

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town:** Tewksbury

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 2512 Main Street

**Historic Name:** Dora Schmidt Variety & Grocery Store

**Uses:** Present: Hobart's Country Store & Apartment  
Original: Variety & Grocery Store

**Date of Construction:** 1912-1915

**Source:** Deed Research & Local History

**Style/Form:** No Style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

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

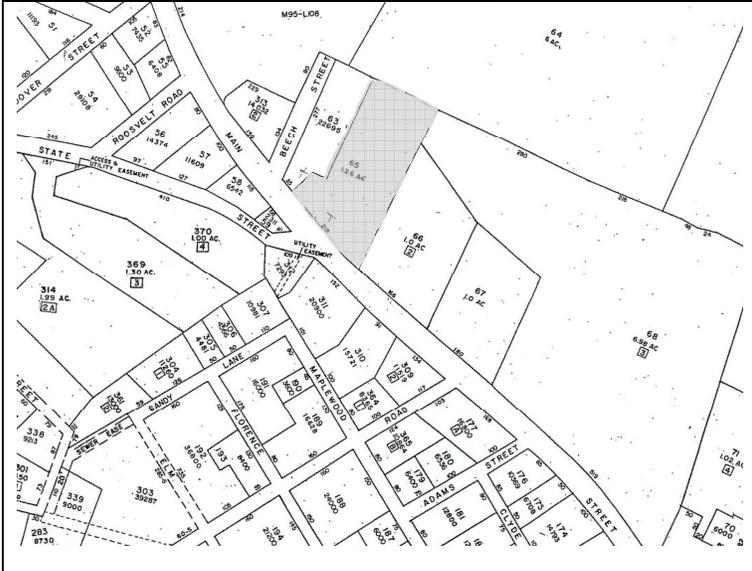
**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no | C | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 1.26 Acres

**Setting:** Located on a major travel corridor near the Town Line. The area southwest of the store is residential while the area to the northeast is undeveloped.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Ann Larry

**Organization:** ttl-architects

**Date** (*month / year*): March 2010

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

2512 MAIN 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 commercial building at **2512 Main Street** rests on a concrete foundation. The five by four bay building is two-and-a-half stories in height. The west façade faces Main Street, but the current entrance is located on the south elevation facing the parking lot on the side of the building. A narrow entrance on the south end of the west façade has six panels and a band of small square windows. The door has a simply detailed surround. To the north of the door is a band of four large shop-front windows. Beneath each window are two wooden panels set in a simple wood frame. Above the band of four windows is the store sign. The side entrance is protected by a projecting gable canopy supported by narrow wood posts. The second entrance is a commercial entrance door. On the second floor are individual and paired 6/1 wood sash windows. The walls are clad in wood clapboards. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. At the rear of the building is a one story ell.

## 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.*

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (1912-1915) Dora Schmidt opened a variety store near the Town Line. Schmidt was the wife of Carl Schmidt, a carpenter born in Saxony. Dora, born in 1865, immigrated to the United States in 1890 from the Rhine province. The Schmidts lived next door at 2508 Main Street. Dora ran the store until the early 1940s. The store was operated in the mid 1940s by Albert & Elsie Hartman, who sold groceries and liquor. In 1947 the Hartmans' sold the store to Thomas Zontanos. Thomas was the manager of the Tewksbury Diner on East Street. The variety store was owned by the Zontanos family until 1976. Pater & Helen Zontanos lived above the store (2518 Main Street).

Additional owners include: Thomas Zontanos (1947); Peter Zontanos (1947-1969); Peter & Helen Zontanos (1969-1976); Sophia Rodakis (1976-1979); Leonard & Maria Westover (1979-2006); and H& G Realty Trust (Paul Hartnett & Dennis Giles).

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