

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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: 1445 Andover Street

Historic Name: George & Emma Bennett House

Uses: Present: 2-Unit Multi Family Residential
 Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1907

Source: Assessor Records

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Replacement Windows (late 20th cen)

Condition: Fair

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

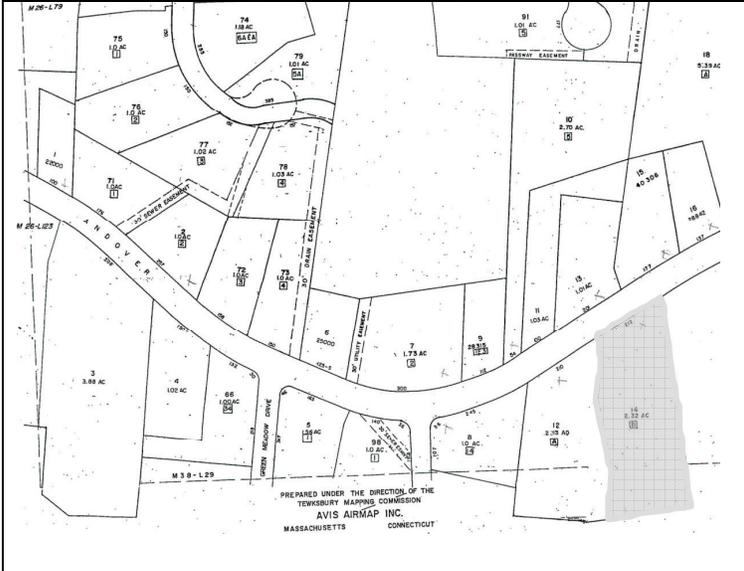
Acreage: 2.32 acres

Setting: Set close to busy Route 133 on a slightly elevated, but flat site. The area is predominately residential to the west, but increasingly commercial to the east towards Exit 49 on I495.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): August 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

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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 two-and-a-half story Queen Anne house at **1445 Andover Street** is T-shaped dwelling on a brick foundation. The three by three bay front gable portion of the building has a two by two bay side gable addition projecting from the east side. A later one story gable addition to the rear (south) is connected to this side addition. The roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in painted wood clapboards with tall corner boards. The two predominant character defining features of the dwelling are the one-story wrap-around porch and the two-story projecting bay window on the west facade. The hip roof of the porch is supported by narrow turned posts, separated by tall square balusters. Two small gables supported by square posts mark the entrances to the porch. The main entrance door is flanked by projecting decorative pilasters. Above the door on the second floor is a large fixed multi-pane window; however most fenestration is 6/6 sash windows flanked by shutters. A simple wood trim surrounds each window and is topped by a projecting hood. A narrow brick chimney projects from the interior of the dwelling beyond the side addition. A post and rail fence separates the yard from the street.

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 was likely built c 1907, although its form is similar to other residences built in the late 19th century. In 1906 the heirs of Amos Fiske sold a parcel of land to Harold Reid and Carol Alexander. It is unclear if Amos Fiske, who was living in North Tewksbury in the 1880s occupied this house and mention of a dwelling was not recorded in the 1906 deed. In 1907 Reid and Alexander sold the land and a house to William Wiggins. In 1908 the Wiggins heirs sold the house and lot to George Bennett.

George Bennett was the treasurer of Bennett Brothers Company, later Bennett Brother Gas Engine Company of Lowell. George married his wife Emma Lord Hardy (1867-1943) c1888 and they had four children: Edna (b1889), Maude (b1891), William H (b1895), and Esther (b1898). Their daughter Esther, a physio-therapist, would continue to live in her parent's house after their deaths until her death in 1992.

Additional owners include: Frederick & Kathleen Higgins (1995-2000); and James & Wendy Jefferson (2000-2009)

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