

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

47/68    2216

**Town/City:** Lexington

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

## Photograph



Front (facade) and right side elevations

**Address:** 7 Dunham Street

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** ca.1922-30

**Source:** town directories, U.S. census

**Style/Form:** Craftsman/ Bungalow

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: concrete?, cobblestone

Wall/Trim: stucco, wood shingles, wood trim

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

None

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

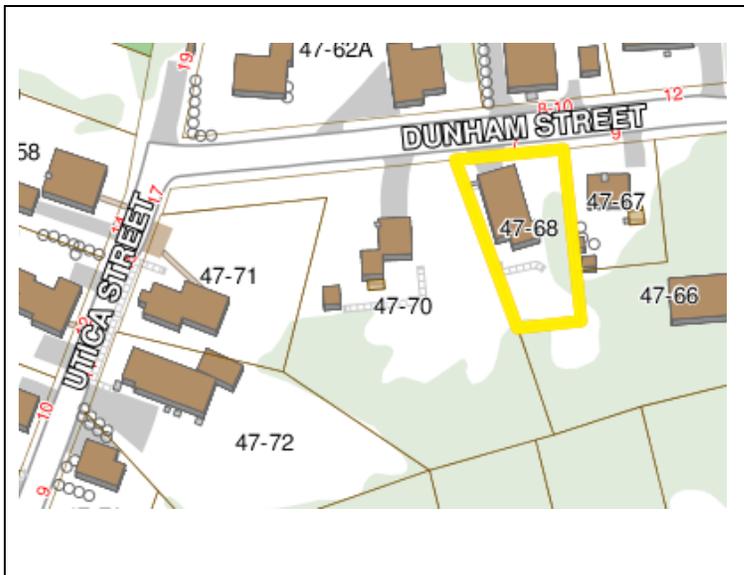
**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 0.23

**Setting:** Residential dead-end street with disparate development from the early to late 20<sup>th</sup> century, mostly of similar scale. Stucco and concrete block building across street at #8, of similar period, scale, and character.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Wendy Frontiero

**Organization:** Lexington Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): September 2015

# 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.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

7 Dunham Street occupies a moderately sized lot that slopes up gently to the back of the property from the street. The building is set close to the street edge, bordered by a cobblestone retaining wall at the back property line. The yard is covered mainly with lawn, with a wide asphalt driveway in front of the house and a brick paved walkway to the front door and entrance on the left side elevation.

The rectangular main block rises 1 ½ stories above a raised basement, which is fully exposed at the street edge, to a front gable roof. Walls are clad with stucco with a single course of textured concrete block at the eaves, a low-relief stucco belt course separates the basement and main floors. The roof's deep soffits are sheathed with narrow wood boards. Window openings are trimmed with brick sills and lintels and typically contain 6/1 double hung sash. The half-story has 2/1 and 1/1 windows. A single interior chimney rises near the center of the building.

The asymmetrical façade has two single-bay garage doors at the basement level, with an offset main entrance door to the left that is framed with plain flat trim. Triplets of windows on the main level align with the garage doors below, while a single window is set off-center above the main entrance. Diamond-shaped tiles flank the window lintels on the main level. Two small windows are centered in the wood-shingled gable peak.

The right side elevation contains a progression of triple, paired, and single windows that become shorter at the back end of the elevation. A small shed roofed dormer with two single windows is set towards the front of the roof slope. The left side elevation has a variety of single and double windows of different sizes and sill heights. A utilitarian basement door has plain wood trim. At the back of this elevation, a shingle-clad, side-gabled vestibule rises from a cobblestone foundation. This entryway contains a single leaf door facing the street, accessed by concrete stairs and a stepped, poured concrete cheek wall. The rear elevation appears to contain a hip roof dormer.

Well preserved and maintained, 7 Dunham Street is an unusual example of stucco-clad housing in Lexington. Its vernacular, idiosyncratic design is further notable for its lively fenestration, brick window trim, concrete block and tile decoration, and integral basement garages that dominate the front façade (anticipating post-World War II suburban housing).

## 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.*

Neither Dunham Street nor Utica Street, from which it extends, appears on town maps by 1906, and Dunham Street does not appear in the town directories through 1922. Development of the street was slow: only numbers 7 and 8, directly across the street, were identified here in 1945. The first known resident of 7 Dunham Street was Stephen Trebino (1886-1968), a self-employed mason, carpenter, and contractor; he may have designed and built the house himself. Born in Italy, Trebino appears to be living here in 1930 with his wife Catherine (both were born in Italy) in 1930. In 1920, Trebino was a widower living in Arlington with his brother-in-law; by 1930 he had re-married and the blended family included nine children in this house. The grown children here worked as a tailor, truck drivers, laborer, and porter.

In 1945 and 1955, the house was occupied by Antonio Bacigalupo, a janitor, his wife Lena, Antonio's older brother, Andrew, and Louise Bacigalupo, possibly Andrew's wife. (In 1940, Andrew and Antonio were identified as farmers with their own farm.) Also living here in 1945 and 1955 were James Redmond, a defense worker and later town employee, his wife Mary (who seems to be

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Antonio and Lena's daughter), and at least one child, Alice (they also had two younger children). By 1965, the house was occupied by George Pedersen, a student, and his wife Pauline.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



Left side and front (facade) elevations