

FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
North Lexington

Address: 8 Milk Street

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: after 1906?

Source: maps

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood clapboards/wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

late 20th c. – vinyl siding on side elevation, some new windows, rear addition and deck

Condition: fair

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

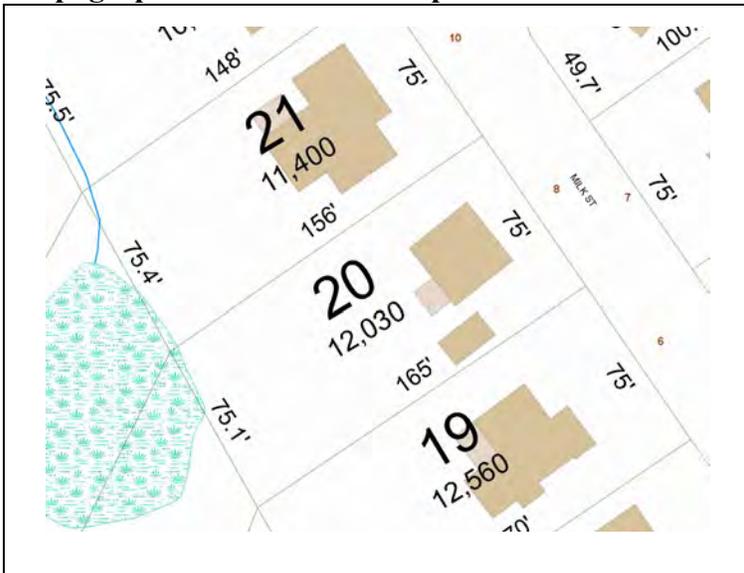
Acreage: 0.28 acre

Setting: oldest house in mixed residential neighborhood

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

8 MILK 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.

The oldest house on Milk Street, 8 Milk Street is a relatively unaltered 1 ½-story, 3 x 2-bay dwelling which is sheathed in wood clapboards and rests on a mortared stone foundation. Spanning the façade is a single-story, three bay wide porch with a hip roof supported by turned posts with jigsaw tops. The center entrance contains a glass-and-panel door set into a simple surround consisting of pilasters with block tops. The front slope of the asphalt-shingled roof has two gable dormers containing double-hung 2/2 sash with blinds. The remaining windows predominantly contain 6/6 sash and are also flanked by shutters. A single-story, shed-roofed addition spans the rear elevation. The south gable end is sheathed in vinyl siding and the mix of windows on the rear addition includes casement units.

A paved driveway extends along the south end of the house, terminating at an early 20th c. gable-front garage sheathed in shiplap siding. Facing the street each of the double doors has 4 x 2-glass panes over four vertical panels.

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.

Although assessors' records estimate this house's date of construction as 1830, map data suggests it was built in the early 20th century or perhaps was an earlier structure moved to this site. There is no building on this site at the time of the 1875, 1898 or 1906 maps.

In 1910 George Tewksbury lotted the land he owned along what is now Hill, Shirley and Tewksbury Streets and plans show that this house was already in place. Milk Street was created about 1930. Manuel Cuhna, a conductor on the street railway, was living here in 1932. In 1942 the house was occupied by Willard B. Hayden, a machinist, and his wife Virginia.

Prior to 1950 the house was owned by Edward J. Wheaton who sold it that year to William and Virginia Meadows. Lee and Priscilla Tarbox purchased the property in 1962 and continued to own it until 1971 when it was sold to the present owners, Robert and Jane Marvin (Book 11990, Page 588).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1875, 1898, 1906 maps
Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass. (Book 195, Page 45 – 1911 plan)
Town Directories
U.S. Census, various years.