

# 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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## Photograph



**Town:** Tewksbury

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

**Address:** 922 North Street

**Historic Name:** Jesse Flemings House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential  
Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1818

**Source:** Deed Research

**Style/Form:** Federal

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):  
Ell (possibly c1770) – Oliver Burt

**Condition:** Good

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

**Acreage:** 1.28 Acres

**Setting:** Set close to the street in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as an industrial area after the construction of I-495.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Ann Larry

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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

922 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.*

**922 North Street** is a two story Federal Era dwelling on a rectangular granite foundation. The five by two dwelling has been expanded by a two-story ell to the west and a one-story ell to the south. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Two chimneys project from the interior of the main rectangular form, a third chimney is located on the exterior end of the south wall of the southern ell. The walls are clad in wood clapboards with graduated widths. The wood trim includes wide flat corner boards, a narrow band of trim forming a triangular pediment on the gable end, water table, and flat window and door surround trim. The front (east) entrance is flanked by narrow half height sidelights. The door is sheltered by a late 19<sup>th</sup> century hood supported by lacy brackets, typical of the Eastlake or spindle type of Queen Anne detailing. The windows are the original 6/6 wood sash windows.

## 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.*

Although locally known as the James Fleming House and believe to have been built c 1820, portions of the house are older and were owned by Oliver Burt. According to deed research<sup>1</sup> the farmhouse, a barn and a shop on 24 acres at 922 North Street was sold by Oliver Burt to Jesse Flemings in 1818. Jesse Flemings had married his wife Sophia a year before in 1817. They had four known children, Parker Whitney (1820-1830), James (1825-1880), Sarah (1827-1844), and Sophia (b1832).

Jesse Flemings died in 1845 and his wife Sophia continued to live at the farm with her son James, his wife Caroline, and their children. James had married Caroline C Holt (d1902) of Andover in 1849. They had five children: Frederic James (b1853); John Whitney (b1854); Clara (b1856); Charles (b1860) and Ella (b1863). James inherited his parents' farm, and his children inherited the farm from him. In 1910 the remaining Fleming children, Frederic and Charles of Lowell as well as Ella, a schoolteacher in North Tewksbury, sold their share of their father's farm to their brother John.

John married in 1907 to Josephine. They had a daughter Caroline and two sons, Joseph and Henry. John W Fleming died in 1914. His sister Ella was then the principal of the Foster School (MHC#). She had loaned her brother money to purchase the farm and she served as the executrix of his estate. She sold the family farm to their brother Frederic of Lowell in 1915. Frederic died a few years later and his heirs sold the 24-acre farm, including the house and outbuildings, to Phillip M Battles, a neighbor on North Street.

Battles subdivided the land from the house and in 1926 sold the house and four acres to Katherine L Green. During the 20s the house was rented and occupied by the Roscoe Nelson family.

Additional owners include: Katherine L Green of Lowell (1926); John and Ida Hoare of Lowell (1926); Homer L & Myrtle Darby (1926-1928); Edgar O Paine (1928); Walter & Gladys Clough (1937-1966); Paul & Marilyn McDonough (1966-2009).

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<sup>1</sup> Middlesex County Registry of Deeds. Book 586, page 430.

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