

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Tewksbury Center

Address: 24 Pleasant Street (formerly 1039 Main Street)

Historic Name: Rev. Jacob Coggin House

Uses: Present: 4 Apartments

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1806

Source: Town History/MHC Form

Style/Form: Federal/Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Carriage Barn (TEW.XXX) c1900

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Colonial Revival details and additions (c1900)

Apartment c 1948

Condition: Fair

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

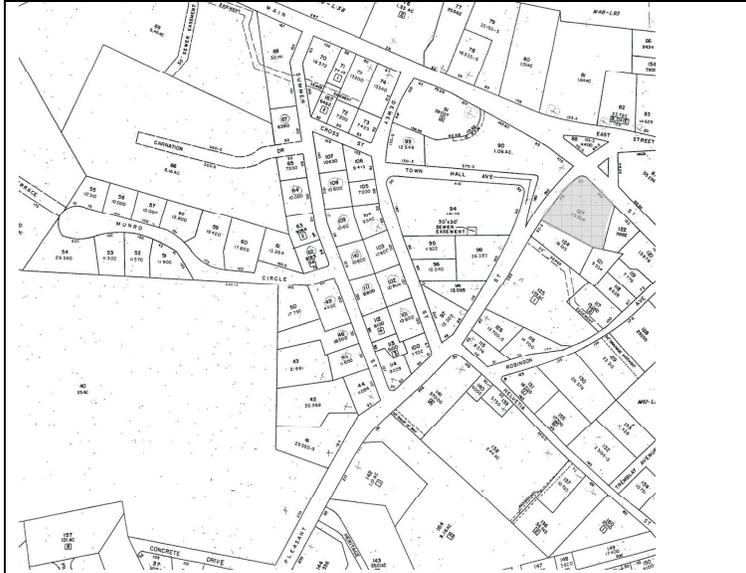
Acreage: 0.8 Acres

Setting: Set near the street in a mixed-use area in the village center.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

24 PLEASANT 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.

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.

The two-and-a-half story building at **24 Pleasant Street** is located on the corner of Pleasant and Main Street. The building is a two family residence. The rectangular building rests on a granite foundation. The hip roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and is capped by a hip roof cupola with horizontal vents on each façade. A hip roof dormer extends from the eastern slope of the roof. A pair of tall brick chimneys protrudes from the hip roof. A portico projects from the eastern elevation. The flat roof is bounded by a spindle baluster. The roof is supported by paired round columns resting on square bases. A two-story porch projects from the northern façade. A one-story hip roof addition extends across the entire western elevation and features a small inset entry porch.

To the rear of the dwelling is a one and a half story carriage house resting on a granite foundation. The eastern elevation features a central gable dormer. Centered on the gable dormer is a recessed opening, formerly the stable door, now filled-in with a central sash window. A pedestrian entrance is located to the south of the recess. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles with a hip roof square cupola. A one-and-a-half story ell projects to the west. The ell features a full width dormer and first floor screen porch with a shed roof. An exterior brick chimney is centered on the western façade.

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.

The Reverend Jacob Coggin [Cogan] (1781-1854) of Woburn graduated from Harvard College. He lived in Tewksbury from 1806 until his death 1854. He was ordained in 1806 and served as the third minister of the First Parish Congregational Church [TEW.08] in Tewksbury until his death. Jacob married Mary Symmes (1785-1856) in 1807. They had eight children.¹ He was a pioneer of the temperance cause and the author of a published sermon: *The Charge to the People* [Boston: Crocker & Brewster, 1822]. Rev. Coggin taught the young men in town from his home at the corner of Pleasant & Main Streets, known as Sycamore Hall, so called for a large tree in the yard. He served as the first US Postmaster in Tewksbury in 1811. Rev Coggin died in 1854 and was buried in the old section of the village cemetery.

Rev. Jacob Coggin's son Jacob (1811-1890) was a flour merchant. Jacob married in 1839 and lived with his wife Harriet in Tewksbury. Jacob inherited the house from his father. Upon Jacob Coggin Jr's death in 1890, the house was inherited by his daughter Anna from his first marriage to Harriet and his daughters Martha and Amy from his second marriage to Mary Wilkins. Martha Coggin died in 1898. In 1900 the house was sold by Anna Coggin to Alice and Henry F Billings.

During the Billings ownership the old sycamore tree was removed. The carriage house was constructed c1900. The garage apartment was added prior to 1949. Subsequent owners include: Alice Billings (1900-1941); Thomas & Grace Murphy of Lowell & Chelmsford (1941-1944); Ethel & Clifford Anderson (1944-1981); Frederick Baldwin Jr & Robert P Sullivan (1981-1984); Mary C Sullivan [Gorman] (1984-2000); and John Sullivan (2000-2010) 11104/130.

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Map of the Town of Tewksbury 1852. Henry F Walling. Boston, MA.

¹ Pane Joyce online geneology.

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