

# FORM B – BUILDING

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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town/City:** Marion

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 961 Point Road

**Historic Name:** Harvey M and Mary A W Hamblin House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

**Date of Construction:** by 1855?

**Source:** Visual

**Style/Form:** No style

**Architect/Builder:** Unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Not visible

Wall/Trim: Vinyl clapboard / Vinyl

Roof: Asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** Second house on the lot

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Siding, windows replaced (late 20<sup>th</sup> century)

**Condition:** Fair

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

**Acres:** 0.32 acres

**Setting:** On residential Point Road just north of its intersection with busy Wareham Street. To the south are modern commercial strip buildings, while to the north are residential buildings, a mix of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century styles.

## Locus Map (*North is Up*)



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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Harvey and Mary A W Hamblin House is a small dwelling, and its date of construction cannot be ascertained without a visit to its interior; it may be one of the buildings pictured in this vicinity in 1855 and if so is one of the oldest buildings in this neighborhood. This single-pile, side-gabled house has been expanded by a shed-roof addition across the rear, bringing the house to two piles on the ground floor. A one-story hipped-roof enclosed porch covers the south façade and is expanded by a late 20<sup>th</sup> century open wood deck. The main entry is centered on the three-bay façade, and a secondary entrance is located towards the rear of the west elevation. The house's foundation is not visible, it is covered in vinyl clapboard siding, and it has an asphalt shingle roof. The windows are late 20<sup>th</sup> century vinyl 1/1 sash framed by inoperable vinyl shutters. The addition of vinyl siding and trim has covered or removed any historic trim that may have remained on the house. A brick chimney projects from the center of the house to the rear of the ridgeline.

Sited on the north side of Point Road, the Hamblin House faces southwest across the street. The house is sited close to the street and the front yard is filled by large evergreens. The property line is demarcated by a wood picket fence. An asphalt driveway enters the property to the west of the house.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

This house is located near the corner of Point Road and Wareham Road/Route 6, an intersection known at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century as Hamblin's Corner, after the possible owners of this building. This section of Marion was quite rural well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and in 1855 only two small buildings were located at the north quadrant of the intersection and labelled Harvey M. Hamblin. It is possible that the Hamblin House could be one of those squares marked on the map, but interior investigation would be needed to provide a firm date of construction.

Harvey M. Hamblin (1821-1898) was a native of Massachusetts and is consistently listed in census records as a farmer.<sup>1</sup> He and his wife Mary A. (Weeks) Hamblin (1828-1888) had at least four children, three daughters and one son. In 1879, the property was labelled Charles E. Place (b. 1856), who married Hamblin's daughter Drucilla (sometimes Drusilla or Druscilla; 1861-1909) as his second wife in 1892. The 1879 map also marks a small streetcar station to the east of the house, on Wareham Road, and this may alternatively be that structure in a new location and put to a new use. A later deed notes that William Chipman, executor of the estate of Harvey M Hamblin, had been authorized in 1898 to sell some of Hamblin's land, presumably to meet his debts. Although Drucilla purchased and paid for it, Chipman did not execute the deed so that sale was not technically completed. She did however maintain her residence there. Her brother Andrew died in 1900 with no issue and when her sister Georgianna deeded her share to Drucilla in 1908, all title to all land held by Hamblin was vested in Drucilla.<sup>2</sup>

The Places seem to have gradually sold their land in this vicinity, which was becoming more densely developed along the streetcar line and later with automobile traffic.<sup>3</sup> Much of this land was purchased by Amos C Delano and by Benjamin D Dexter, both of whom bought and sold land in this area. Delano (1878-1953) was one of Marion's most important landowners and developers. After attending local schools including Tabor, he worked first as a bookkeeper and later as a contractor before

<sup>1</sup> Ancestry.com: Find-A-Grave; Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988; US, Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865; US Federal Census of Population for 1860, 1870, 1880.

<sup>2</sup> PCRD 1558:525 (1928); 1018:149 (1908).

<sup>3</sup> PCRD: 806:510 (1900); 1040:272 (1909); 1044:405 (1910); 1199:524 (1913/14); 1556:223 (1928). There may be other sales as well. Others were buying and selling land in this area, and more research would be necessary to reconstruct the many exchanges here.

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turning to real estate; he was a founder of the East Marion Realty Trust, an active subdivider in this part of Marion.<sup>4</sup> Dexter (1895-1993) had a farm at the south end of Delano Road and in 1917 he worked as a farmer for Galen Stone (MRN.XX), but later lived on Wareham Road and worked in a retail grocery.<sup>5</sup> It appears that this land and buildings was exchanged between Dexter and the East Marion Realty Trust in 1925 and 1927, when it included a large parcel at the corner measuring about 225 feet on Point and 620 feet on Wareham.<sup>6</sup>

Dexter sold the smaller lot that the property maintains today, about 75 feet along Point Road, 150 feet deep, and 100 feet across the east bound, to William P. Youngson in 1928.<sup>7</sup> Scottish immigrant William P. Youngson (1884-1963) was recorded in the 1920 census on Clark Street, but with his purchase of the Hamblin House in 1928 was recorded on Point Road in 1930.<sup>8</sup> His wife Jeannie S. (Sharp) Youngson (ca. 1887-1954) was also a native of Scotland. The couple had six children, one son and five daughters. In 1930, the family was living with Jeannie Youngson's parents. William Youngson worked as a gardener at a private estate, while his teenaged son William Jr. was a laborer. In 1940, the Youngsons were only living with two of their daughters. William Youngson still worked as a gardener, while daughter Mabel was a maid with a private family.

In 1964, Catherine P. [Youngson] Silva (b. 1918), executrix under the will of her father, William P. Youngson, sold the property to Jane E. Webber, who immediately sold it back to Silva. In the 1969 street list, she was listed as a housewife born in Marion, and her presumed husband Louis R Silva (b 1915 in Pawtucket RI) operated a landscape business. Also in residence were daughter Catherine (b 1936 in New Bedford), a meat wrapper and later a clerk, son Richard L (b 1944 in Marion), US Air Force, and Rosa Linda Silva, likely his wife (b 1945 Kingsville TX), also a clerk and later a housewife. In 1981 Silva sold the property to herself and her daughter, Nancy J. Silva.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Son of mariner Charles Cudwirth and Sarah Howard Briggs Delano, he was raised on Delano Road and lived there after his parents' death; he was single and had no known children. Delano served the town as chair of the Board of Selectman and was a Mason and a member of the Eastern Star and Red Men. Ancestry.com: Delano Family Tree; MA Birth Records; MA Mason Membership Cards; US Census 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930; US Directories, Marion sections of Wareham, 1903, 1910, 1928. US WW I and WWII Draft Registration Cards. Sippican Historical Society, online database search under name; obituary *Standard-Times*, 8/27/1953.

<sup>5</sup> Ancestry.com: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/38320125/person/19953104397/facts>; US Census 1920, 1930, 1940; US WW I Draft Cards. Dexter had a number of indexed deeds in Marion (nearly 100), a selection reviewed to identify the title for this property.

<sup>6</sup> Exchanges between them include 1419:396 and 1426:24 (1922), 1496:386 (1925), and 1534:28 (1927); Dexter also acquired land in this area from Charles F. Holmes and members of the Briggs family. There may be a connection to the Dexter House at 370 Delano Road (MRN.19)

<sup>7</sup> This deed (PCRD 1558:525 1928) does not mention buildings, but the mortgage that follows does note that buildings must be kept insured against fire.

<sup>8</sup> Ancestry.com: US Federal Census of Population for 1920, 1930, 1940; US Social Security Death Index. "Mrs. William Youngson," *Standard-Times*, September 8, 1954. "Richard L. 'Dicky' Silva," *Standard-Times*, August 4, 2013.

<sup>9</sup> PCRD: 3142:133 and 3142:134 (1954); 4948:263 (1981).

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The façade and west elevation of the Harvey M. Hamblin House

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Figure 1: Detail, Walling Map of Marion 1855. The intersection of the roads now known as Point and Wareham was known as Hamblin's Corner, where two squares suggest two dwellings owned by Harvey M Hamblin.

Figure 2: Detail from Richards Atlas, Marion plate, 1903. Development in the expanding neighborhood includes more dwellings and the street railroad. Charles Place, married to Hamblin's daughter, is noted here, near the streetcar station.