

# 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*)  
Tewksbury Center

**Address:** 1057 Main Street

**Historic Name:** Harry W & Mildred Patterson House

**Uses:** Present: J Borstell Real Estate Office  
Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:**

**Source:** c1921

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Siding

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Converted to commercial use (late 20<sup>th</sup> Century)

**Condition:** Fair

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

**Acreage:** 0.32 Acres

**Setting:** Located in a primarily single family residential area on a major travel corridor near the village center.

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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.*

1057 Main Street is a two story dwelling on a rectangular brick foundation. The gable front roof of the two by two bay dwelling is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Despite the application of replacement siding, the simple dwelling includes a few remaining details: the cornice returns on the front façade and the projecting second story walls. The siding has been replaced with vinyl siding and the windows have been replaced with 6/6 double hung sash windows. The windows are flanked by shutters. The sidehall entrance is flanked by full height sidelights. A narrow brick chimney projects from the ridge of the front gable roof.

## 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.*

In 1896 Perry Jefferson of Pleasant Street (TEW.39) sold land on Main Street to Walter J Robinson. Included in the sale was a R.O.W. to Jefferson's remaining property between Robinson's property and that of his neighbor to the south, Eugene Patterson at 1069 Main Street (TEW.XXX). The R.O.W. would later become Robinson Avenue. Walter J Robinson was a carpenter and building contractor in Tewksbury in the 1930s and 1940s, operating Robinson & Foster Contractors. He built several houses on his parcel of land at the corner of Main and Robinson Avenue including 1057 Main Street. Walter J Robinson lived for many years in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century with the Eugene Patterson family at their house at 1069 Main Street (TEW.XXX).

1057 Main Street was probably built c1921 for Harry W Patterson and his wife Mildred. Harry W Patterson, a chauffeur, was the son of Eugene N Patterson. He and his wife Mildred had two sons, Harry M Patterson, who would live during his adulthood at 17 Robinson Avenue and Herbert Patterson, who would live during his adulthood at 18 Robinson Avenue.

The dwelling was converted to commercial use sometime after 1975.

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