

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: 40 Lincoln Street

Historic Name: David Hennessey House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1912

Source: deeds

Style/Form: Four Square

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
shed

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: good

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

Acreage: 0.43 acre

Setting: mixed residential street

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

40 LINCOLN 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.

Dating to the early 20th century, the Four Square house at 40 Lincoln Street is a two-story, hip-roofed structure which is sheathed in wood clapboards and set on a mortared stone foundation. Reflecting a Prairie Style influence, the wide eave overhang is boxed and without brackets. The two-bay wide façade is partially fronted by an offset single-story porch which is fitted with screens above a clapboarded wall. A low gable with semi-circular fan marks the entrance; a glass-and-panel door accesses the house. A single-story, hip-roofed wing projects from the east side of the house and is also set on a mortared stone foundation. Windows on the house consist of a mix of double-hung 6/1 sash, which are used individually and in pairs. A small shed dormer is centered on the west roof slope with a larger shed dormer on the east side. Spanning the rear elevation is a single-story addition set on posts and an exterior wooden staircase.

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.

The original owner of this early 20th century house was David Hennessey, an Irish-born gardener. Hennessey appears to have assembled the land from several sources. The first transaction dates to 1912 when he bought what was Lot 5 on the Charles W. Shippee plan from Sarah Bruce of Waltham. Additional land was purchased from May Aldrich in 1919.

Directories indicate that in 1915 Hennessey was a farm employee and was living at 40 Lincoln Street. The 1920 U.S. Census indicates that David, then 48, had come to the US in 1888 and lived with his wife Margaret and three grown daughters. David Hennessey was still living here in 1942. The property was owned by members of the Hennessey family until 1989 when it was sold by Katherine Reilly's estate. The present owner purchased the property in 1993.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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