

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Lexington Historical Commission

**Date (month / year):** January 2010

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**Town:**            Lexington

**Place:** *(neighborhood or village)*

**Address:**            5 Forest Court

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present:    residential

                  Original:    residential

**Date of Construction:** 1907

**Source:** maps

**Style/Form:**

**Architect/Builder:**    unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:    rubble

Wall/Trim:        vinyl siding

Roof:              tar

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

barn

**Major Alterations** *(with dates):*

Date? – vinyl siding

**Condition:**            fair (due to siding)

**Moved:** no | x | yes | |    **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:**              0.51 acre

**Setting:**                residential court off Forest Street

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 building at 5-7 Forest Court is an example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century, side-by-side duplex. The two-story structure rests on a rubble foundation and is now sheathed in vinyl siding with a flat roof with overhanging eaves. Projecting from the center of the four-bay façade is a single-story porch supported by plain posts with stick balusters. It shelters two simple doorways. Windows on the 4 x 4-bay dwelling contain a mix of original 2/1 wooden sash and 1/1 replacement units. Projecting from the center of the two side elevations is a three-sided, single-story bay window with a Queen Anne fixed window with margin of colored lights on the face and double-hung units flanking. To the rear of the bay window there is a back porch which on the northeast side has been expanded to shelter the adjacent bay window as well.

To the west of the duplex is a well-preserved but deteriorated carriage house, sheathed in wood clapboards. A gable wall dormer breaks through the front eaves above an offcenter set of paneled double doors. Adjacent is a single door sheltered by a decorative shed hood on brackets. A hip-roofed ventilator is centered on the ridge of the gable roof.

## 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 two-family dwelling was constructed about 1907. There is no building on this site at the time of the 1906 map (although the barn appears to be standing). It was apparently built shortly thereafter as it is shown on the 1908 Sanborn map. Deed research suggests that the building was erected by Hammon Reed (d.1911), a prominent local resident who resided at 87 Waltham Street and earned his living in real estate. The property was sold by his son William W. Reed to Clifford Currier in 1922 although Currier was occupying one of the two units as early as 1920. Currier was employed as a salesman of dairy products (milkman?). His widow, Amy, and daughter, Daisy, continued to own the property for many years. The property was sold to Alice Harris in 1961.

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