

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*): Sippican Neck

Address: 90 Point Road

Historic Name: Jerome R. George House

Uses: Present: Residential
Original: Residential

Date of Construction: 1929

Source: Town assessor's records

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: George Construction Company

Exterior Material:
Foundation: Not visible
Wall/Trim: Wood shingle / Wood
Roof: Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
None

Photograph



Locus Map



Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Replacement windows

Condition: Excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 1.70

Setting: Sparsely settled area bordering the Kittansett Club golf course on the east side of Sippican Neck. The shoreline was developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries with summer residences.

Recorded by: Lynn Smiledge
Organization: Marion Historical Commission
Date (*month/year*): June 2024

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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.

90 Point Road occupies a polygonal waterfront parcel on the west side of Point Road near the south end of Sippican Neck. The house is positioned near the center of the parcel and faces south with its east elevation oriented towards the street. The property is maintained in an expansive manicured lawn dotted with mature trees. Low scrub borders the shoreline at the south end of the western lot line. Foundation plantings span the south and east elevations of the dwelling. A wide gravel driveway with granite curbing enters the property from Point Road and creates a large circle at the east elevation. A colonnade of tall Doric columns surrounds a rectangular swimming pool sited off the west elevation of the house. A substantial granite block wall lines the property along Point Road.

This imposing, hip-roofed Colonial Revival house was constructed in 1929 and retains a high degree of architectural integrity. The building comprises a two-story, five-bay-by-three-bay main block with two primary dependencies. The dependencies include a two-story center block at the north elevation and a two-story north block at the north wall of the center block. The house is clad in weathered wood shingles and has an asphalt shingle roof. Several substantial brick chimneys are carried at the roof. These include paired chimneys at the roof ridge of the main block surrounded by a railed roof deck, and single chimneys rising from the roof peaks of the center and north blocks. An ornate fence encloses a small yard at the façade (south elevation).

The main block is elegantly trimmed with corner quoins and a denticulated cornice. The window openings at all locations contain nine-over-one sash with flat surrounds and lipped lintels; these replaced twelve-over-twelve windows seen in the photograph of the house on the 1998 MHC Building Form B for the property. A semicircular arched eight-over-eight window surmounts the centered entry at the façade. The entry comprises a six-panel wood door framed by fluted pilasters, a six-light transom, and a deep molded pediment; the pilasters are engaged in vertical panels with brick-like molding. The door fronts a shallow stone stoop.

The center block, which is four bays wide, is set back from the east elevation of the main block and projects one bay beyond the west elevation. An off-center secondary entry at the east elevation has an enframing identical to the one at the main block. It fronts a stone stoop and step that joins the driveway. The north block is three bays wide with a one-story shed-roofed projection at the east wall containing an entry and two garage door openings. This projection continues along the north elevation of the north block as an open porch with Doric columns.

90 Point Road is a handsome example of the Colonial Revival style. The Colonial Revival period in America (1880–1955) saw a resurgence of patriotism and a return to the architectural styles of the early years of the republic. Combining the classical architectural elements of the Georgian, Federal and Greek Revival periods, the Colonial Revival style was the most popular style in America for private and public buildings between the World Wars. The characteristic Colonial Revival features of this house include its symmetrical massing, hip roof, large chimneys, multi-light window glazing, door surrounds, and trim elements including dentils and quoins,

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.

The peninsulas, called necks, surrounding Sippican Harbor remained largely undeveloped until the last quarter of the 19th century. The land was used for common pasturage, and salt marsh hay was a principal crop. Sippican Neck, which bounds the harbor on the east, is shown to be sparsely settled on the 1855 map. Early Marion families including the Blankinships, Briggses, and Ellises were among the few property owners in the area. The 1879 map shows the neck still largely undeveloped, but by 1903 growth of the area is seen along the northwestern shoreline with numerous residences on large parcels facing the harbor. Over the ensuing decades Sippican Neck became almost completely developed, with numerous seasonal properties on the waterfront. Point Road, where the subject house is located, runs north from Butler’s Point (also called Ruggles Point) at the south end of the neck to County Road, where it terminates.

The subject house is located at the southern end of Sippican Neck at Butler’s Point and faces the entrance to Sippican Harbor. It does not appear on any of Marion’s historic town maps. The 1855 map shows only one dwelling in this part of Sippican Neck, a property near the location of subject property owned by Michael Haskell. The earliest recorded conveyance found for this property was its sale in 1948 by the heirs of Jerome R. George to Cutler M. Godfrey.



1903 map. Approximate location of future subject house.

According to town assessor records, this elegant Colonial Revival style house was constructed in 1928. The land on which the house stands was purchased in 1925 by Jerome R. George from the Butler’s Point Associates. The Butler’s Point Associates, land developers in East Marion in the first quarter of the 20th century, acquired a number of parcels of land around Butler’s Point which were subdivided into building lots, presumably for summer homes. An undated plan (see below) shows the company’s development plans for the end of the peninsula.

Jerome R. George (1867-1942) was vice president and chief engineer of the Morgan Construction Company of Worcester. A native of Ohio, he was a noted designer of steel mills in the United States, Europe, and India. Jermon George and his wife Ethel M. Jeffries George appear to have built the house several years after the land purchase. The 1998 MHC Building Form B for this property notes that the subject house was built by the George Construction Company. The heirs of Jerome George sold the property in 1949 to Evelyn Thayer Scott and her husband James Y. Scott.

Born in Dundee, Scotland, James Scott (1901-1964) came to the United States as a child and attended Springfield schools. He joined the Van Norman Machine Tool Company of Springfield and held various positions in the company, eventually becoming president in 1940. He later owned interest in a Brattleboro, Vermont furniture company. Scott was an active member of the greater Springfield community and served in a number of service, educational, and charitable organizations.¹ The couple’s primary residence was in Longmeadow.

The property was purchased in 1961 by Murdoch M. (II) and Margaret Whitney Johnson. A native of Framingham, Robinson attended Tabor Academy and Bowdoin College and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was for 40 years the treasurer of the United Laundry Company in Boston. The Johnsons lived in Marion, where Murdoch was a member of the nearby Kittansett Golf Club.

Norman J. Shachoy and his wife Maryellen owned the property from 1979 until 1994. A lawyer, Norman Shachoy practiced with a Boston firm for more than 40 years. The couple were avid Buzzards Bay sailors and raced their sloop, *Volunteer*, to Bermuda eight times.

¹ “Industrialist James Y. Scott Is Dead at 63,” *The Springfield Republican*, Springfield, MA, November 14, 1964.

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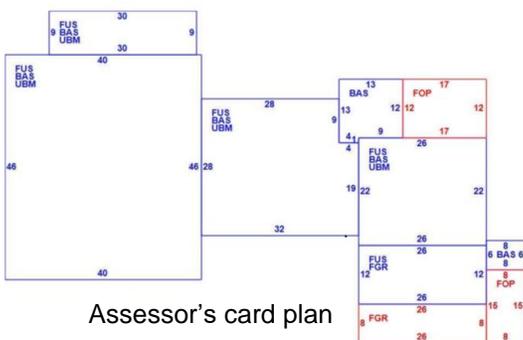
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Title Research

Date	Book-Page (Certificate)	Grantor	Grantee
02-27-2014	44109-91	Cynthia C. Dyer (f/n/a Cynthia C. Rivera)	Cynthia C. Dyer
05-26-1994	12906-276	Norman J. Shachoy, Trustee	Cynthia C. Rivera
11-08-1990	10029-333	Norman J. & Maryellen S. Shachoy	Norman J. Shachoy, Trustee
05-25-1979	4661-439	Rachel P. Grainger	Norman J. & Maryellen S. Shachoy
05-27-1971	3679-122	Margaret W. Johnson	Rachel P. Grainger
08-04-1970	3623-14	Murdoch M. II & Margaret W. Johnson	Margaret W. Johnson
06-15-1961	2857-185	Charles A. & Pauline H. Robinson	Murdoch M. II & Margaret W. Johnson
06-14-1955	2428-113	Evelyn Thayer & James Y. Scott	Charles A. & Pauline H. Robinson
05-16-1949	2047-63	Piney Point Estates, Inc.	Evelyn Thayer & James Y. Scott
05-03-1949	2047-62	Fletcher Godfrey	Piney Point Estates, Inc.
01-25-1949	2031-132	Cutler M. Godfrey	Fletcher Godfrey
05-11-1948	2010-570	Jerome R. George, Jr. et al.	Cutler M. Godfrey
08-30-1925	1482-477	Butler's Point Associates	Jerome R. George (Land)

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East elevation.

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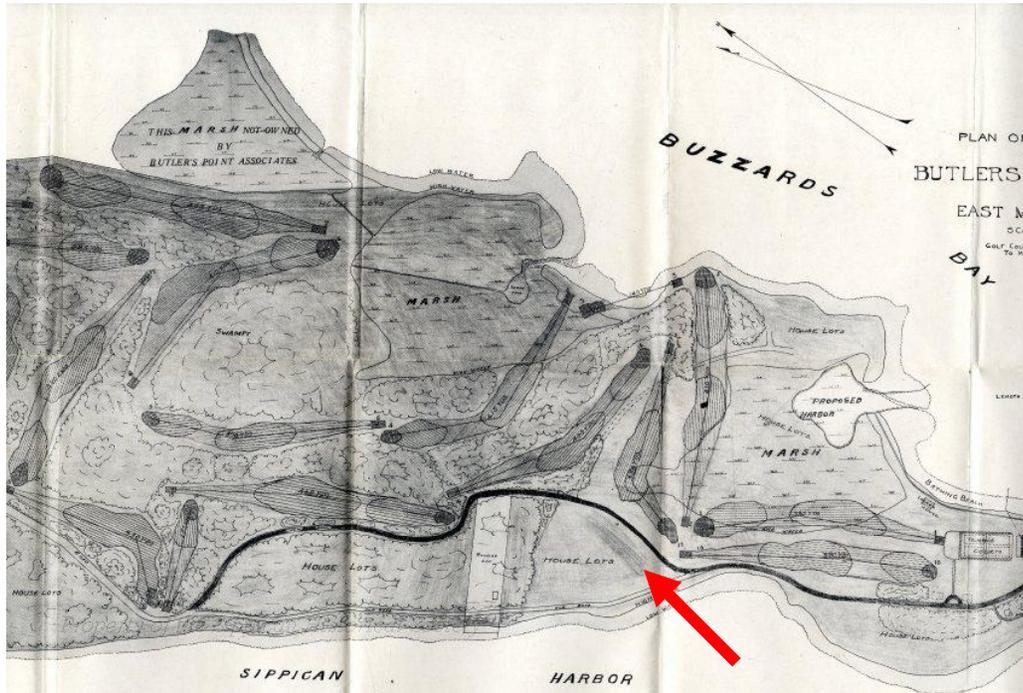
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Butler's Point Associates plan, undated. Image courtesy of the Sippican Historical Society. Red arrow shows approximate location of subject house.