

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
North Lexington

Address: 6-8 Hill Street

Historic Name: Petterson Duplex

Uses: Present: residential
Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1910

Source: map, Census, directories

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: fieldstone

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – vinyl siding, side addition, new windows

Condition: fair (due to siding)

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

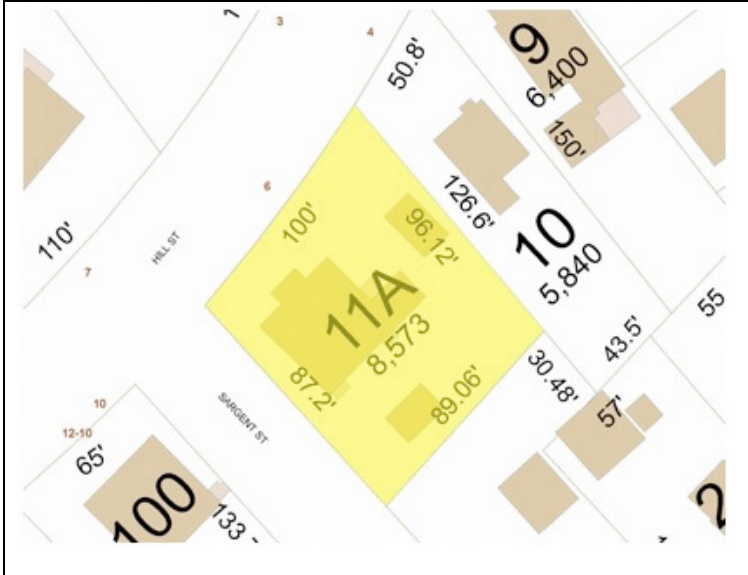
Acreage: 0.20 acre

Setting: mixed residential neighborhood

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

6 Hill 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.

This double house appears to have been built according to the same plan as its neighbor at 10 Hill Street but has experienced more changes over the years. The 2 ½-story, side-gabled structure is oriented with its broad façade to Hill Street and its asymmetrical gable end to Sargent Street. The building is set on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed in vinyl siding with wood trim. The gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and there are two brick chimneys with octagonal caps rising from the interior ridge. The two center bays on the first floor of the four-bay façade are enclosed by an entrance vestibule. Windows contain a mix of original 6/1 sash and 1/1 replacements. A single-story addition has been constructed to the northeast of the original house.

Behind the house, facing Sargent Street, is a single-car gablefront garage, sheathed in wood shingles and displaying exposed rafters on the lateral eaves.

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 land was part of a larger parcel owned by George F. Tewksbury in the late 19th century. In 1897 Tewksbury had purchased land at the corner of Bedford and Hill Street as well as the adjacent Payne estate and had plans to lay out approximately fifty lots (*Minute-man*, April 2, 1897). Although that number was never achieved, in 1905 the paper noted that Tewksbury had “built up quite a little colony” in this part of town over the past two or three years (*Minute-man*, Nov. 18, 1905). There is no house on this site at the time of the 1906 map. This particular parcel of land is shown on various subdivision plans including one in 1897 (Plan Book 109, Page 22) and another in 1916 (Plan Book 249, Page 20).

The property was sold by Ella Tewksbury to Clarence Monson in April 1921 (Book 4425, Page 16). The same month Monson conveyed the property to Anna Petterson. The 1930 Census indicates that Mrs. Petterson was a widow who was born in Sweden and immigrated to this country in 1902. She was living here with her daughter, Martha, and son, Carl. In 1930 the other unit was rented by Nathan Carter and his daughter Addie. Addie Carter was still living here in 1942.

The building is still owned by members of the Petterson family today.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1906 map
Lexington Minute-man, April 2, 1897; Nov. 18, 1905; November 3, 1906.
Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.
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U.S. Census, 1930.