

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town/City: Marion

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



Address: 1019 Point Road

Historic Name: Louis and Annie Lopes House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1930

Source: Visual, deeds

Style/Form: No style / End house

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Not visible

Wall/Trim: Wood shingle / wood

Roof: Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): None

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.28 acres

Setting: On residential Point Road north of Wareham Street. Surrounding buildings are a mix of 20th century single family dwellings, set close to the street on small lots.

Locus Map (*North is Up*)



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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 Louis and Annie Lopes House is a ca. 1930 one-and-a-half story single family end house. Roughly three bays wide and two piles deep, the house is extended by a one-story hipped-roof enclosed porch across the façade, and an enclosed porch covering the rear pile of the west elevation. The main entry door is centered on the house, reached by a set of low concrete stairs with wrought iron railings. A secondary entrance is on the west elevation, on the façade of the enclosed entry porch there. The house's foundation is not visible, it is covered in wood shingle and clapboard siding, and it has an asphalt shingle roof. Windows are primarily 4/1 with tall narrow upper panes on the first floor, and 2/1 on the second floor. The house is simple, with no trim or detailing indicating a style.

Sited on the north side of Point Road, the Lopes House faces south across the street. It sits at the front of its narrow, long lot, with a small yard and evergreen plantings in front of the house. An asphalt driveway runs along the west side of the house to a one-story side-gable garage at the rear. The garage features a bay door on the west side of the façade, with a pedestrian entry door and a window to the east. A chimney projecting from the east side of the rear of the garage indicates that it is heated and may include a workshop or living space. The garage has wood clapboard and shingle siding and an asphalt shingle roof, to match the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Louis and Annie Lopes House at 1019 Point Road is located in the northeast part of Marion known in the mid- and late- 19th and early 20th century as Hamblin's Corner and focused on the corner of Point Road and Wareham Road/Route 6 (see 961 Point Road, MRN.xxx). At the turn of the century, the neighborhood became more densely settled, with further development on Point and Wareham roads coming in the 1910s and 20s and then in the postwar years. The lot was owned by the East Marion Realty Trust in the early 20th century, one of the major developers in the area. At this time, the neighborhood became identified with Marion's Cape Verdean community who bought and built houses and businesses here. Portuguese immigrants come to Marion by 1880, but in larger numbers in the 1900s and 1910s until immigration restrictions of 1917, 1923, and 1924 dramatically cut the flow. Most lived in one of two sections of the town, Azoreans and Cape Verdeans first along Mill Street, and Cape Verdeans in Hamblin's Corner, which became the town's largest community of color. The Lopeses were Cape Verdeans. Most development of the part of Point Road to the south of Hamblin's Corner came with subdivision of larger lots in the 1950s and 60s, and new dwellings took familiar forms and plans of the period.

The lot of the Lopes House was acquired by Louis and Annie Lopes in 1927, from the East Marion Realty Trust and Amos C. Delano.¹ Deeds do not mention any buildings on the lot, which is referred to in deeds as the "Mendell lot." Louis Lopes (b. 1892) was a native of Cape Verde, and is listed in census records as a gardener at a private estate.² His wife Annie Lopes (b. ca. 1908), while also of Cape Verde ancestry, was born in Massachusetts.³ The couple were living in Bridgeport, Connecticut when the 1920 census was taken, and at least two of their children were born there. The Lopes were recorded on Point Road in the 1928 directory and in the 1930 and 1940 censuses. Their race was recorded as "Negro" in 1930 and "Portuguese" in 1940, a sign of the fluidity with which the race of Cape Verdeans was viewed.

¹ PCRD Book 1535, Page 14, November 25, 1927; PCRD Book 1543, Page 85, November 8, 1927; PCRD book 1543, Page 86, November 8, 1927.

² Louis is also sometimes spelled Lewis in various records. While Annie is primarily given as Louis Lopes' wife's name, in their daughter's obituary, his wife is listed as Lula (Randolph) Lopes. It is unclear if this was her more formal name or if Louis Lopes remarried after her death.

³ Ancestry.com: Marion directory for 1928; US Federal Census of Population for 1920, 1930, 1940. "Mrs. Fruto Chiclana," *The Standard-Times*, July 8, 1957.

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In 1944, Louis and Annie Lopes sold the property to Faustino and Mary Lopes; it is unclear if the two families were related.⁴ Faustino Lopes (1913-1999) was of Cape Verde ancestry, but was born in Marion to Ancelmo and Leanora (Goncalves) Lopes, who lived at 1009 Point Road (Ancelmo and Leanora Lopes House, MRN.XXX).⁵ Mary Theresa (Mello) Lopes (1913-1994) was also of Cape Verde ancestry, but born in Falmouth. The couple were listed in the 1940 census on Point Road, living with their three young children. Faustino Lopes was working as a chauffeur and laborer for the Works Progress Administration. The couple were listed at the Lopes House in the 1969 Marion directory, when Faustino Lopes was working as a carpenter.

The ownership of the Lopes House passed to Faustino and Mary Lopes' children after their deaths, and in 2004 they sold it to one of the Lopes' grandchildren, Deborah S. (Lopes) Franklin (ca. 1961-2008) and her husband, Gordon D. Franklin.⁶

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Ancestry.com: see footnotes

Marion street listing for 1969

Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (PCRD): see footnotes, includes recorded date



⁴ PCRD Book 1861, Page 56, March 13, 1944.

⁵ Ancestry.com: Find-A-Grave; Marion directory for 1969; US Federal Census of Population for 1940; US Social Security Death Index. "Deborah S. (Lopes) Franklin," *The Standard-Times*, July 25, 2008.

⁶ PCRD Book 29371, Page 278, October 29, 2004

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The façade and east elevation of the Louis and Annie Lopes House.