

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

33 HILL STREET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

2234

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

33 Hill Street occupies a long, narrow lot that slopes down to the back of the property. The house has narrow front and left side set backs, taken up by ground cover, shrubs, and small trees. A paved driveway occupies most of the side setback on the right side; a wood walkway leads between the driveway and the front porch. The house consists of a 2 ½ story, roughly rectangular block.

The building rises from a fieldstone foundation with deeply recessed joints and a raised basement at the back to a front gable roof. The roof has exposed rafter ends and no gable returns. A chimney is located on the right slope of the main roof, near the center and the ridgeline. Walls are clad with wood shingles and trimmed with narrow flat corner boards. A decoratively sawn, flat wood grille spans the tip of the gable peak. Windows are typically 2/1 double-hung sash with flat casings. Windows on the front façade have an additional applied header board with a narrow cornice molding. The front façade contains a full-length, shed-roofed porch across the first floor, with slender square posts and a spindle railing across the top. The off-center, single-leaf doorway is flanked by a window on each side on the first floor. Two asymmetrical windows are set on the second floor, surmounted by two windows centered in the half story.

The asymmetrical right side elevation contains three windows on the main block, one on the first floor and two on the second. Towards the back of the first floor, a shallow rectangular projection with a virtually flat roof extends down to grade and features paired casement windows and a rectangular transom on its long face. The left side elevation, also asymmetrical, contains two windows on the second floor, and what appears to be a small recessed porch (now enclosed) at the back corner. The first floor was not visible at the time of this survey.

A detached garage stands behind and to the right of the house. Clad in wood shingles, it features a hip roof, two individual vehicle bays, and flat wood trim.

Well maintained and generally well preserved (with a few faux-Victorian touches added), 33 Hill Street is a modest example of early 20th century housing in Lexington. The house is notable for its simple massing, exposed rafter ends, front porch, idiosyncratic fenestration, and original/early garage.

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.

Established by the early 18th century, Hill Street is a country road that provided an important connection between the radial highway of Bedford Street and western Lexington; it also formed a section of an old route between Concord and Salem. Sparsely developed through the 19th century, Hill Street contained no more than three houses by 1906. The arrival of street railway service along Bedford Street in the first decade of the 20th century may have been the inspiration for limited new development over the next few decades. Catering to wealthy summer residents, the Lexington Golf Club was established in 1895 and began operating at the Vaille Farm on Hill Street in 1899. The Club purchased the property in 1906. (The 1906 map identifies the "Del Corde House" at the center of that large undeveloped tract of land.)

33 Hill Street was one of only two houses identified on the north side of the street, both at the Bedford Street end, in 1922. The property (then numbered #25) was occupied as early as 1920 by Alfred E. Haynes, a carpenter with the Boston Elevated Railway, his wife Jemina S. (born in Nova Scotia; the spelling of her name varies from source to source), and three of their five

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children. By 1935, residents included Alfred, still with the railway company; Jemina; their son Warren E., a machinist; and Mrs. Dorothy Duggleby, who is thought to be their daughter. Dorothy worked as a bookkeeper with various businesses, including an electrical supply company and Minute Man Garage. Jemina Haynes and Dorothy Duggleby lived at 33 Hill Street at least through 1965. Alfred was not identified at this address in 1945, but in that year the directory also lists here William Wright, a retired octogenarian; Frank Thompson, a 69-year-old cabinet maker; and Etta Kittson, another octogenarian.

A plaque at the property calls it the Duggleby Farm, ca. 1912. Further research is recommended to illuminate possible agricultural associations of the property.

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SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



Left side and front (façade) elevations



Garage: Front (façade) elevation