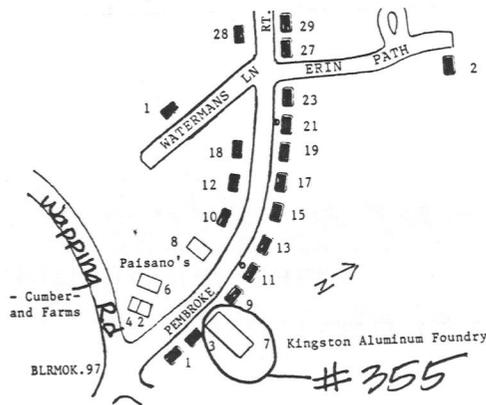
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Acres 1 acre

Setting

at junction of Pembroke & Main Streets -
residential and commercial neighborhood

numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



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BUILDING FORM

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 see continuation sheet

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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.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The building at 7 Pembroke Street was built c.1894 as a trolley car barn and enlarged c.1946 to accommodate the Kingston Aluminum Foundry. The building is best described in four sections. The oldest part of the building (c.1894) is a 3x5 bay, wood frame, 2 story building with a shallow front gable roof. This building is clad with wood shingles. On the front (S) side of the building a 2x3 bay, wood frame, one story building which sits on a cement block foundation. This building is clad with shiplap wood siding and has a front gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. This building has a one story shed roof bay which runs along the east elevation. In c.1946, on the east elevation of the original building, a 3x8 bay, masonry, one story shed roof building sits on a cement block foundation. The walls are constructed of cement blocks and the windows contain steel sash. On the rear of the original building three one story buildings were added in 1946. In addition to these buildings a sand shed is on the rear of the property and a pattern shed is on the east section of the property. Both outbuildings were not visible or accessible.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

The trolley line from Plymouth to Kingston was established in 1889. The line first ran from Plymouth to Cobb's Store on Maine Street, just north of Howland Lane. This first set of track was established to simplify transportation for workers at Plymouth Cordage who lived in Kingston. By 1894 the tracks were extended to run northwest on Main Street along Summer Street, turning left opposite the library on Green Street, then west on Main Street to the car barn here at 7 Pembroke Street. This building functioned as a car barn for the Plymouth & Kingston Street Railway (part of the Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway) until the early 1920's when the railway was replaced by buses. By 1925 the Sanborn map lists this building as a Auto Repair shop in the rectangular, two story wood frame building. In 1946 the Kingston Aluminum Foundry moved to this site. The building was significantly enlarged by adding the 1 story gable roof building on the south (front) side, a 1 story shed roof addition on the east elevation, and 3 one story sections to the rear of the building. A sand shed was built to the rear of the site and a pattern storage shed was built adjacent to the building on the east side. The present configuration of this building has not been altered since the 1950's and the Aluminum Foundry continues to operate.

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