

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town/City: Marion
Place: (*neighborhood or village*): East Marion

Address: 295 Delano Road

Historic Name: Angeline Low Forbes House

Uses: Present: Residential
Original: Residential

Date of Construction: Possibly ca. 1936

Source: Visual analysis

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:
Foundation: Concrete block
Wall/Trim: Wood shingle / Wood
Roof: Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Barn / Garage

Photograph



Locus Map



Major Alterations (*with dates*):
West addition (late 20th/early 21st c.)
North addition (late 20th/early 21st c.)

Condition: Excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 2.73

Setting: Moderately settled residential neighborhood bordering the western shore of the Weweantic River on the Great Neck peninsula. Dotted with scattered farms in the early 19th century and developed rapidly in the late 19th–early 20th centuries with summer residences. Area is heavily wooded with moderate-to-large sized houses on large lots.

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Organization: Marion Historical Commission
Date (*month/year*): October 2023

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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.

295 Delano Road occupies a trapezoidal lot on the west side of Delano Road and faces south with its east elevation towards the street. The house fronts a sweeping manicured lawn dotted with scattered shrubs, planting beds, and clusters of mature trees. Low foundation plantings and several large specimen trees closely surround the house. The western half of the property behind the dwelling is heavily wooded. A U-shaped gravel driveway enters the property from Delano Road and runs along the southern lot line, passing a barn/garage off the southwest corner of the house and turning back to rejoin the road.

This wood-frame building comprises a one-and-one-half story, three-bay-by-three-bay main block and two large dependencies. The main block appears to have been the original dwelling, built in an End House form with its façade (south elevation) facing away from the street. The dependencies include a narrow, three-bay-by-two-bay, hip-roofed, one-and-one-half-story addition at the west elevation of the main block and a hip-roofed, one-story addition extending from the northeast corner of the main block. Likely constructed around 1936, the main block and its later additions reflect no particular architectural style. The house rests on a concrete block foundation and is clad in wood shingles. Trim elements include a boxed cornice, frieze boards, and corner boards. The roof is surfaced with asphalt shingles and carries a tall brick gable-wall chimney at the north elevation of the main block and a brick chimney at the roof ridge of the west addition.

A continuous wall dormer occupies the east elevation of the main block. Openings at the first story at the façade (south elevation) comprise a glass-and-panel door at the westernmost bay flanked by a triple mullied window with six-over-six sash and a molded surround. The windows at the upper stories of the main block include single and paired six-over-six sash with molded surrounds. A shed-roofed open porch at the façade bridges the junction with the west addition and shelters the entry, which fronts a two-step stair and paved walkway to the driveway. It has a diamond fretwork railing which encloses the porch deck as it wraps the southeast corner of the house.

The hip-roofed west addition has paired, mullied windows at the second story at the façade (south elevation). Openings at the first story comprise a tripartite picture window, a single six-over-six window, and a glass-and-panel door at the westernmost bay. The shed-roofed open porch spanning the addition has a pedimented parapet over the entry and a slat work railing. The entry fronts a two-step stair and a short walkway to the driveway.

A shed-roofed screened porch with large openings extends across the east elevation of the main block from the westernmost bay to the junction with the north addition. The knee wall at the porch consists of an open horizontal grid. The north addition, which comprises two one-story, hip-roofed blocks with a semi-hexagonal bay at its north wall, is set proud of the porch wall. Fenestration at the east elevation of the north addition includes paired, mullied windows crowned by a parapet and an eight-over-eight window. The semi-hexagonal bay is a sunroom with continuous eight-over-one windows and a glass door at the north wall opening to a wooden deck. A roof deck atop the west block of the addition is enclosed by a complex fretwork railing and accessed by a stairway that ascends from grade.

The one-story, wood-shingled, front gabled barn/garage sited off the southwest corner of the house has single and paired multi-light windows and a large double-leaf barn door suspended from a track.

295 Delano Road represents an End House (the main block) significantly altered by large additions. The predominate house type of the 19th-century, the End House was a gable-front form with a three-bay façade and side hall entry. It was seen from the 1830s well into the 20th century.

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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.

This house is located in East Marion on Delano Road, which takes its name from the early settlers and landowners in this eastern part of the town. The road branches off from Wareham Street (U.S. Route 6) and runs southeast parallel to the western bank of the Weweantic River. It then connects with Point Road (formerly called Great Neck Road) which loops back to its starting point at Wareham Street. The 1903 map shows this area as sparsely settled with most dwellings found close to either the river bank or the eastern shore of Sippican Harbor.

This house does not appear on any of the historic maps of Marion. The earliest clear title found for the property was a 1933 decree certifying the ownership of the land by Carrie M. Stone, the widow of Galen Stone (see Certificate 4916). No mention of a building was noted in the deed and the decree did not reference the preceding conveyance of the property. Carrie M. Stone sold a portion of the property (Land Court Case 15220 Plan A, Sheet 2) to Angeline Low Forbes in 1936; that plan shows no buildings on the parcel.

Galen Luther Stone (1862-1926) was born in Leominster, the son of Henry Augustus Stone and Sarah E. Stephanson. He was married in 1889 to Carrie Morton Gregg (1866-1945), the daughter of Clark Chamberlain Gregg and Laura Frances Dennison. Stone started his career in finance working as a financial news reporter in Boston. He went on to form two stockbroking firms and served as a director of a number of companies, including steamship lines. A generous philanthropist, Stone supported Harvard College, Wellesley College, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the New England Conservatory of Music. His primary residence was in Brookline. Galen Stone was said to have been worth \$15-20 million at the time of his death in 1926.¹² An avid yachtsman, Stone purchased some 650 acres of land on Great Neck in Marion in 1908. It included a large, early-20th century mansion house and numerous outbuildings (ca. 1910, Great Hill/Stone Estate, MRN.G).

Carrie M. Stone sold the subject property to Mary Angeline Low Forbes (1883-1961) in 1936. Angeline Forbes was the daughter of Chauncy Edward Low (b.1852) and Mary Thomason Frothingham (1854-1935) of Brooklyn, New York. In 1911 she married Roger Sawyer Forbes (1878-1938), a graduate of Harvard Divinity School who served Unitarian churches in Germantown, Pennsylvania, Dedham, and Petersham. The couple's wedding announcement in the society pages of *Brooklyn Life* described Mary Angeline Low as "an exceedingly popular girl" whose lineage was "representative of all that is most substantial in Heights society."³ It seems likely that Roger and Angeline Forbes built the subject house shortly after the purchase of the land. Angeline Forbes continued to live in the house after her husband's death and was actively engaged in community life. A 1941 article in the New Bedford *Standard Times* reported that she hosted the Sippican Woman's Club at her home, "House-by-the-Sea," in East Marion.⁴ Angeline Forbes originated a world peace project in the Marion schools to design a flag for the United Nations that spread nationwide.⁵ She sold the property in 1951 to Albert and Alice Pierce.

Albert Russell Pierce, Jr. (1905-1973) was the son of New Bedford investor and industrialist Albert R. Pierce and Harriet Elizabeth Howard. The senior Pierce had designed a cotton airplane wing fabric used by military aircraft in World War I and operated the Pierce Manufacturing Company.⁶ He worked for the family business, first as a textile mill superintendent and later as a development engineer as noted in the 1930 and 1940 censuses. Albert R. Pierce, Jr., along with his son Albert Pierce III, were well known competitive yachtsmen in the area. Albert Pierce, Jr. was married in 1937 to Alice Elizabeth Mills (1903-2002). The couple resided in Dartmouth prior to purchasing the subject house.

Dr. Samuel W. McFadden and Nancy McFadden purchased the property in 1981. Samuel McFadden was born in Newark, New Jersey and grew up in the Bronx, New York. A graduate of New York University who studied medicine in Switzerland, he was a

¹ "Galen L. Stone," *The Boston Globe*, Boston, MA. December 26, 1926.

² "Galen L Stone Dies in Brookline Home, Rose," *The New York Times*, New York, NY. December 27, 1926.

³ "The Week in Society" *Brooklyn Life*, Brooklyn, NY. May 11, 1911.

⁴ "Sippican Club Opens Season: Mrs. Roger S. Forbes Hostess to Marion Woman's Club," *Standard-Times*, New Bedford, MA. Oct. 14, 1941.

⁵ "Project for United Nations Flag Started in Marion, Spreads in U.S.," *Standard-Times*, New Bedford, MA. Dec. 23, 1943.

⁶ "Albert R. Pierce, New Bedford Inventor, 79, Dies" *The Boston Globe*, Boston, MA. December 9, 1948.

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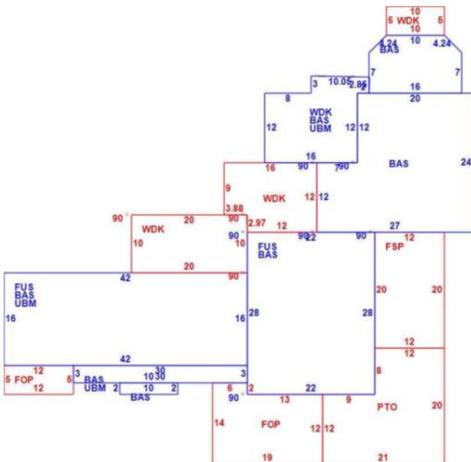
radiologist who served as chief of that department at Tobey Hospital for 25 years. He was also president of the hospital medical staff and a member of the Marion Board of Health.⁷ The property left McFadden family ownership in 2020.

Title Research

Date	Book-Page (Certificate)	Grantor	Grantee
04-30-2020	(130125)	Nancy McFadden	Kenneth A. Vasques et al.
04-19--1997	(912667)	Samuel W. & Nancy A. McFadden	Nancy A. McFadden
06-05-1981	(62032)	Price M. & Barbara H. Chenault	Samuel W. & Nancy A. McFadden
06-14-1979	(59769)	Alice A. Pierce	Price M. & Barbara H. Chenault
03-30-1978	(15837)	Albert R. Pierce, Jr. Est. & Alice M. Pierce	Alice A. Pierce
03-18-1951	(15837)	George R. & Alice T. Cordes	Albert R. Pierce, Jr.
02-06-1950	(4916)	Angeline Low Forbes	George R. & Alice T. Cordes
09-04-1936	(4916)	Carrie Stone	Angeline Low Forbes
02-14-1933	(4916)	Land Court Judgement	Carrie M. Stone

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Assessor's card plan

⁷ "Sam McFadden, doctor made friends for life," *The Boston Globe*, Boston, MA. July 5, 2006.