

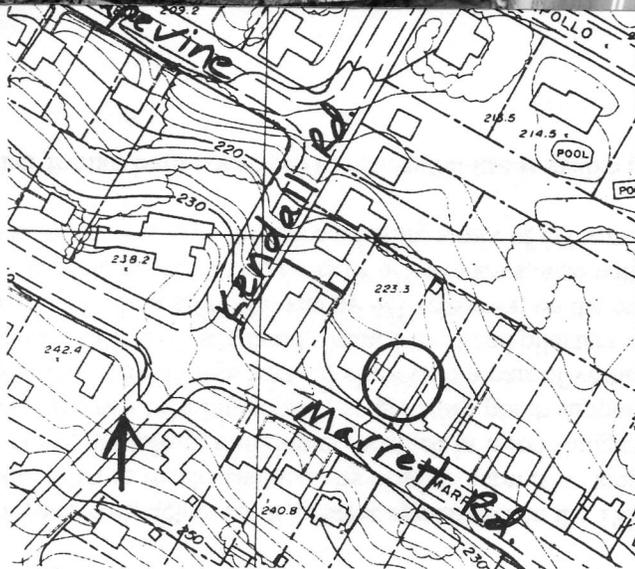
FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number
32/158

USGS Quad
Boston N.

Area(s)

Form Number
1087



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 259 Marrett Road

Historic Name Bridge-Kendall Barn

Uses: Present Residential

Original Barn

Date of Construction 19th c.?

Source Worthen

Style/Form Astylistic

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete blocks

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) c.1920? - moved to present site and converted to residential use

Condition good

Moved no yes Date c.1920?

Acreage 8,211 SF

Setting early 20th century residential development on heavily traveled road

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) July 2000

BUILDING FORM (259 Marrett Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

This former barn achieved its present appearance in the 1920s after it was moved to its present site from 271 Marrett Road and converted to residential use. Its original form is no longer discernible due to new fenestration and exterior cladding. The 2 1/2-story, gablefront building is sheathed in wood shingles and set above a rusticated concrete block foundation. The facade is fronted by a hip-roofed, single-story porch supported by five Roman Doric columns. The center entrance contains a wooden door with a large vertical glass with a pair of vertical and horizontal mullions forming an outer border. The door features a "Colonial" surround, framed by fluted pilasters with a dentil molding. On one side of the door there is a tripartite window containing a 6/1 flanked by 4/1 windows; on the other side is an individual 6/1 window. The second floor of the facade is punctuated by two pairs of 6/1 windows, also with shutters. Centered in the gable pent is a slightly smaller pair of 6/1 windows. The side elevations feature a mix of 6/1 windows, single and in sets of two and three.

Another former barn converted to residential use is visible nearby at **462 Waltham Street (MHC #1141)**.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe 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 structure was originally a barn located on the Matthew Bridge-Francis Kendall property at **271 Marrett Road (MHC #586)**. The last owner to use the structure as a barn was Francis P. Kendall (1854-1912), a milk dealer. The age of the former barn is not apparent from exterior inspection but a cluster of buildings is shown on the 1906 Atlas. The building occupies lot 60 on Section 2 of the Farmhurst subdivision laid out in 1919 on land owned by Neil McIntosh. It appears that the building was moved to its present site in the mid 1920s. From about 1926 to 1930 the property was occupied by David Kirkbright. A succession of residents suggests that the property served as a rental property, its owner during this period is not known.

The property was owned by John and Agnes Manning in the 1950s and by Donald and Virginia Taylor from 1958-1968. George Cowen purchased the property in 1968 and still owns it today.

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*