

FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

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Massachusetts Historical Commission

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 3 Sunny Knoll Avenue

Historic Name Daniel Gorman House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1922

Source Directories, List of Persons, Val. List

Style/Form Bungalow

Architect/Builder Daniel Gorman, carpenter

Exterior Material:

Foundation Concrete

Wall/Trim Stucco

Roof Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

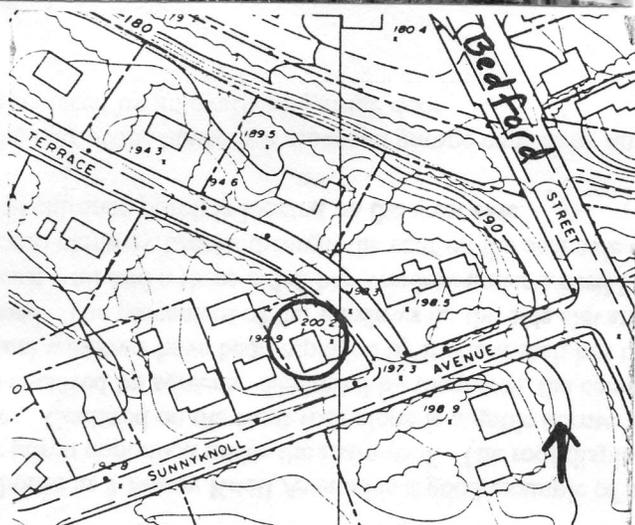
Major Alterations (with dates) some window replacement

Condition good

Moved  no  yes Date

Acreege 6829 SF

Setting mixed residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) January 2000

## BUILDING FORM (3 Sunny Knoll Avenue)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

The house at 3 Sunny Knoll Avenue is a good example of a stuccoed, 1 1/2-story, side-gabled bungalow with the full-width front porch contained under the main roof. The roof displays a wide eave overhang accented by decorative beams under the gables. Centered on the front roof slope is a gable dormer decorated by half timbering and false beams. The front porch has been enclosed by screens. Sheltered by the porch, the center entrance projects slightly from the adjacent wall. Many of the original windows have been replaced by modern sash but the original sash configuration including 6/1 and 4/1 have been retained. The placement of the windows on the side elevations is varied and includes a projecting 6/1 with shed roof hood on the west wall and a three-sided bay window under a shed hood and two small diamond-paned windows on the east. A stuccoed chimney breaks through the roof on the east side of the house. A shed dormer spans the rear slope. A secondary gabled entrance porch is located on the west side.

To the rear of the house is a stuccoed garage capped by an asphalt-shingled roof with exposed rafters. The original door has been replaced by an overhead garage door.

### 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 house was constructed by Daniel A. Gorman, Jr., a carpenter, in 1922. The 1922 Town Valuation List indicates that the house was then unfinished; the following year it is valued at \$5000. Gorman lived in the house between 1923 and 1925 before moving to 5 Sunny Knoll Avenue, which he occupied for several years (and may have also built). By 1926, the house had been acquired by George and Alice Welsh. Later occupants of the house included Charles and Mary Martel (c.1950), and Mary and Paul Bartel (1957-1976). The present owners purchased the house in 1976.

He was the son of Daniel A. Gorman  
who had built 7 Sunny Knoll Ave  
(MHC # 770)

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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.*