

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

15-7	Marion, MA		
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Town/City: Marion

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Gifford's Corner

Photograph



Locus Map (*North is Up*)



Address: 704 Mill Street

Historic Name: Edwin T. and Alice M. Hathaway House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: 1900-1903

Source: Deeds, maps

Style/Form: No Style / End House

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Cut granite

Wall/Trim: Aluminum siding / wood

Roof: Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Windows replaced, additions at rear (date unknown)

Condition: Poor

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.31 acres

Setting: On Mill Street, a historic route between Sippican Wharf Village and Mattapoisett. Surrounding buildings are a mix of later 19th and early/mid-20th century single family houses.

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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.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Edwin T. and Alice M. Hathaway House is a ca. 1900-1903 end house. Sited at the northeast corner of Mill Street's intersection with Gifford's Corner Road, the Hathaway House faces west across Mill Street. One-and-a-half stories tall, three bays wide, and two piles deep, the house features an end gable roof and a main entry in the north bay of the façade. At the rear of the house, a one-story end gable ell roughly two piles deep extends the house, with a one-story gabled wing extending from the south elevation of the ell. The reentrant angle between the two sections, as well as the rear pile of the south elevation of the house, is covered by a shed-roofed addition.

The Hathaway House sits on a cut granite foundation, is covered in aluminum clapboard siding, and has an asphalt shingle roof. There is no trim or detail on the house. Windows are vinyl 1/1 sash. Skylights are visible on both roof slopes, as well as the shed-roofed addition. This addition as well as portions of the ell are currently not sided, instead covered in modern building wrap. The shed-roofed addition also features a set of modern French doors on its façade, and an oriel window on its south elevation. The house sits close to Mill Street but is separated from the street by a row of overgrown hedges. A driveway runs behind the house, accessed from Gifford's Corner Road.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Mill Street has served as a historic route of travel between Sippican Village and Mattapoisett and has been shown on maps as early as 1794. By the mid-19th century, a small neighborhood of farmers had developed south of Mill Street's intersection with Converse and Parlowtown roads; in 1855, three houses stood in the area. Later in the 19th century, the neighborhood acquired the name Gifford's Corner, named for Edward W. Gifford whose house was located south of Gifford's Corner Road. Around the turn of the century Azorean and Cape Verdean immigrants moved into or built houses in the neighborhood, expanding the residential node. Many of the men worked as laborers, particularly gardeners on Marion's numerous private estates. Today, descendants of these families still live in the area. The area has never had a strong commercial or industrial component, evident in the landscape today, compose mainly of single family dwellings. For additional information on the development of Gifford's Corner, see MRN.XXX.

During the late 19th and early 20th century, John M. and Lizzie W. R. Allen owned a large parcel of land on the east side of Mill Street that was frequently identified as a former woodlot belonging to the Blankinship family; it is unclear how the Allens acquired it. In 1900, they sold a 75' by 100' lot on the east side of Mill Street to Edwin T. Hathaway for \$40.¹ The parcel was the west half of the present property, and did not include buildings. Edwin T. Hathaway (b. 1878) married Alice May Donovan (b. ca. 1879) in Cambridge in 1898.² The couple were recorded in the Gifford's Corner area in the 1900 census, living with their young daughter and another couple. Hathaway is marked at the house on the 1903 map, indicating the family had moved in by that date. See Gifford's Corner Area form (MRN.xx).

In 1905, Hathaway conveyed his small lot to Anna E. Winters.³ She acquired an additional 75' by 100' lot to the east of her lot in 1909, bringing the property to its current size.⁴ Anna E. Winters (b. ca. 1881), an Irish immigrant, was recorded in the 1910 census on Mill Street with her husband Charles H. P. Winters (b. ca. 1880) and their three young children.⁵

¹ PCRD 845:494, 1900/1902

² Ancestry.com: Massachusetts, US, Marriage Records, 1840-1915; US Federal Census of Population for 1900.

³ PCRD 906:483, 1905

⁴ PCRD 1018:215, 1909; the owner of this lot, Ardelia E. Farnum of Fall River, split it off from a larger lot she had acquired from the Allens (PCRD 738:468, 1897).

⁵ Ancestry.com: US Federal Census of Population for 1910, 1920.

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But by 1920 Anna E. Winters was living with her children on Pitcher Street. It appears a new family was renting the Hathaway House during that time, and acquired the property from Anna E. Winters in 1920.⁶ Joseph M. Sylvia (b. ca. 1878) was recorded in the 1920 census as renting a house on Mill Street.⁷ The Cape Verde native, working as a laborer, was living with his wife Caroline E. Sylvia (b. ca. 1885), a native of St. Kitts, and their daughter Ida M. Sylvia (b. ca. 1911, Pennsylvania). Sylvia and his daughter were listed in the census as black, while his wife's race was given as mulatto.

After their purchase of the Hathaway House, the Sylvias were recorded as owners of a property on Mill Street in the 1930 census. That year, only Joseph M. and Caroline E. Sylvia were recorded at the house; they were both listed as "negro." Caroline E. Sylvia died before the 1940 census was taken, when her husband was listed as a widow and working as a gardener on a private estate. He was joined at the house by John Sylvia (b. ca. 1880), an Azorean also working as an estate gardener. The household also included the Costa family: Manuel (b. ca. 1866), his wife Mary (b. ca. 1874), their son Frank G. (b. ca. 1901), and his two young children. The elder Costas were Azorean, while their son and his children were born in Massachusetts. Manuel Costa was an estate gardener, while his son worked as a laborer for the Town of Marion. The relationships between Joseph M. Sylvia, John Sylvia, and the Costa family are unknown. Notably, all residents of the Hathaway House at this time were recorded as white.

In 1949, Joseph M. Sylvia conveyed the property to Richard H. and Jessie B. Yates of New York City.⁸ Although the Yates family owned the property until 1990, no records of them were found in Marion, and the address of the Hathaway House was not listed in the 1966 street directory. The house passed through a series of owners in the late 20th century.⁹

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⁶ PCRD 1380:107, 1920

⁷ Ancestry.com: US Federal Census of Population for 1920, 1930, 1940.

⁸ PCRD 2037:445, 1949

⁹ PCRD 9698:92, 1990; PCRD 11031:88, 1992; PCRD 18078:318, 1999; PCRD 22399:181, 2002; PCRD 22533:104, 2002; PCRD 38696:33, 2010

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Edwin T. Hathaway was marked at the location of the Edwin T. and Alice M. Hathaway House on the 1903 map of Marion.

The façade and north elevation of the Edwin T. and Alice M. Hathaway House.

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The south (side) and east (rear) elevations of the Edwin T. and Alice M. Hathaway House.