

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

5-13A

Marion

MRN.614

**Town/City:** Marion

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*): East Marion

**Address:** 319 Delano Road

**Historic Name:** Nathan Delano House

**Uses:** Present: Residential

Original: Residential

**Date of Construction:** Possibly ca. 1811

**Source:** Visual analysis

**Style/Form:** Federal Cape

**Architect/Builder:** Unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Not visible

Wall/Trim: Wood shingles / Wood

Roof: Asphalt shingle

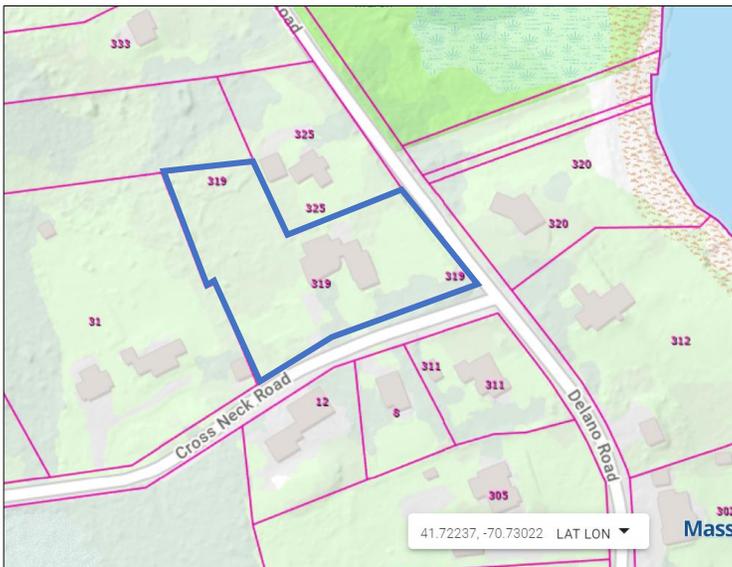
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

None

## Photograph



## Locus Map



**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

South porch (20<sup>th</sup> c.)

Rear addition & hyphen (prior to 1974)

**Condition:** Excellent

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 1.38

**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 19<sup>th</sup> century and developed rapidly in the late 19<sup>th</sup>–early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries with summer residences. Area is heavily wooded with moderate-to-large sized houses on large lots.

**Recorded by:** Lynn Smiledge

**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.*

**319 Delano Road** occupies an L-shaped lot at the northwest corner of the intersection of Delano and Cross Neck Road. The house is roughly centered on the "foot" of the parcel and is deeply set back from the road. The dwelling fronts a manicured lawn bordered by thick rows of mature trees lining the north and south lot lines. Low foundation plantings surround the house. The northern portion of the parcel is heavily wooded. A low drystone wall topped by a flat-trimmed hedge lines the property along Delano Road. A paved driveway bordered by low drystone walls enters the property from Cross Neck Road and ends at the attached two-car garage at the rear of the house. The drystone wall continues along Cross Neck Road to the western property line and encloses an area of lawn.

The wood-frame house comprises a one-and-one-half story, side-gabled, five-bay-by-two-bay main block with four dependencies. The dependencies include a one-story enclosed porch at the south elevation, a one-story ell at the north elevation, and a hyphen at the ell connected to a two-story cross-gabled rear addition. The main block was constructed ca. 1811 in the full Cape style and appears to retain all of its original character-defining features. The walls are clad in weathered wood shingles and the roof is surfaced with asphalt shingles. A large brick chimney is centered on the roof ridge at the main block in alignment with the entry.

Trim elements at the main block and dependencies include narrow corner boards and frieze boards. The windows at the facade are double-hung six-over-six sash with flat surrounds that touch the cornice. Second story openings at the gable ends include four-over-four windows and eave closet windows; rather than the typical paired closet windows positioned at the eaves, the closet windows in this house are single and located close to the midpoint of the gable. The centered entry at the facade contains a six-panel wood door framed by partial-height sidelights and a narrow flat surround. The door fronts a shallow granite step that ends at the lawn. There is a continuous shed dormer at the west (rear) roof slope.

The ell is set back from the facade of the main block. It has an unusual gullwing roof and a contemporary tripartite window at the east elevation. The hip-roofed enclosed porch spanning the south elevation of the main block is fully enclosed at the westernmost two bays and contains two six-over-six windows. The eastern portion of the porch is glazed with full-height panels and has a sliding glass door at the junction with the main block. A bulkhead is roughly centered at the south wall.

The two-story addition, which is only partly visible from a public way, has a complex roof plan comprised of side- and front-gabled units. It has several shed wall dormers and is pierced with single and paired six-over-six windows with false muntins. The westernmost unit is a front-gabled two-car garage whose openings face west. The garage block is topped with a square cupola. The two-story addition is connected to the west wall of the ell by a one-story, front-gabled hyphen.

The Cape Cod house form, a one-story side-gabled house with a central chimney and steeply-pitched roof, emerged in southeastern New England ca. 1700 and saw continued use through the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The full Cape design was one of the later iterations of the house type. Defining characteristics of the Cape style illustrated in this house include the full Cape configuration (five bays with centered entry), side-gabled roof, center chimney, and corner boards. The six-over-six windows and the partial-height sidelights at the main entry are identified with the Federal (1780–1820) style.

**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.



1903 map.

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.

The subject house appears on the 1855 map with I. [Isaac] Delano shown as the owner. The owner is Polly Delano on the 1879 map and C.[Charles] C. Delano on the 1903 map. The earliest conveyance found for the property was the sale of a parcel of land by the children of Charles A. Delano to their uncle, William A. Delano.

Isaac F. Delano (1812-1855) was the oldest child of Nathan Delano and Deborah Briggs, who were married in 1811. This Federal era Cape form house was likely built by or for Nathan Delano around the time of his marriage. His son Isaac F. Delano was married in 1843 to Mary Polly Briggs (1816-1883). The 1850 census shows Nathan Delano's widow Deborah Delano as the head of the household, which included Isaac and Mary Polly and two of their children. Isaac Delano's occupation was noted as sailor. By 1860 Mary Delano, now a widow, was the head of the household with two sons, C. Delano and William S. Delano. Charles C. Delano (1847-1916), a ships master, was married to Sarah Howard Briggs (1848-1899). After his death his children sold the property, which consisted of about nine acres of land on the west side of Delano Road, to their uncle William Augustus Delano (1855-1940). He later sold the property to his nephew, Amos Cornell Delano, who by 1931 had amassed a large collection of properties in Marion. He sold this group of properties en masse to Frederic C. Hood.

Frederick Clark Hood (1865-1942) was the founder and president of the Hood Rubber Company, which merged with the B.F. Goodrich Company in 1929. He lived in Brookline, where he was a member of the executive committee of the Brookline Country Club. Hood was instrumental in the design of the Kittansett Club in Marion, which was established in 1923.<sup>1</sup> The Hood family owned a large property at the southern tip of Allen's Point; see the Whiting-Hood Estate (ca. 1903-1920, MRN.X, MRN.388-391). He immediately sold the properties to real estate developer Roger W. Converse (1900-1969), the son of Col. Harry Elisha Converse and a real estate agent in Marion for 40 years. The 9-acre property was subdivided and the subject parcel sold to Katherine R. Brainard in 1930.

Katherine Warren Robinson (1901-1993) was the daughter of Charles Snelling Robinson and Viola Belle Salter Robinson, who owned both the adjacent property at 311 Delano Road (late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Amos Cornell House, MRN.612) and the property across the street at 312 Delano Road (ca. 1774, Harper Delano [I], MRN.613) for many years. Katherine Robinson, who was married to Millar Brainard, Sr. (1894-1953), sold Lot 2 of the subdivision and this house in 1931, but then re-purchased it in 1943. She owned the property until 1974, when it was sold to Robert E. & Mary R. Belknap. A land plan drawn up in that year showed the footprint of the house to be nearly identical to its current plan. The property was acquired by the current owner in 1976.

<sup>1</sup> "Frederick Hood, Rubber Company Founder, Dead," *The Boston Globe*, Boston, MA. December 25, 1942.

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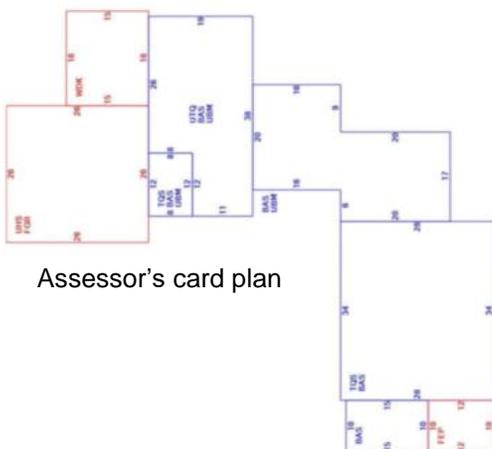
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## Title Research

Date	Book-Page (Certificate)	Grantor	Grantee
12-04-1998	(94577)	Elaine P. Morse	Elaine P. Morse
07-26-1988	(77360)	Paul R. Morse	Elaine P. Morse
04-07-1976	(56163)	Robert E. & Mary R. Belknap	Paul R. & Elaine P. Morse
02-06-1974	(52619)	Katherine B. Osborn (formerly Katherine R. Brainard)	Robert E. & Mary R. Belknap
06-02-1943	(9030)	Bernice Rietta	Katherine R. Brainard
07-17-1937	(6046)	Albert E. Burton	Bernice Rietta
08-26-1931	(4864)	Floyd B. Weakley	Albert E. Burton
08-25-1931	(4260)	Katherine R. Brainard	Floyd B. Weakly (Lot #2)
05-30-1930	1595-5	Roger W. Converse	Katherine R. Brainard (Lots1-3)
05-23-1930	1595-4	Frederic C. Hood	Roger W. Converse
07-17-1931	1600-182	Amos C. Delano	Frederic C. Hood
12-30-1916	1268-251	William A. Delano	Amos Delano
12-13-1916	1268-250	Evelyn Delano, Amos Delano, Charles C. Delano, Jr. & Howard Delano	William A. Delano

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East elevation. Main block at left, ell in center, hyphen and 2-story addition at right.