

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

**Town:**            Tewksbury

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

## Photograph



**Address:**            204 Marshall Street

**Historic Name:** Warner & Rachel Bancroft House

**Uses: Present:**    Single Family Residential

                          Original:    Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1912

**Source:**             Assessors Records

**Style/Form:**        No Style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:    Concrete Block

Wall/Trim:       Wood Clapboards

Roof:              Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

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

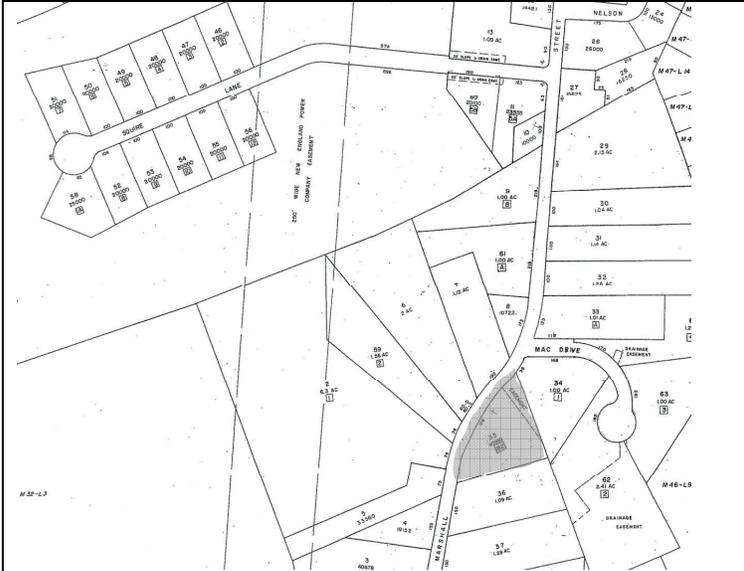
**Condition:**        Fair

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

**Acreage:**            0.94 Acres

**Setting:**    Set near the street in a primarily residential area.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Ann Larry

**Organization:** ttl-architects

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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY 204 Marshall 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 house at **204 Marshall Street** is one-and-a-half stories in height. The three by two bay building is rectangular in plan with a small one story side entrance on the south side of the house. The house rests on a concrete block foundation. The walls are clad in wood clapboards. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Two gable front dormers project from the west side of the gable roof. Each dormer features a single 2/2 sash window. A full width porch on the front (west) of the house shelters the front entrance. On either side of the entrance is a single 2/2 sash window. The hipped porch roof is supported by round columns. A secondary entrance is located in the southern addition.

## 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.*

Marshall Street was formerly called Island Road. In 1912 George E Marshall sold a triangular shaped piece of woodland to Warner Bancroft [Arthur Hartwell Warner Bancroft] of Lowell. Warner Bancroft (1876-1936), a Tewksbury policeman, and his wife Rachel (1872-1972) moved from Lowell with their son Albert (1906-1981) and built their home at 204 Marshall Street. In 1941 Albert Bancroft was living with his mother on Marshall Street and self employed as a florist, probably growing in greenhouses that used to be located to the east of the house. Mrs. Bancroft remained in the house until 1950 when she sold the house to Fred and Louise Gath (d1954). The house was sold by the Gaths in 1979 to Peter Ciaramella, the owner in 2009.

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