

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 441 North Street

Historic Name: Thomas & Margaret Cruikshank House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1849

Source: Census Records & MHC Survey Form

Style/Form: Gothic Revival

Architect/Builder:

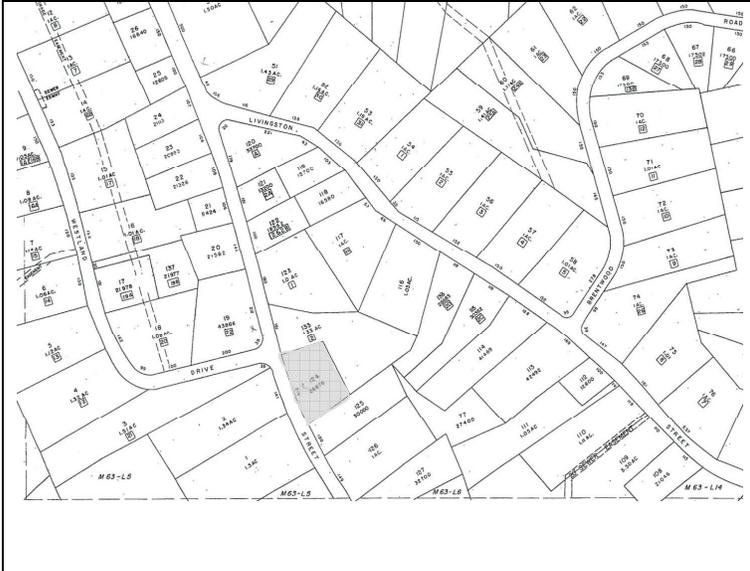
Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Asbestos Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Barn

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement siding, windows, and door (mid-late 20th century)

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 0.62 Acres

Setting: Set close to the street in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

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Date (*month / year*): August 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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.

441 North Street is a one-and-a-half story Gothic Revival comprised of a rectangular of a main block set on a field stone foundation with a one-and-a-half story rear ell. The three by two bay dwelling has a side gable roof with a prominent centered gable. The gable roof forms are clad in asphalt shingles. The walls of the dwelling are clad in asbestos siding. In addition to the replacement siding, the dwelling has been altered by 1/1 sash windows and a flush entry door flanked by half height sidelights. The central entry is set within a surround of simple pilasters under a simple entablature.

The dwelling is connected at the rear (east) to a two story barn. The barn has been altered and there is no large entrance door. Instead the barn features a large multi-pane fixed sash picture window. Above the window are two 6/6 sash widows. The barn has a gable wall dormer on the south elevation. Connected to the south elevation is a one bay shed roof garage. The barn and garage bay are clad in wood clapboards. The paneled garage door features a row of glass panels.

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 house at 441 North Street is located near the intersection of Livingston Street. In 1851 Thomas Cruikshank purchased a large parcel of land on North Street. Cruikshank, a farmer, was born in Scotland in 1804. He and his wife Margaret, and three surviving children arrived in the United States and settled in Tewksbury sometime before 1849 when his daughter Matilda, a school teacher, died of typhus fever. As the Cruikshanks aged they lived (c1870) with a domestic servant, Agnes Skene. Skene was also Scottish. After the death of Thomas in 1877 and the death of Margaret in 1878, Jane McKenzie [Cruikshank] Hagar sold the family farm to Agnes and her brother Alexander Skene. Alexander was a gardener and had a young daughter Elizabeth that resided with him and his sister. The Skene's immigrated from Scotland c1860.

By 1901 the house was occupied by Rupert Strabel, although the Skene's didn't sell the house to Strabel until 1909. Strabel was also a farmer. He sold the farm in 1913 to Buzzell King, a strawberry farmer, and Everett Howard King.

In 1919 the farm was sold to George Stevens who sold the house in 1923 to Charles Brook Stevens. C Brooks Stevens (1864-1949) was a woolen manufacturer in Lowell with many interests in various companies associated with his wife's family. Edith [Ames] Stevens (1873-1958) was the granddaughter of General Benjamin F Butler's. General Benjamin F Butler incorporated the United States Bunting Company in Lowell in 1865 to produce bunting for American flag manufacturers. He was also an owner of the Wamesit Power Company. US Bunting Co. grew into Lowell's second largest woolen mill in the 1890s. After Butler's death, C Brooks Stevens and his brother, George Stevens, purchased an interest in the mill. C Brooks Stevens also had an interest in the Ames Worsted Company, and the Wamesit Power Company. His sons Ames and Brooks Stevens Jr. also worked in the family's textile business. Later known as the Ames Textile Corporation, the company owned mills in Lowell, Stoughton, and Sanford, ME.

C Brooks Stevens and his wife Edith lived nearby on Kendall Road (TEW.26) at the Fitzgerald farm that Edith bought in 1906 from Frank Fitzgerald. In 1959 the heirs of C Brook Stevens sold the North Street house to James and Bertha Crosby. Additional owners include: Francis Crosby (1963-1969); Robert & Marceline O'Brien (1969-1970); Richard & Barbara McLaren (1970-1978); James & Valerie Conners (1978-1982); and David Cross and Patricia Feeley (1982-2009).

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- U.S. Census Records. 1790-1930.
 - Directories. 1896-97, 1898-99, 1900-01, 1911-12, 1913-14, 1915-16, 1919, 1927, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1937-38, 1940-41, 1942-1943, 1949 [Ancestry], 1953, 1955, 1961, and 1967.
 - Map of the Town of Tewksbury 1852. Henry F Walling. Boston, MA.
 - 1865 Map of Tewkesbury with inset.
 - Atlas of Middlesex County 1875. FW Beers.
 - Atlas of Middlesex County 1889. Geo H Walker & Co.
 - List of Residents by Streets, Ages 17 years and over, In the Town of Tewksbury Mass. As prepared by the Board of Registrars (various years 1965-)
 - Valuations of the Real and Personal Estate of the Town of Tewksbury.
 - North Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

