

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 38 Colony Road

Historic Name: James J. Burton House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1910

Source: visual inspection, deeds

Style/Form: Four Square

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

shed

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date – new windows

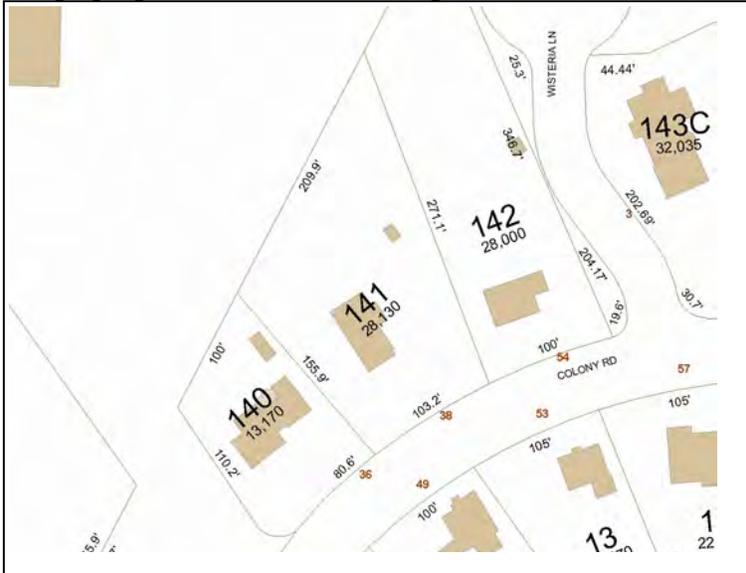
Condition: good

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

Acreage: 0.65 acre

Setting: mixed 20th century residential neighborhood

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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LEXINGTON

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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 38 Colony Road is a simple Four Square-type dwelling displaying a characteristic box-like form, capped by a hip roof with front hip dormer. The single-story porch spanning the façade is supported by simple posts with a stick balustrade. The windows now contain modern 1/1 sash. There is a small addition projecting from the east elevation.

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 dates to the early 20th century. Colony Road was originally known as Francis Street. Deeds indicate that the land (lots 95-100) was sold by John Baker to Elizabeth Burton, wife of James, in 1911 (Book 3631, Page 165). James and Elizabeth lived here with their son, James J. Burton, Jr. The elder Burton's occupation is listed as superintendent; the younger worked as an auto mechanic. Members of the Burton family continued to own the house until 1983.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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