

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*)

Photograph



Address: 16 Webb Street

Historic Name: Herbert D. Williams House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1915

Source: visual inspection, deeds

Style/Form: Bungalow

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – rear deck, second floor addition at rear, chimney and side addition

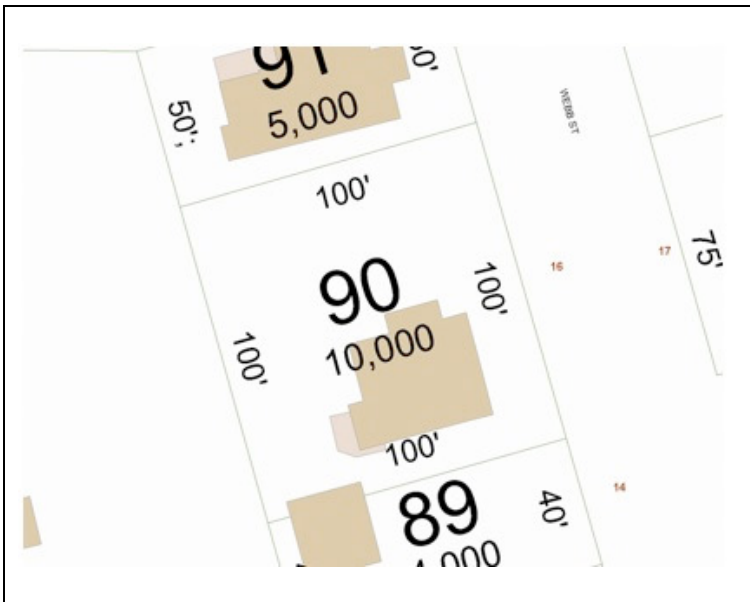
Condition: good

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

Acreage: 0.23 acre

Setting: mixed 20th century neighborhood off Woburn Street

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): Feb. 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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LEXINGTON

16 WEBB 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.

Screened by a row of large arborvitae, the house at 16 Webb Street is a hip-roofed bungalow set on a rubble foundation and sheathed in wood shingles. The overhanging eaves display characteristic exposed rafter tails. There is a hip-roofed dormer rising from the front roof slope, a shed dormer on the south side and a curved modernistic addition emerging from the back roof slope. The main entry is recessed slightly. Historic windows include rectangular bay windows and double-hung sash with multiple lights in the upper sash over a single light lower sash.

To the southwest of the house is a hip-roofed, two car garage with two overhead garage doors, a hip dormer and exposed rafter tails.

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 consists of lots 28-31 of the Battleview Park subdivision laid out by James E. Burke in November 1913 (Plan Book 224, Plan 14). The subdivision included buildings on Woburn, Fernald, Dunham, First to Fifth Streets, Webb and Young Streets. This is one of the few lots built upon originally. Today the neighborhood primarily dates to the late 20th century.

In August 1914 Burke sold the four lots to Herbert D. Williams who worked as a motorman (Book 3926, Page 516). The house was constructed soon thereafter as Williams is listed as living here in the 1915 directory. In 1923 the house was sold by Williams to Margaret Mactavish. She sold it three years later to Horace Burgess. The house was sold by Arley Burgess's estate to the town in 1928.

By 1942 the property was owned by Ralph and Dora Frissore. He was employed as a carpenter/contractor. The property remained in the family until the 1970s.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex County Register of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.

Town Directories

U.S. Census, various years.