

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town:**            Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
                 Tewksbury Center

**Address:**            43 North Street

**Historic Name:** Benjamin & Lillie Spaulding House

**Uses:** Present:    Single Family Residential

                 Original:    Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** 1890

**Source:**            Deeds & Vital Records

**Style/Form:**        Shingle Style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:    Stone

Wall/Trim:        Wood Shingles

Roof:              Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

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

**Condition:**        Good

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

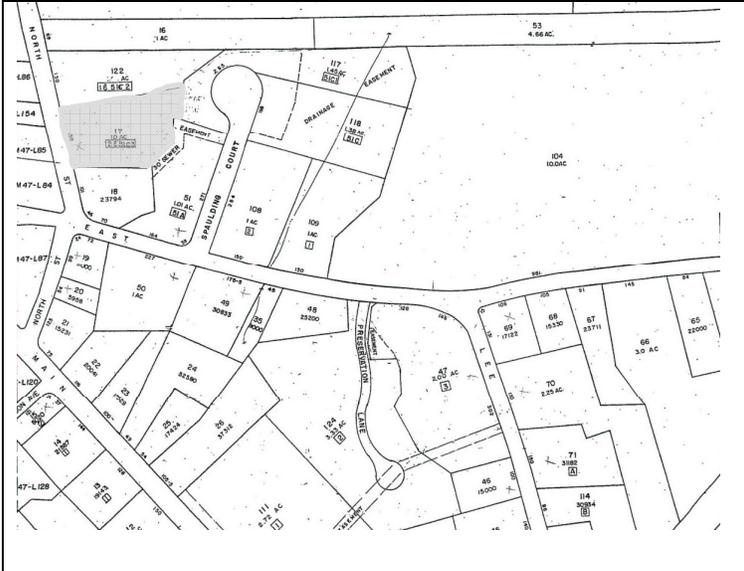
**Acreage:**            1.0 Acres

**Setting:**            Set back from the street in a primarily residential area near the village center.

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Ann Larry

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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

43 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.*

**43 North Street** is a two story Shingle Style dwelling on an irregular fieldstone foundation. The three by two bay dwelling retains many of its Shingle Style details including the steeply pitched roof, the intersecting cross gable, multi-level eaves, the asymmetrical façade, the integrated full width porch, the wide interior end chimney, the projecting entrance portico, and the shingle siding. The cross gable roof forms are clad in asphalt shingles, as are the two gable dormers on the west facade. Fenestration includes 12/1 sash windows, 6/1 sash windows in the attic and dormers, 9/1 sash windows in the two story bay on the east façade, and skylights. The gable roof of the projecting portico is supported by pairs of round slender Doric columns. The entry door is flanked by pilasters that are similar in detail to the portico columns. The porch columns are also Doric in detail, but are substantially wider in circumference and connected by a balustrade of vertical balusters. The southernmost column is missing.

## 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 land now occupied by 43 North Street was once part of the Spaulding land associated with 60 East Street TEW.13. The lot was subdivided from the larger parcel c1890 when Mary Fearing Spaulding transferred the land to her youngest son Benjamin and his wife Lillie [Austin] Spaulding.

Benjamin Spaulding and his brother John Fearing established Spaulding Bros. in 1865. The company dealt in paper, leather, paper box and straw boxes. It would expand to offices in New York and Vermont. The Name was changed to Spaulding & Tewksbury with the addition of James G Tewksbury of West Newbury, MA. The company would continue to grow with business in Maine and offices in Boston, Massachusetts at 232 Summer Street opposite South Station.

Benjamin Spaulding married Lille Austin (1855-1920) in 1889. They and their family lived on North Street. Their first son John Austin born in 1890 became a professor and their second son Franklin Fearing born in 1892 joined his father in the family's paper supply company. By 1930 Franklin Fearing Spaulding was living in the house on East Street with a housekeeper. He later married his wife Miriam and served on the Town's Finance Committee. Franklin Spaulding died 1942-1946.

The house in 1998 had an accessory garage, and an in ground pool north east of the house. In 1928 Franklin Spaulding sold the property out of the family.

Additional owners include: Alfred & Frida A Johnson (1928-1930); Harry Betts, a broker, & his wife Jane Ann (1930-1944); Seekins family: Gertrude, widow of William Thomas Seekins, an attorney; John William, a paymaster; and Leon, a manager of Lowell Electric Light Co. (1944-1956); Edward J Sheehan (1956-1959); John & Pauline Lu (1959-2005); and William & Arthur Pine (2005-2009)

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