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Inventory No:	CHA.759
Historic Name:	Day, Frank E. and Alice Wright House
Common Name:	McKey, Edward V. and Mary E. Josselyn - Donham, Paul and Louise K. House
Address:	24 Salt Pond Rd
City/Town:	Chatham
Village/Neighborhood:	North Chatham
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1908
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Bungalow; No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House; Secondary Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Recreation
Area(s):	CHA.G: North Chatham Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle



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FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town: CHATHAM

Place: North Chatham

Photograph



Address: 24 Salt Pond Road

Historic Name: Doane/Day House

Uses Present: Residential

Original: Residential

Date of Construction: [1908-1910]

Source: Deed research, 1910 County Atlas

Style/Form: Bungalow

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material

Foundation: Unknown

Wall/Trim: Wood shingle/Wood

Roof: Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Shed (1999)

Major Alterations*:

*Based upon review of building file unless otherwise noted.

None

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.50 acres

Setting: This parcel is located at the end of Salt Pond Road on what is known as Ministers Point in North Chatham. The parcel fronts on Chatham Harbor. The surrounding area consists primarily of 20th century summer houses set on large parcels. This house is set at the top of a rise. The house is surrounded by expanses of lawn and minimal foundation plantings. A large stone retaining wall secures the shoreline.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Eric Dray

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

CHATHAM

24 Salt Pond Road

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Area(s) Form No.

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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.*

(Note: This Architectural Description is limited by the degree of visibility of the house from a public way.)

This modest summer house consists of a one-story rectangular block with a hipped roof (a feature of Bungalows). The building is clad in wood shingle siding with plain cornerboards. The roof has projecting eaves (another feature of Bungalows). A narrow brick chimney rises from the southwest roof slope. The main entrance appears to be located on the right side of the northwest elevation and is accessed by an exterior wood stair that is partially protected by a projecting hood with hipped roof that is supported by square posts. Fenestration is evenly spaced and consists of 2/1 double-hung windows set in flat surrounds which abut the roof eave. Portions of the elevation facing the harbor are recessed under the roof creating an open porch. A dormer with shed roof and paired 2/1 windows is centered on the northwest elevation (another Bungalow feature).

This is a good, intact example of the Bungalow form employed for a summer house in the early-20th century in North Chatham, see also 224 Scatteree Road, CHA.769.

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.*

It appears that this house was built on land that Mary Shaw Atwood of Weymouth sold in 1908 to Alfred C. Doane and Frank E. Day of Medford (Book 289/Page 447). Two cottages were built – this being the one farther to the northeast. Although the entire property was owned by both families, this house is identified as belonging to Frank Day on the 1910 Barnstable County Atlas. Frank E. Day (1868-1952) was born in New York and married Alice Wright of Medfield in 1898. By 1900, they were living in Medfield. Frank was a travelling salesman of varnish. By 1910, they were living on a farm in Medfield, but it appears that he continued as a salesman throughout his career. It is unclear how the Days and Doanes became close enough to decide to buy this land together; but clues to their friendship include the facts that by 1920 both families were living on North Street in Medfield and both men worked as travelling salesmen. Alfred C. Doane was born in 1872 in Chatham, the son of mariner Alfred R. Doane. Alfred C. Doane married Georgia T. Harrison in Chatham in 1896, and they appear to have lived most of their subsequent years in Medfield where Alfred worked as a “commercial traveler” in the glass industry (1920 US Census).

The entire property remained in both families until sometime after 1910 when it became owned solely by the Doane family. In 1921, Georgia T. Doane conveyed this cottage to Edward V. McKey of Boston (Book 378/Page 282). This deed included the requirement that “no windmill or other similar unsightly obstruction shall be built” - perhaps a reference to the earlier use of these lands for saltworks. Edward McKey (b.1854) married Mary E. Josselyn in 1883. He worked as a treasurer but was retired by 1910. In 1929, Edward conveyed this property to his eldest son and daughter-in-law, John and Dorothy K. McKey of Newton (Book 466/Page 189). Their two daughters, Dorothy M. and Mary M., married two brothers, Benjamin H. and James M. Hallowell of Newton. John and Dorothy McKey conveyed this cottage to both couples in 1939 (Book 558/Page 305). They owned it until 1954 when they conveyed it to Paul and Louise K. Donham of Orleans (Book 891/Page 25). It remained in the Donham family until 1999 when it was conveyed to architect Lindsay Boutros-Ghali of Cambridge (Book 12493/Page 264).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1910 Map, *Atlas of Barnstable County*, Walker
Barnstable County Registry of Deeds
www.ancestry.com - Vital records, US Census (1900, 1910, 1920, 1940)

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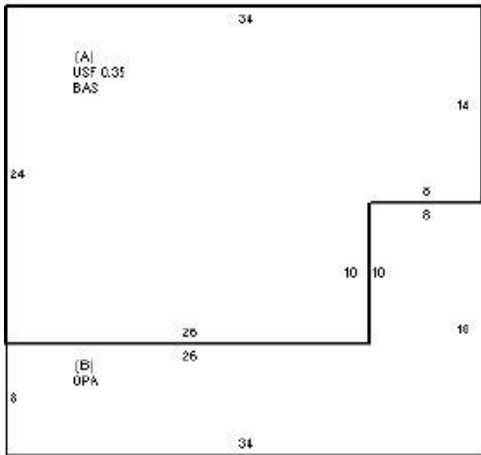
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Sketch, Chatham Assessing Card.

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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 Candace Jenkins

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

(From 1991 Area Form G) This house is part of the North Chatham Area that possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and strong association with Chatham's period of maritime prosperity. It was the area known as "Old Harbor" that the town's earliest maritime industries developed in the 18th and early 19th centuries before it was eclipsed by Chatham Village. While most of the maritime uses that once existed in the area are now gone, the superb collection of 18th and 19th century dwelling houses remains in a relatively undisturbed setting that maintain close connections with Chatham Harbor.