

FORM B – BUILDING

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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: 44 North Street

Historic Name: Tewksbury Center Railroad Station

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Railroad Station

Date of Construction: c1899

Source: Patton's *Ask Now of the Days that are Past*

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Converted to dwelling c1937

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | | yes | X | **Date** 1924-1937

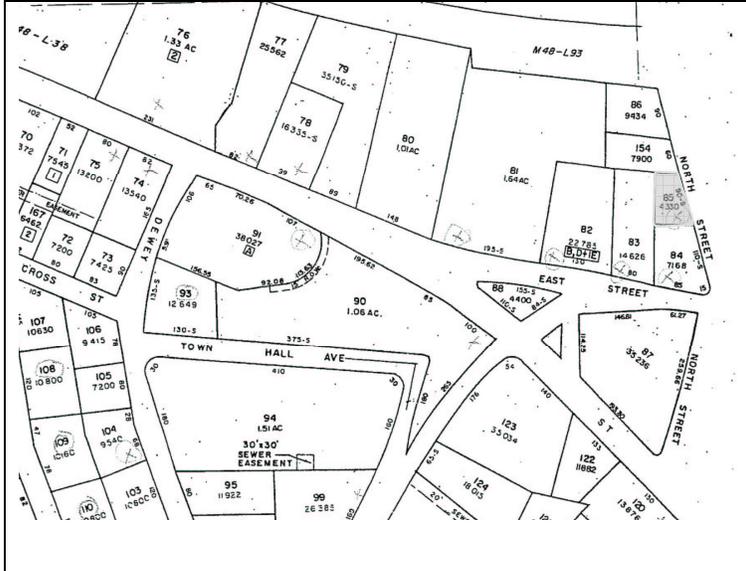
Acreage: 0.1 acre

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

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): March 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

44 NORTH 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 former railroad station building was converted to a dwelling and moved to its present location at **44 North Street**. The six by one bay dwelling rest on a rectangular concrete foundation. The hip roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and forms a deep overhang above the one story walls below. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. A projecting bay is located on the southeast elevation. Fenestration consists of 6/1 replacement sash windows flanked by shutters and a large opening in the projecting bay composed of three multi-pane fixed sash windows. The entrance is located in the westernmost bay of the southeast façade. A chimney projects from the ridge of the hip roof.

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 small residence near the corner of East and North Streets was once the Tewksbury Center Railroad Station, The station was built c1899 to replace an earlier station destroyed by fire. Tewksbury was traversed by two east-west railroad lines that connected Lowell and Lawrence, the Boston and Maine constructed c1874 and the Lowell and Lawrence Railroad constructed 1846-1848.

The Lowell and Lawrence Railroad was chartered in 1846 to connected Lowell and Lawrence, Mass. The line was finished in 1848. Freight and passengers between the two cities passed through Tewksbury with stops at Tewksbury Junction, Tewksbury Center and Wamesit. In 1858 the Lowell & Lawrence RR was acquired by the Boston and Lowell Railroad, then the Boston and Lowell was taken over by the Boston & Maine Railroad in 1887. In 1924 passenger service from Wilmington and Lawrence to Tewksbury Center was abandoned.

Between 1924 and 1937 the station was moved from the east side of North Street to its current location on the west side of the street and converted to a residential use on land formerly owned by Albert S and William E Briggs. The dwelling was owned 1937-1947 by Susan & Robert Jones.

Additional owners include: George James Jr (1947-1954); Leslie & Elizabeth Collins (1954-1956); George Franklin Pinkham (1956-1982); John & Barbara Collins (1982-1988); and Sandra Simard & Barbara Collins (1988-2009)

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