

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*)
East Lexington

Address: 18 Bridle Path

Historic Name: Thomas Rogers House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1925

Source: directories

Style/Form: Four Square

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – rear addition, enclosure of front porch, new windows

Condition: good

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

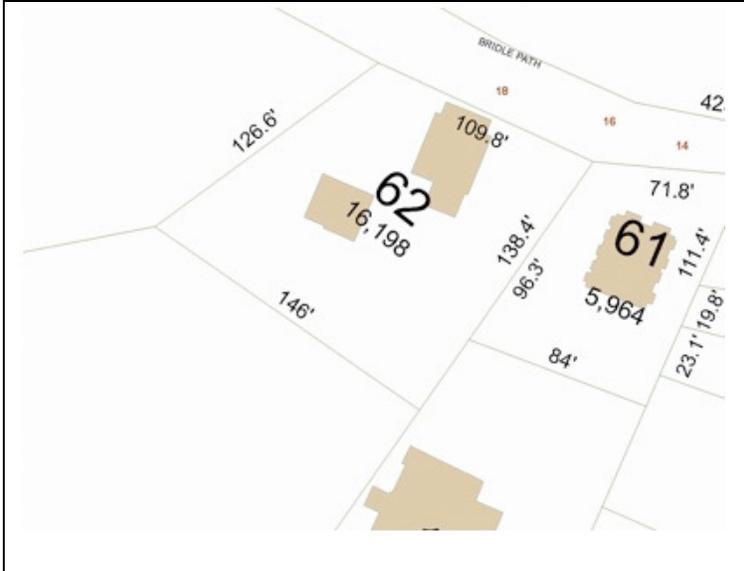
Acreage: 0.38 acre

Setting: uphill from Pleasant Street on old, narrow residential lane

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

18 BRIDLE PATH

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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.

The house at 18 Bridle Path is a simple two-story, hip-roofed dwelling set on a rubble foundation and sheathed in wood shingles. The first floor of the façade is fronted by a single-story porch enclosed by continuous 6/1 windows. There are three unevenly spaced windows of the same configuration on the second floor of the façade. All are modern units. There is a single-story addition at the rear. To the west of the house is a detached garage consisting of a gablefront bay with a shed extension to the west.

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.

Bridle Path is an old road, laid out by Eli Robbins in the early 19th century. It originally was a loop, starting on Pleasant Street and continuing to Massachusetts Avenue, opposite the lower end of Curve Street.

This house was constructed in the early 20th century. It had not yet been built at the time of the 1906 map. The first known occupant was Thomas Rodgers who was living here by 1926 with his wife Amy. He was employed as a proofreader. The couple was still here in 1932. By 1942 it had been acquired by Ralph Banks. Ralph and Elizabeth Banks sold the property to Owen and Ruth Lafley in 1946. They retained ownership until 2006.

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