

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: 6-8 Forest Court

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1910

Source: maps

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – vinyl siding

Condition: fair (due to siding)

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

Acreage: 0.21 acre

Setting: small residential court off Forest Street

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): January 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

6-8 Forest Court

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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.

An interesting variation on the two-family form, 6-8 Forest Court is a two-story, hip-roofed structure with a two-bay wide gable projecting from the center of the long façade. Single-story entrance porches are located on either side of the front gable, supported by Doric columns resting on low walls. The building is sheathed in vinyl siding and rests on a rubble foundation. The predominant window is an original 2/1 wooden sash set into a molded surround. They are used individually and in pairs.

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 had not yet been constructed at the time of the 1908 Sanborn map but was in place by 1918. The original owner is not known. Like the structure at 5-7 Forest Street, it may have been 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. Currier lived at 5-7 Forest Street and retained ownership of that building but sold this building to George Ross the same year (Book 4558, Page 22). In 1920 the two units were rented to Frank Fowler, a traveling salesman and Robert Sturtevant, an insurance broker.

In 1924 the building was sold by George Ross to Grace Longland, wife of John Longland, a salesman. The couple occupied one unit while renting the other. John Longland sold the property to John and Mary Morrow in 1945 and it was sold by John Morrow to the present owner in 1975.

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