

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
East Lexington

Address: 38 Bow Street (at Theresa Ave.)

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1920

Source: maps, directories

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles/wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
enclosure of front porch?

Condition: good

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

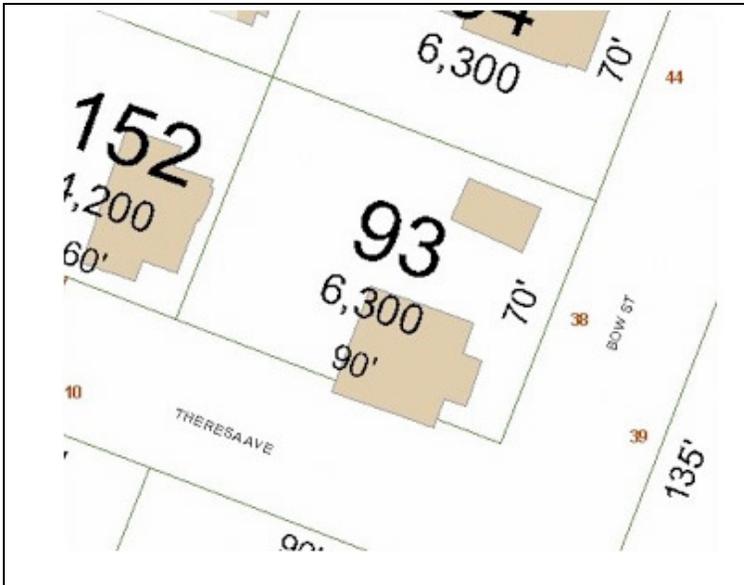
Acreage: 0.14 acre

Setting: mixed residential neighborhood

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

38 BOW 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 Bow and Theresa, 38 Bow Street is an early 20th century 2 ½-story gablefront dwelling which lacks reference to any specific architectural style. The house is set on a rubble foundation and is clad in wood shingles which are installed without cornerboards. The eaves project slightly and are finished with a boxed cornice. Projecting for the center of the façade is a flat-roofed, enclosed entry porch with continuous 1/1 windows resting on a shingled wall. There is a double-hung 8/1 window on either side of the porch with two slightly smaller 6/1 windows in vertical alignment on the second floor of the façade and two smaller 6/1 windows in the attic. A single-story bay window projects from the south elevation and there is a gable dormer rising from the south roof slope.

To the north of the house is a well-preserved, early 20th century garage. The wood-shingled structure is capped by a low hip roof and has double doors facing Bow Street. Each leaf has 4 x 2-lights over two horizontal recessed panels.

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 comprises Lots 19 and 20 of the J.W. Wilbur Subdivision known as Massachusetts Avenue Terrace and initially laid out in 1909 (Plan Book 182, Plan 8). This is one of several subdivisions that Wilbur, who lived in Brookline, developed in East Lexington in the early 20th century. What is now Bow Street, was originally known as Wilson Avenue until about 1930.

In 1930 the house was occupied by Geza Hauck and his wife, Mary. He worked as a mechanic at 409 Massachusetts Avenue. In the early 1940s this house was occupied by Clifford and Rubie Faulkingham. Muriel and Steward Langill owned the property from 1948 until 1978, followed by Susan and Kenneth Deen from 1978 to 1989. The present owner acquired the property in 1989.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, MA

Town Directories

U.S. Census, various years.