

ORM B – BUILDING

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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: 311 Delano Road

Historic Name: Amos Cornell House

Uses: Present: Residential
Original: Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1880 – 1900

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:
Garage

Photograph



Locus Map



Major Alterations (*with dates*):
None apparent

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.51

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.

311 Delano Road occupies a polygonal lot at the southwest corner of the intersection of Delano Road and Cross Neck Road. The house is roughly centered on the parcel and faces east. The dwelling is surrounded by lawn dotted with scattered shrubs and clusters of mature trees. Low foundation plantings circle the house. A low drystone wall borders the property along Delano and Cross Neck Roads. A heavy cluster of trees marks the northwest corner of the lot. A paved driveway enters the property from Cross Neck Road at the northwest corner of the parcel and ends at a small garage sited off the northwest corner of the house.

This wood-frame building comprises a one-and-one-half story, side-gabled, five-bay-by-two-bay main block with an off-center cross gable, two large screened porches that dominate the façade (east elevation), and a one-story, flat-roofed rear block. Constructed in the late 19th century, the house reflects no particular style but has various pleasing architectural features. The house rests on a concrete block foundation (probably a replacement) and is clad in wood shingles. The roof is surfaced with asphalt shingles and carries a tall brick chimney on the east roof slope adjacent to the cross gable. A second chimney rises near the southern end of the rear block.

Trim elements include a boxed cornice, deep eaves, narrow corner boards, and frieze boards. Matching shed dormers with continuous mulled, six-light sash flank the cross gable at both the east and west roof slopes. The openings flanking the cross gable at the first story at the façade are obscured by the screened porches. Fenestration at the cross gable includes a semi-hexagonal oriel with double-hung six-over-six windows surmounted by a six-over-six window with blinds at the gable peak. The windows at the side elevations of the main block are double-hung, six-over-six sash with flat surrounds and shallow molded lintels. The shed-roofed south porch wraps the south elevation of the main block and has an opening at the east wall adjacent to the cross gable. Short rafter tails punctuate the cornice of the porch roof and a diagonal lattice-work skirt ornaments the base. The screened door fronts a two-step brick stair and stone pathway leading to Delano Road through a gate in the stone wall. The shed-roofed north porch ends at the north elevation of the main block.

The one-story, flat-roofed rear block extends from a full-width shed-roofed addition at the west elevation of the main block. It has contemporary multi-light fenestration and a roof deck with a slat work railing. A brick walkway from the west wall leads to the end of the driveway at the garage. The one-car, front-gabled, wood-shingled garage faces Cross Neck Road. It has a paneled overhead garage door and double-hung six-over-six windows at the side elevations.

311 Delano Road does not strongly project a particular architectural style but has features of both the Queen Anne and Craftsman styles. The porches are characteristic of both styles and the oriel bay is a Queen Anne feature. The weathered shingles, shed dormers and rafter tails are often seen in Craftsman houses.

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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 is first seen on the 1903 map with Amos Cornell as the owner. The earliest recorded conveyance found for the property was the 1879 sale of a one-half-acre parcel of apparently undeveloped land called the "barn lot" for \$55 by Obed Delano to Amos Cornell. Obed Delano (1814-1889), the son of Stephan Delano and Sally Haskell, was married ca. 1843 to Verona W. Hadley. According to census records, he was master mariner.

1903 map.

Amos Cornell (1838-1915), the son of Amos Cornell and Harriette W. Jacquith, was married in Marion to Sarah Matilda Delano (1844-1918) in 1866. She

appears to have been a distant relative of Obed Delano, both of them belonging to this large and prominent family in this part of Marion. While it is likely that the subject house was built by or for Amos Cornell, the censuses of 1880 through 1910 record the family living in New Bedford with Amos Cornell working as a carriage maker. The subject property was perhaps used as a summer residence or investment property.

The house was purchased in 1918 by C. Snelling Robinson of Youngstown, Ohio. C.[Charles] Snelling Robinson (1864-1945) was born in Boston and was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1887 he married Viola Belle Salter (1867-1951) in Joliet, Illinois, where he worked as an executive chemist for the Joliet Steel Company. He was later employed by the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company; he served as a vice president of that company for 39 years. The couple's principal residence was in Youngstown. Robinson had purchased the property across the street at 312 Delano Road (ca. 1774, Harper Delano [I] House, MRN.613) in 1919 and it remained in the family for 74 years. The subject property stayed in extended Robinson family ownership for 80 years until it was purchased by the current owner in 1998.

Title Research

Date	Book-Page (Certificate)	Grantor	Grantee
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07-01-1998	16466-41	Estate of Margaret Arms Henderson	Warner A. Henderson et al.
08-13-1962	2964-259	Margaret Robinson Henderson	Margaret Arms Henderson
07-18-1945	1900-271	C.S. Robinson	Margaret Robinson Henderson
06-12-1918	1310-24	Mary E. McA. & Arthur A. Duffy	C.S. Robinson
10-19-1915	1220-506	Amos Cornell	Mary E. McA. Duffy
05-27-1879	451-151	Obed Delano	Amos Cornell

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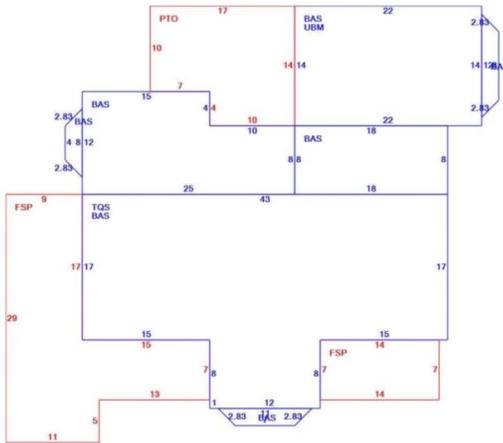
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Assessor's card plan



East (facade) and north elevations.