

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*)
 Wamesit

Address: 265 Main Street

Historic Name: Hiram & Sarah Littlefield House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

 Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1860

Source: Census Records & Historic Maps

Style/Form: Greek Revival & Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage (2) , Poultry Barn, & Shed

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 2.0 Acres

Setting: Situated in a residential area along Old Main Street adjacent to the realigned Main Street that has developed post WWII as a commercial area.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): August 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 265 Main Street is located between Main Street and Old Main Street. The main façade (east) is orientated toward Old Main Street. A field stone wall separates the elevated yard from the street and parallels the north side of the driveway. The three by three bay residence is a one-and-a-half story dwelling with some Italianate details including the 2/2 wood sash windows, the projecting entry hood supported by large decorative brackets, and the paired panel entry doors. The rectangular plan dwelling rests on a stone foundation. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A narrow brick chimney projects from the interior through the south slope of the gable roof. The 2/2 sash windows are flanked by wood shutters on the east façade. A bay window projects from the south façade on the first story and rests on a granite foundation.

To the north of the residence is a one-story one bay garage. The garage materials match the house with vinyl siding and an asphalt shingle roof. To the northwest of the garage, parallel to Main Street is a former poultry barn. The long low barn has an asphalt shingle gable roof and wood clapboard siding. The west façade features long horizontal 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.

Wamesit is the area near the crossing of the Boston & Lowell line at the junction of Main, Clark, and Beaver Dam Streets. The railroad crossing was also known as Mace's Crossing. The direction of Main Street in Wamesit was altered c1940 with the construction of an overpass over the railroad tracks near Wamesit Station. The section of the historic street that was bypassed became known as Old Main Street. 265 Main Street is located between the ramp to the overpass and Old Main Street. Although it faces the historic street, it retains a Main Street address, unlike neighboring residences.

Members of the Littlefield family owned several houses near Wamesit Station. Stephen Littlefield moved to Wamesit from Tewksbury Center 1850-1852. Hiram Littlefield was the son of Stephen & Nancy Littlefield. Hiram (1826-1896) married c1855. He and his brother Charles built homes near his father on Main Street in Wamesit.

Hiram was a farmer. He married Sarah, the daughter of Judith Mace and John Carter. Sarah's grandfather was Benjamin Mace, the owner of the Abram Mace House at 219 Old Main Street (TEW.XXX) on the north side of the railroad station and tracks. Hiram and his wife had three sons. Hiram Littlefield's will left his son George's family a home at 274 Old Main Street (TEW.XXX) and his son Arthur a home at 282 Old Main Street (TEW.XXX).

In the 20th century the house was owned by Demetrius Kalem's family. Demetrius Kalem and his wife Iphigenia were from Turkey. He emigrated in 1910 and she emigrated in 1908. They married c1921. Demetrius Kalem was a poultry man and 265 Main Street was a large poultry farm that extended beyond the existing Main Street. A 1938 site plan for the realignment of Main Street shows one large henhouse and several smaller henhouses located to the west of what is now Main Street. The Kalem's children Theodora and Eleanor are the owners in 2009.

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- 1865 Map of Tewkesbury with inset.
 - Atlas of Middlesex County 1875. FW Beers.
 - 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-)
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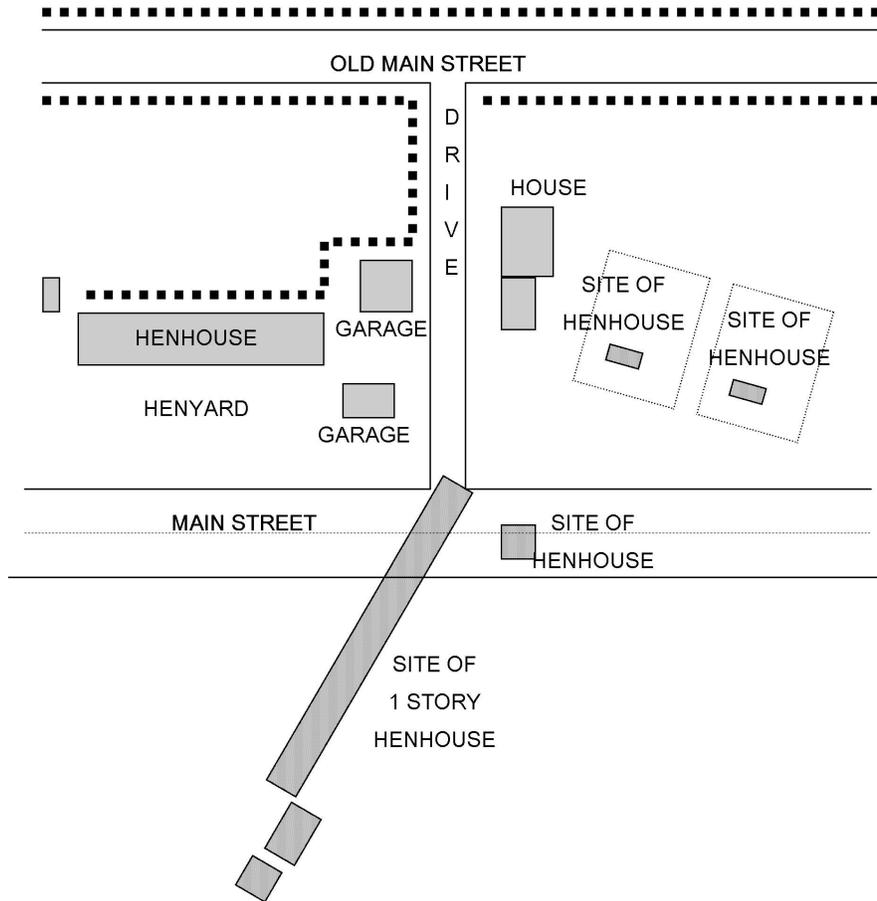
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265 Main Street Site Plan c1938 before Main Street was realigned.