

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: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 130 Bedford Street (at Hill Street)

Historic Name: Reade-Watt House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1910

Source: directories

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
20th c. garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – siding and window replacements

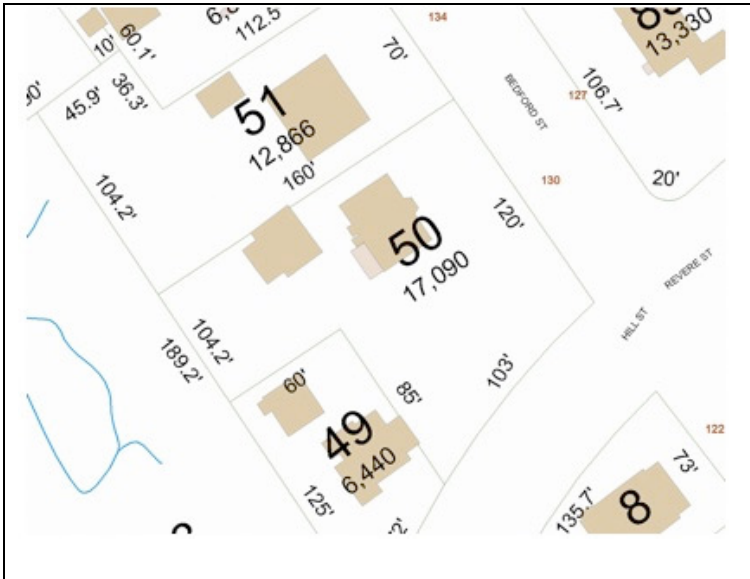
Condition: fair (due to siding)

Moved: no | x | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.40 acre

Setting: mixed residences along busy street

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

130 BEDFORD STREET

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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:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Located at the corner of Hill Street and Bedford Street, 130 Bedford Street is a Colonial Revival dwelling constructed c.1910. The two-story house is rectangular in plan and capped by a hip roof with a shed dormer emerging from the front slope. There are five bays of openings on the first floor of the façade but only three on the second floor. The center entrance is fronted by a three-sided, hip-roofed vestibule. Windows contain a mix of double-hung diamond pane and 6/1 sash.

Behind the main house is a detached, early 20th century gable-roofed garage constructed of concrete block with wood shingled gable ends and exposed rafter tails. There are two overhead garage doors facing Bedford Street.

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 house occupies lots 25 and 26 of George Tewksbury's 1910 subdivision (Plan Book 195, Plan 45). The original owners appear to have been Willard and Eveline Reade who were occupying the house in 1915. By 1920 Census records indicate that Mrs. Reade was a widow, living here with her two sons and a daughter. By 1930 she had moved to Medford and the house was owned and occupied by Robert and Catherine Watt. The 1930 Census indicates that Robert Watt was then 49 and had immigrated from Scotland in 1891. He was a plumber and lived here with his two sons and daughter. Members of the Watt family continue to own the property until 1994.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex County Register of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.
U.S. Census, various years.