

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
North Tewksbury

Address: 1265 Andover Street

Historic Name: John L & Inez Robertson House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1929

Source: Beverly Bennett

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Barn demolished (unknown)

Tennis Court in south east corner of the parcel ()

Condition: Good

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

Acreage: 7.76 Acres

Setting: Located in a primarily single family residential area on a major travel corridor to Lowell. The house is sited on a large lot and set back from the road.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): March 2010

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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 **1265 Andover Street** is set back from the road beyond a border of mature deciduous trees. The five by two bay, two-and-a-half story house rests on a granite foundation. The rectangular shaped building has two-story one by one bay ell projecting from the east façade and a two-story ell extending from the rear (south) façade. The ell connects to a second ell at a diagonal. The secondary ell is one-and-a-half stories high with a shed dormer and full width shed roof porch. A tall painted brick chimney extends from the ridge of this side gable ell. A second end wall chimney is located on the west façade of the main portion of the house. The walls of the building are clad in clapboards. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles.

To the south of the house is a pool. A small pool house is located to the west of the pool. Two small one-car garages are located to the south of the pool at the end of a gravel drive. The property is bounded by a stone wall. A tennis court is located in the southeast corner of the lot.

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.

According to local resident, Beverly Bennett, the house at **1265 Andover Street** was built in 1929 by John L Robertson, one of the brothers that owned Robertson Furniture in Lowell. The other brother, William L Robertson, built a house at 1335 Andover Street. John L Robertson and his wife Inez are listed in the 1930 census, although they do not appear in the 1931 street directory. The Robertson property originally contained a barn believed to be part of an earlier farm but it has since burned down. A 1931 plan of land (55/94) in the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds indicates that the house originally had an ell to the south-southwest and the barn was located to the southeast. A tennis court is located in the southeast corner of the house lot in the 1974-2009.

Additional owners include: George O, William H and John L Robertson Jr (1951); Eldred Field, a lawyer, & his wife Valerie (1951-1983); and Susan & Marshall Field (1983-2009)

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- 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.
- Email correspondence with Beverly Bennett. 2010

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