

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
North Lexington

Address: 6 Tewksbury Street

Historic Name: Walter Rose House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1922

Source: deeds, maps, Census

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – rear addition joining house and former garage

Condition: good

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

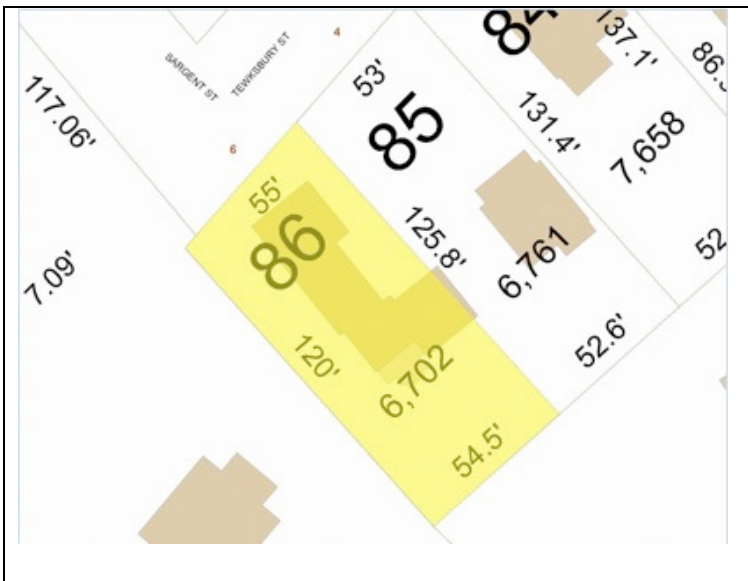
Acreage: 0.15 acre

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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LEXINGTON

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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 6 Tewksbury Street is a 1 ½-story, wood-shingled cottage set on a mortared fieldstone foundation. It has an L-shaped plan with a single-story porch filling the recess, supported by a Doric column. Windows consist of 6/1 sash and include a shed wall dormer above the porch. Behind the original house is a two-story addition with a hooded entry facing the driveway. The addition connects the main house with a gambrel-roofed former garage which has been retrofitted for living space.

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 6 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 a number of the lots on what is now Tewksbury Street to Bowman Patten. Patten laid out his own subdivision in 1910, this being lot 4 (Plan Book 189, Page 20). There is no listing for 6 Tewksbury Street in the 1920 Census. That year Bowman sold the lot to Annie O’Connor and in November 1922 O’Connor resold it to Statie Rose (Book 4569, Page 268). The 1924 directory lists Walter Rose, as a chauffeur living at 6 Tewksbury Street. Walter and Statie Rose were still living here in 1942.

The property was acquired by Gloria Colbert in 1958 and she continued to own it until 1992.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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