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OLD DEPOT AREA MAP & DATA SHEET
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MARION

Old Depot Area

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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OLD DEPOT AREA DATA SHEET

The Old Depot area of Marion (MRN.H) is named for the building which housed Marion's first rail station. Located in the northern section of Marion Village (Old Landing), the area's residences are on and around the triangle formed by the intersection of Wareham Road, Spring Street, and Front Street. It was the location of the Marion stop on the Fairhaven Branch of the Cape Cod Railroad which brought rail service to the town in 1854. The 1855 map shows this section of town with very few buildings — the subject train station, a school, and a lone house. The advent of rail service to Marion sparked the town's growth as a desirable vacation destination for well-to-do city dwellers from Boston and New York. A coach service would carry passengers arriving at the station to the various hotels or cottages located in Sippican Village. By 1903, there were a number of houses in this area supported by stores. Today many of the area's historic resources have been converted to commercial use. Note that four historically and architecturally significant properties that were not included in the 1998 survey have been added to the area, resulting in an adjustment to the area map on the preceding page. These include 365, 367, 369, and 385 Front Street.

Photograph	Historic Name Arch. Style/Form	Address	Parcel #	Year	MHC #
	Capt. George D. Allen House Greek Revival/Italianate	357 Front Street	11-67	ca.1860	MRN.113
	See MHC Building Form B MRN.113				
	House Colonial Revival	361 Front Street	11-66	1935	MRN.115
	See MHC Area Form MRN.N				
	Hezekiah Coleman House Stick Style	362 Front Street	13-19	1865-1879	MRN.114
	See MHC Building Form B MRN.114				
	William A. Delano House Craftsman	365 Front Street	11-65	ca. 1920	MRN.554
	See MHC Building Form B MRN.554				

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	Candace & Edward Snow House Colonial Revival See MHC Building Form B MRN.555	367 Front Street	11-64	ca. 1935	MRN.555
	George Washington Parlow House Greek Revival Cottage See MHC Building Form B MRN.116	368 Front Street	13-18	ca.1845	MRN.116
	Lester Look House No style See MHC Building Form B MRN.556	369 Front Street	11-63	ca. 1920	MRN.556
	Charles B. Hathaway House Craftsman See MHC Building Form B MRN.118	373 Front Street	11-61	ca.1925	MRN.118
	Freeman F. Gurney Store No Style See MHC Building Form B MRN.117	374 Front Street	13-17	ca. 1890	MRN.117
	Charles B. Hathaway House Craftsman See MHC Building Form B MRN.119	375 Front Street	11-61A	ca. 1920	MRN.119

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	Old Depot Cape Cod Railroad Italianate	381 Front Street	11-45	1855	MRN.120
	See MHC Building Form B MRN.120				
	William W. Hobbs Rental House Craftsman	385 Front Street	11-61A	1920	MRN.557
	See MHC Building Form B MRN.557				
	Freeman. F. Gurney House Gothic Revival	202 Spring Street	24-36	ca.1875	MRN.122
	See MHC Building Form B MRN.122				

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible Eligible **only** in a historic district
 Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: **A** **B** **C** **D**

Criteria Considerations: **A** **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G**

Statement of Significance by _____ Lynn Smiledge _____

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The Old Depot Area (MRN.H) is recommended as eligible for listing as a National Register District at the local level under Criterion A for Social History and Criterion C for Architecture. Old Depot is an area of mid-19th to early 20th century residences on and around a triangle of land formed by Spring Street, Front Street, and Wareham Road (Route 6). It is named for the building at the apex of the triangle, Marion's first rail station. The area has significant historical associations with transportation improvements in Marion, including the introduction of the Fairhaven Branch of the Cape Cod Railroad and the New Bedford and Onset Street Railway lines during the mid-19th and early 20th centuries, respectively. The potential district's boundaries are those defined in the 1998 MHC survey for the Old Depot Area (MRN.H).

Under Criterion A, the area is recommended as eligible at the local level for its association with transportation advances in Marion, including the arrival of rail service in 1854 and the building of a rail station now at 381 Front Street (1855, Old Depot, MRN.120). The advent of rail service sparked the town's growth as a desirable vacation destination for well-to-do city dwellers from Boston and New York and had significant impact on the community's economy.

Under Criterion C, the area is recommended as eligible at the local level in the area of Architecture for its nearly intact collection of houses that provides a sense of the progression of architectural styles from the mid-19th through the early 20th centuries. The Old Depot Area contains a range of small- to large-scaled one-and-one-half to two-story wood-frame dwellings that represent the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles. Several of these houses have been converted to commercial use.