

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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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 343 Brown Street

Historic Name: Stanley Ivaskevic House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1920-1921

Source: Deed Research

Style/Form: Craftsman/Bungalow

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Barn (c1830)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

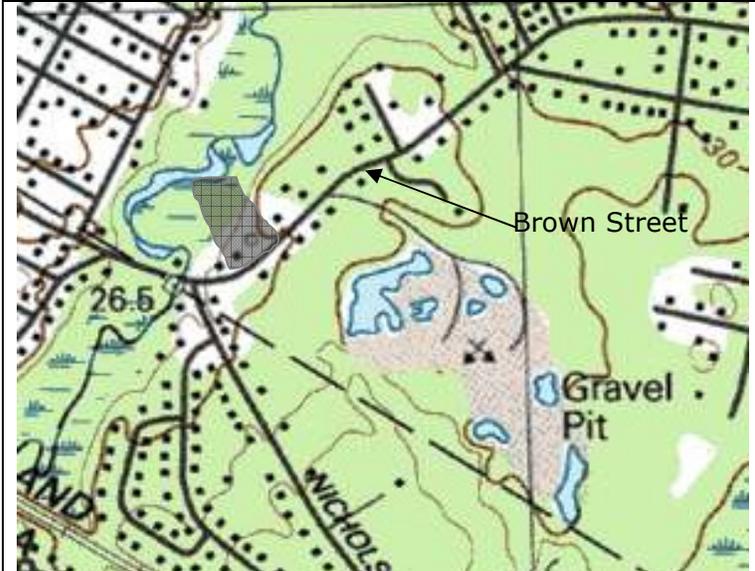
Condition: Good

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

Acreage: .35 Acres + 1.49 acres = 1.84 Acres

Setting: Located between the Shawsheen River and Brown Street opposite Cabot Road in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

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 and barn at **343 Brown Street** are set on a large wooded lot on the bank of the Shawsheen River. The house is a Craftsman style house set on a concrete foundation. The primary portion of the house is rectangular in form, a one-story ell extends to the side (west). The front gable building is four by three bays. It features typical Craftsman details: Sash windows with vertically orientated panes in the upper sash, exposed rafter tails, horizontal paneled entry door, and a projecting gable dormer. The walls are sheathed wood clapboards, while the front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The front entrance is sheltered by a shed roof.

The one by five bay front gable barn is located to the east of the house. The sloping lot and flanking stone retaining walls expose the west façade of the barn's concrete parged fieldstone foundation walls. Three overhead doors at the foundation level are separated by tall thin granite posts. A six-paned fixed sash window flanks either side of the three centrally located doors. The upper walls of the barn are sheathed with vinyl siding. The gable front roof is clad in asphalt shingles. A narrow brick chimney projects from the ridge of the roof. Fenestration in the upper barn is 6/6 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.

Built on the site of an earlier Federal Era dwelling (Pictured Below), the extant Craftsman Style house was built 1920-1921.

The barn dates from the same period as the demolished Federal Era residence and was likely built c1830¹. The earlier house and the barn were built by S Brown and sold 1852-1875 to Zephariah P Foster. The 1890 valuation indicates that ZP Foster owned the Brown house, barn, and 250 acres known as the "Brown Place". He apparently used the land to harvest timber as he also was listed as having 400 cords of cut wood.

The farm was subsequently owned 1919-1920 by Constantine Zevitas, a manager of a confectionary in Boston and a Greek immigrant to the United States (1892). In 1921 a portion of the farm with the house and barn were sold to Stanley Ivaskevic. Stanley Ivas[kevic] became a naturalized citizen in 1926 and was a cabinetmaker. He and his wife Anna had two sons, Alexander and Vito, the current owner since 1977, who is also a cabinet maker. Vito Ivas uses the barn as his wood shop.

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¹ Interview with Vito Ivas. 10/20/2008

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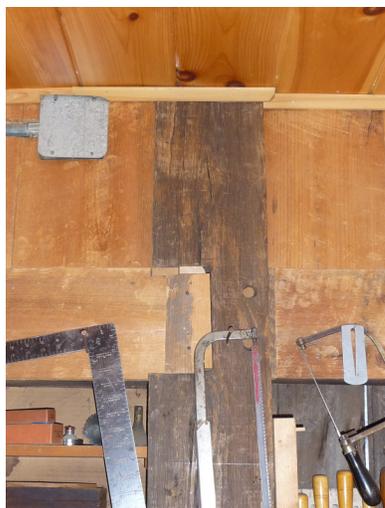
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Photograph courtesy of Vito and Marilyn Ivas.



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