

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Tewksbury Center

Address: 113 North Street

Historic Name: Marcellus Patten House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential
Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1892

Source: Street Directories

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Fair

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

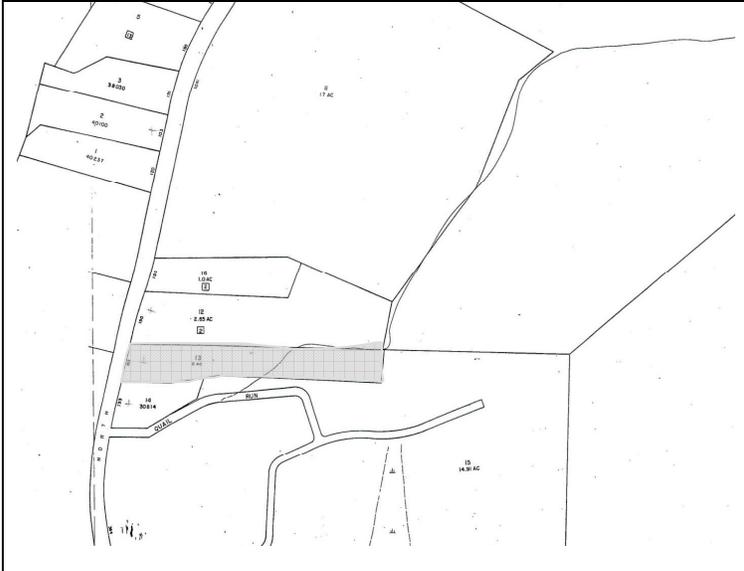
Acreage: 2.0 Acres

Setting: Set back from the street in a primarily residential area east of the village center.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

113 NORTH STREET

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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 Queen Anne dwelling at **113 North Street** rests on an L-shaped granite foundation. On the main (northwest) façade, rectangular bays flank a recessed entrance. A continuous hip roof extends across the bays and entrance. The entrance to the one-and-a-half-story building is a pair of glass panel doors. Fenestration includes 1/1 sash windows, 2/1 sash windows, 2/2 sash windows, a band of paired multi-pane casement windows, and a large opening consisting of four multi-pane fixed sash windows. The walls of the dwelling are clad in wood clapboards. The front and cross gable roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. There are two clip-hip wall dormers on the southwest façade. The southwest façade also features two secondary entrances and a projecting gable ell. A painted brick chimney projects from the ridge of the gable ell.

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.

Marcellus Patten (1849-1921) was the son of Joseph (1818-1897) and Mary Antoinette [Bixby] Patten and was the twin of his sister Marcella Patten, a schoolteacher. He established his floral business, Patten & Company, in 1870 in Lowell. The company employed not only Marcellus but his father Joseph and George Willis Patten, a cousin from Maine. Joseph had been an overseer of a woolen mill in Lowell where the family lived in the 1860s, but later worked as a florist with his son.

Marcellus Patten married in 1875 to Susan Genevieve Allen. In 1886 Marcellus Patten purchased a large parcel of land in Tewksbury, north of the railroad from Mary Spaulding and in 1888 moved his floral business' greenhouses from Lowell to Tewksbury. The Patten & Company Greenhouses were famous for their carnation cultivation (TEW.21). The Patten's also maintained a retail store in Lowell for the sale of their flowers. Marcellus and Susan lived in Lowell until 1892 when they moved to their new house on North Street in Tewksbury.

Marcellus and Susan had two surviving sons, Wilbur and Harold, who both grew up to work with their father in his floral business. Wilbur married and lived at 127 North Street (TEW.XXX). Harold married and lived with mother and father until his father's death in 1921. In 1925 Harold sold his father's house and built a new home next door at 103 North Street (TEW.XXX).

The greenhouses were demolished in the late 20th century and the land was subdivided for residences along Quail Run Drive.

Additional owners include: Frances and Mark McCann, the proprietor of a garage (1934-1938); Home Owners Loan Corp. (1938); Frank & Gertrude Hobson (1938-1962); Gertrude Hobson and her son Richard (1962-2000); and Kristin & Steve Smith (2000-2009).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

U.S. Census Records. 1790-1930.

Directories. 1896-97, 1898-99, 1900-01, 1911-12, 1913-14, 1915-16, 1919, 1927, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1937-38, 1940-41, 1942-1943, 1949 [Ancestry], 1953, 1955, 1961, and 1967.

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.

North Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

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