

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town:** Lexington

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

## Photograph



**Address:** 22 Muzzey Street

**Historic Name:** Edward Mara House

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** 1907

**Source:** *Minute-man*, July 6, 1907

**Style/Form:** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder:** A.C. Washburn

### Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood clapboards

Roof: asphalt shingles

### Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

barn

### Major Alterations (*with dates*):

date? – rear additions

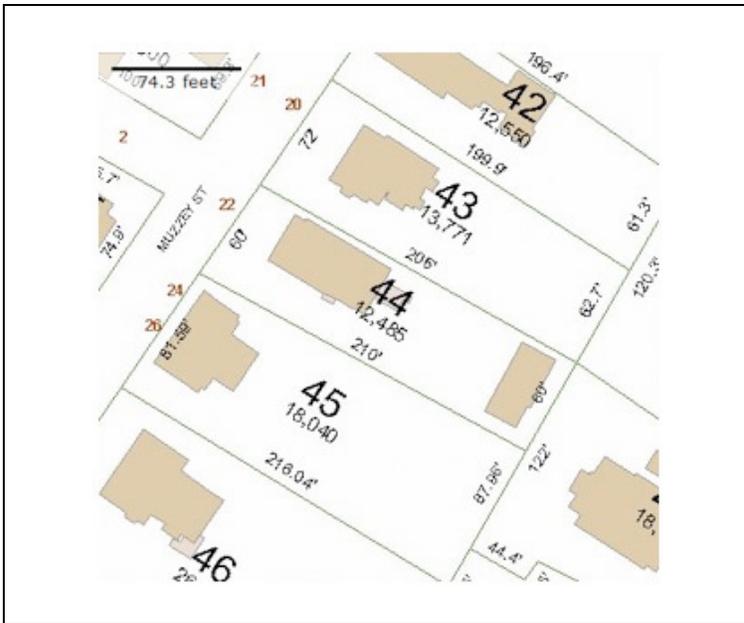
**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.29 acre

**Setting:** mixed residential neighborhood

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Lexington Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): January 2010

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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 house at 22 Muzzey Street is a 2 ½-story clapboarded residence resting on a stone foundation and capped by a hip roof with projecting eaves and a boxed cornice. The façade is spanned by a four-bay porch supported by Doric columns, which are echoed by pilasters set against the wall at each end of the porch and simple stick balusters. The offcenter entrance has a glass-and-panel door that is flanked by sidelights. On one side there is a pair of 2/1 windows with a smaller 2/1 on the other. In addition to the original 2/1 windows there is an arched window on the north elevation and 1/1 replacement sash in the hip dormers. A 2 ½-story pedimented bay projects from the south elevation. The original single-story ell has been expanded over the years and there is a secondary entrance with stairs on the south side as well as a modern picture window.

Behind the house is a large two-story, hip-roofed outbuilding which has seen an addition on the south side and modern overhead garage doors.

**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 house was built for Edward Mara (b.1876) in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A brief mention in the *Lexington Minute-man* on July 6, 1907 announced:

Mr. Edw. Mara, the well known house painter, is building a house on Muzzey street, on a lot of land purchased from the Rollins estate, which was some years ago the property of Geo. F. Jones, deceased.

On August 10, 1907 the paper noted that "A.C. Washburn, the carpenter and builder, is busy this summer as usual. He is building Mr. Edw. H. Mara's house on Muzzey street".

The town history indicates that Edward Mara married Gertrude Dacey on October 30, 1907. The couple was still living here in 1930 with their five children.

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