

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*)
North Tewksbury

Address: 1392 Andover Street

Historic Name: Jesse Blake House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1870

Source: Style, Historic Maps & Atlases

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

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

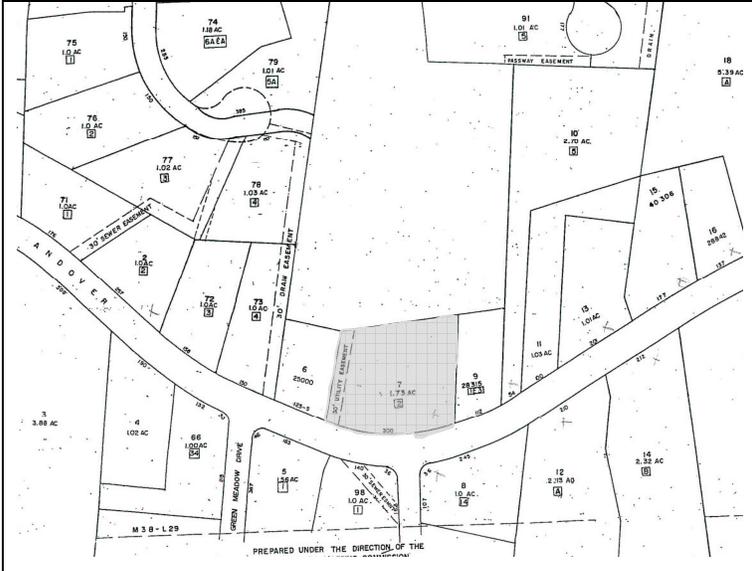
Acreage: 1.73 acres

Setting: Located in a primarily single family residential area on a major travel corridor to Lowell.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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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 Italianate house at **1392 Andover Street** is located opposite Sheridan Lane. A stone retaining wall separates the raised site from the street. The three by three bay rectangular dwelling rests on a brick foundation. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Two brick chimneys pierce the ridge of the side gable roof near the roof's center. The dwelling's walls are clad in wood clapboards. Two additions project from the rear (north) elevation. One is a one-story addition with a shed roof, while the other is one-and-a-half stories tall with a gable roof. The projecting portico shelters the main entrance. The portico's pediment roof is supported round columns and pilasters. The door is a single width swinging door with a simple surround. To either side of the entrance are 6/6 sash windows. Additional 6/6 sash windows are located directly above the first floor openings. A one story hip roof porch extends from the east elevation. The porch has been enclosed with sliding glass doors. To the rear (north) is a rectangular two-story addition with a flat roof that extends beyond the main building's east elevation. The windows on the rear addition are paired or bands of wide 6/6 sash windows. A small one-story addition projects northward from the rear 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.

According to Assessor's Records, the house at 1392 Andover Street was built in 1880. In 1875 the dwelling was owned by William H Lee, a tanner, who resided near the corner of East and Lee Streets at that time. By the late 1880s the dwelling was owned by Jesse Blake, who also owned a dwelling to the northeast c1875. According to the 1880 Federal Census Jesse Blake was a neighbor of Oliver Clark at 1440 Main Street (TEW.37).

Jesse Blake (1821/2-1904) was a tanner from New Hampshire. He moved to Roxbury with his brother Oliver in the 1840s. Both are listed in Roxbury Street Directories as Patent Leather Dressers. Jesse married first Nancy Henery in 1844. They had one son, Albanus who died in infancy in 1849. Nancy died the same year. In 1850 he married second to Mehibitable Cannon Harmon (1828-1893) and they moved to Lowell c1855. Jesse Blake was the business partner of John QA Hubbard. Their tanning business, Hubbard & Blake, had a factory in Lowell in the 1850s to 1870s. Hubbard and Blake manufactured patent, enameled, polished grain, butt, and split leather products. They had factories in Lowell, Salem MA, and Olean NY, as well as offices in Boston and warehouses on Tufts Wharf in Boston. C1874 the Blakes moved to North Tewksbury. In the Federal Census of 1880 Jesse and his wife were residing with their niece Georgia Pickernell, a school teacher, and David Rianx, a young farm laborer from Canada. The 1890 property valuation indicate Blake owned two houses, two barns, a carriage house and over 97 acres of land. In the 1900 Census, Jesse, a widower since 1893, was residing with his niece Harriet, the daughter of his brother Oliver Blake; his nephew George Blake; Clara Higgs, a servant; and David Clark, a boarder. Jesse Blake died in 1904.

Additional owners include: Mabel & Marietta Meloy (c1948-1965); and Elaine Drinkwater (2005-2009)

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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.



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