

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA K	FORM NO. 430
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City Lexington
 Address 7 Forest Street
 Historic Name George H. Jackson House

Use: Present residential
 Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Construction c. 1874

Source map research

Style Mansard

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

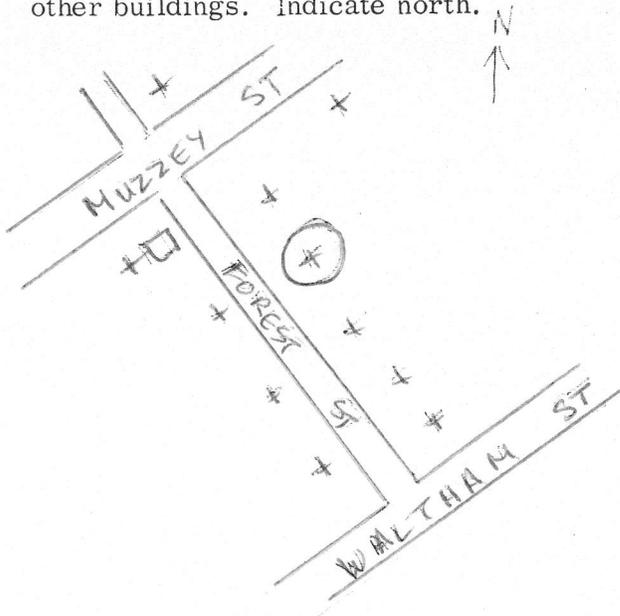
Major alterations (with dates) one-story
addition to left side (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 7600 ft.²

Setting In a small group of Mansard
cottages at the south end of Forest Street.

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This cottage retains its original finishes. Features include roof with patterned slates and dormer windows with broadly projecting roofs; bay window; paired brackets at the eaves; and a porch with turned posts. The design of this house is identical with that of the Mansard cottages on Hancock Avenue, except that this one has a porch rather than a door hood. It is, like the others, a simplified version of Mansard cottage depicted in A.J. Bicknell's Bicknell's Village Builder of 1872.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Like most of the other Mansard cottages along this section of Forest Street, this house appears to have been built as a rental property: the owner from the time of its construction until the turn of the century was George H. Jackson, one of the largest property owners in this section of town. In 1906 the house was owned by Charles T. West, the undertaker who owned the house next door (see 5 Forest Street form), so perhaps it continued to be rented.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Bicknell, A.J. Bicknell's Village Builder. New York: A.J. Bicknell and Company, 1872.

1876 map

1889 map

1898 map

1906 map