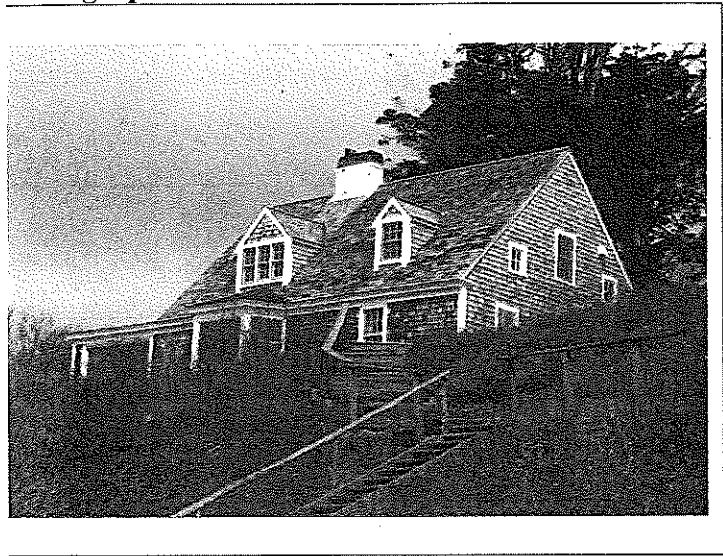


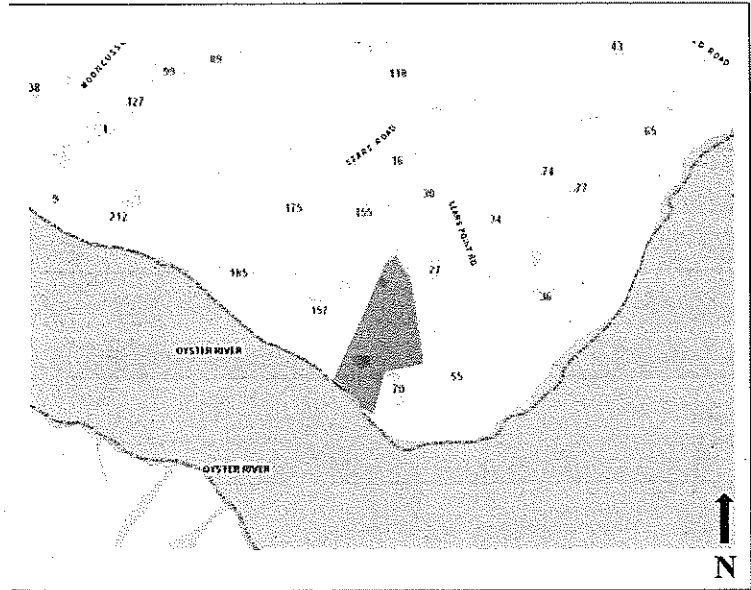
FORM B – BUILDING

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

Photograph



Locus Map



Recorded by: Eric Dray
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Date: September, 2016

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

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Town: CHATHAM
Place:

Address: 30 Sears Point Lane

Historic Name: Sears House

Uses Present: Residential
Original: Residential

Date of Construction: [1910-1930]

Source: Deed research

Style/Form: Colonial Revival/ Full Cape

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material

Foundation: Unknown
Wall/Trim: Wood shingle/ Wood
Roof: Wood shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Second dwelling, built 1988 (see Photo 4)

Major Alterations*:
*Based upon review of building file unless otherwise noted.
Additions (dates unknown)

Condition: Good
Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ Date:
Acreage: 1.90 acres

Setting: This parcel is located on a bluff overlooking Stage Harbor and the mouth of the Oyster River. The house is completely obscured from the street. The surrounding area consists primarily of early and later-20th century houses on large lots. This house is surrounded by lawn with sparse foundation plantings.

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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.*

This vernacular cottage may have begun as a Full Cape facing the Oyster River that was later altered and expanded. It is currently a 1 ½-story, side-gable cottage with a stepped down ell on the northwest side, a one-story addition in front (see Photo 2), and a one-story rear ell which appears to connect to a one-car garage (see Photo 3). The building is clad in wood shingles with plain cornerboards. The roof is clad in wood shingles as well and has a molded box cornice with very slight returns across the gable ends (usually found on Greek Revival houses). A broad, corbelled brick chimney is located off-centered on the main roof ridge. Fenestration on the first story appears to include replacement 6/6 windows and a picture window and bay window overlooking the Oyster River. Both roof slopes of the main roof have gable dormers with single windows. The most interesting windows may be the small, square 4-light windows on the southeast side gable (see cover photo), windows which are usually found on Full Capes. It is unclear which elements beyond the core block were later additions. At a minimum, the flat-roofed addition on the southwest corner of the house with large picture windows was likely added later.

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.*

This property was part of a 16 acre tract purchased by the architect Willard T. Sears of Boston in 1897. Willard Sears built his summer house at 36 Sears Point (CHA.1435). He died in 1920, and in 1922 his children sold land that included this parcel to their sister Ruth Sears Read (Book 411/Page 248). This deed references buildings; it is unknown if either or both houses at 30 and 70 Sears Point Road had been built. Only Willard Sears's house is shown on the 1910 Barnstable County Atlas. Ruth Read recorded a plan in 1930 which shows this house and 70 Sears Point Road (CHA.1528) (see attached plan, Plan Book 41/Page 133). That same year, she sold the parcel that contained this house to Mark W. and Marian R. MacLay of NYC (Book 476/Page 190). This would mean that both Capes at 30 and 70 Sears Point Road had been built by the Sears family sometime between 1910 and 1930, and at least one likely built before 1922. Mark and Marian MacLay lived on the Upper East Side and he worked as a lawyer with his own practice. This house remains in the MacLay family.

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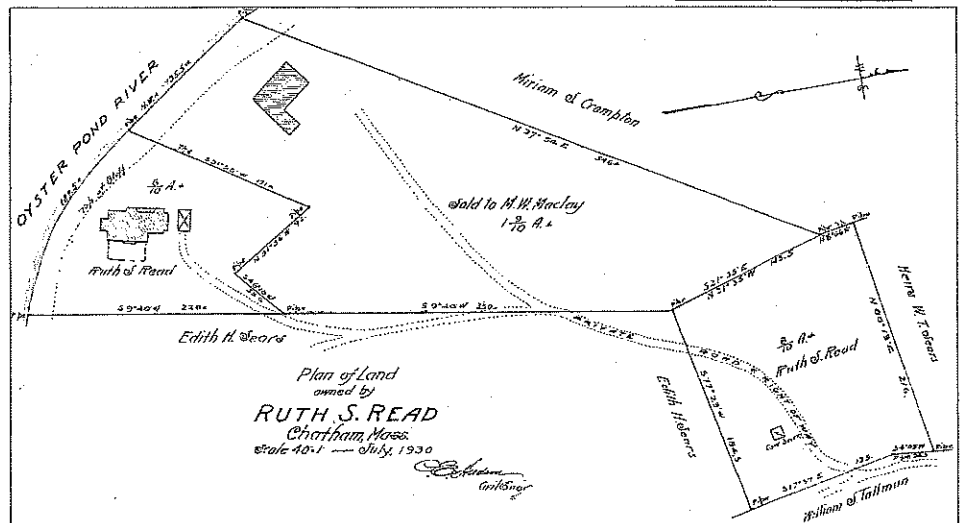
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Sketch, Chatham Assessing Card.



1930 subdivision plan by Ruth S. Read, Plan Book 41/Page 133.



Photo 2. View looking northeast.

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Photo 3. View looking southeast (2012 Assessor photo).



Photo 4. Second dwelling (built 1988).