

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

LEXINGTON

7 TEWKSBURY STREET

Area(s) Form No.

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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.

Located at the corner of Tewksbury and Sargent Streets, 7 Tewksbury Street is a simple 1 ½-story side-gabled cottage sheathed in wood shingles and resting on a mortared stone foundation. Recessed under the front roof slope which is supported by attenuated turned posts, the three-bay façade features an offcenter, unadorned entrance flanked by two individual 2/2 windows. Two gable dormers rise from the front roof slope. There is a single-story, three-sided bay window on the northeast gable end.

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 7 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.

The earliest known occupant of the house is William Dwyer who was renting it at the time of the 1920 Census. He worked as a motorman on the street railway. In 1921 Mary Tewksbury sold the property to Michael J. Duffy (Book 4475, Page 318). Duffy was born in Ireland and worked as a public works laborer. He lived here with two daughters and a son. Ownership passed from Robert Duffy to Mary Duffy in 1938 and it was conveyed by Mary Duffy Rudd to George Rudd in 1995.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass., Plan Book 112/Plan 5
Sanborn Insurance Maps
Town Directories
U.S. Census, various years.
1906 map