

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
North Lexington

Address: 4 Tewksbury Street

Historic Name: Bernard Hossfield House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1910

Source: directories

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – rebuilding and enclosure of front porch

Condition: good

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

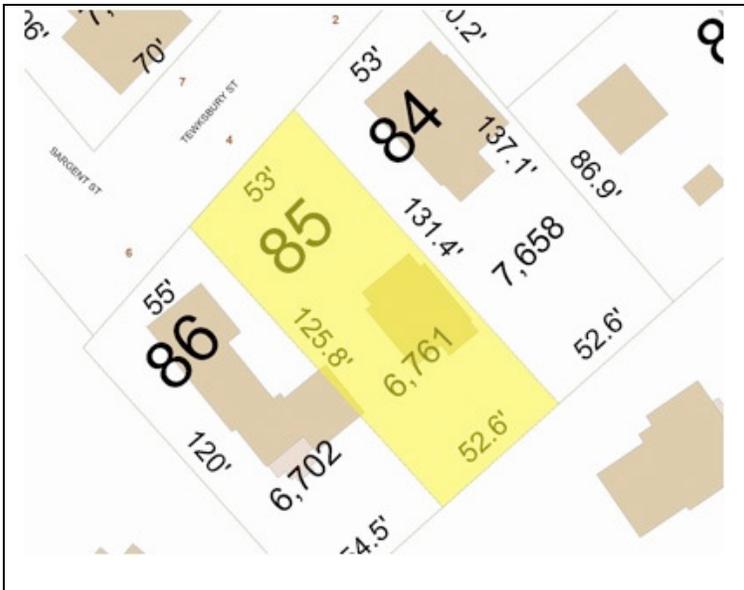
Acreage: 0.16 acre

Setting: early 20th century residential neighborhood off Bedford Street

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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.

Setback from the neighboring houses, 4 Tewksbury Street is a small two-story cottage with a gambrel front. It is sheathed in wood shingles and rests on a mortared stone foundation. The façade is spanned by a wood shingled porch which was later enclosed by the installation of jalousie windows. Windows elsewhere are predominantly 6/1 sash and are flanked by shutters.

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 property is lot 5 on the Plan of Houselots belonging to George F. Tewksbury in 1898 (Plan Book 112, Page 5). 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). Tewksbury Street had not yet been laid out by the time of the 1906 map.

In 1902 Tewksbury sold many of the lots on what would become Tewksbury Street to Bowman Patten. Patten in turn laid out his own subdivision in 1910, this being lot 3 of that plan (Plan Book 189, Page 20). By 1920 the house was owned and occupied by Bernard Hossfield who was born in Switzerland in 1863. He immigrated to the US in 1883 and came to Lexington in 1898. He was still living here in 1942.

The house was acquired by Albert Bettencourt prior to 1965 and sold by Bettencourt to Robert Phelan in 2005.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass. (Plan Book 112, Plan 5; Book 4230, Page 332)

Sanborn Insurance Maps

Town Directories

U.S. Census, various years.

1906 map