

# FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town:** Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
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**Address:** 56 Pike Street

**Historic Name:** John & Margaret Gath House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1882

**Source:** Deed Research

**Style/Form:** No Style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Additional Dwelling to the south (1960-1979)

Garage

Pool

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

Vinyl Siding (late 20<sup>th</sup> Century)

**Condition:** Fair

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

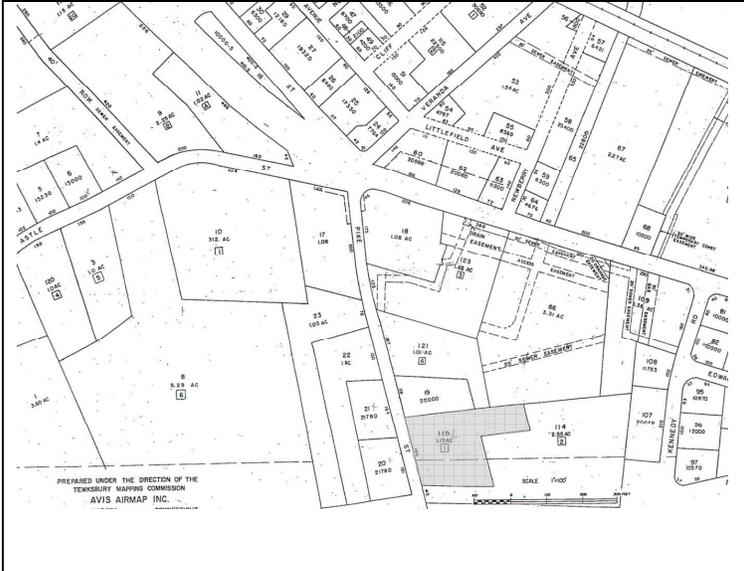
**Acreage:** 1.18 Acres

**Setting:** Located in a formerly rural area that was subdivided and developed by residential construction in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Ann Larry

**Organization:** ttl-architects

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# 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.*

The one-and-a-half story house at **91 Pike Street** is a rectangular dwelling with a one story rear ell. The three by three bay building rests on a stone foundation. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad with vinyl siding. The front entrance is located on the north side of the west facade. Two 6/6 replacement sash windows are located to the south of the entrance door. Fenestration includes 6/6 replacement sash windows symmetrically located on the remaining facades. A small one story enclosed porch is located at the rear of the house.

To the southeast of the house is a second dwelling unit. The side gable dwelling has a large gable addition on the rear (east) and rest on a concrete foundation. The walls are clad with vinyl siding and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A one story addition is located to the south of the dwelling facing the detached two car garage. The small addition has an engaged front porch. The garage is composed of the same materials as the secondary dwelling. An in-ground pool is located to the rear (east) of the garage.

## 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 1882 William L Foster sold a 1/2 acre parcel of land to John McCoy [McCay] on Pike Street, then known as Pleasant Street. McCoy later bought an additional 3 acres from Foster adjacent to his house lot. John McCoy came to the United States from Ireland in 1874 at the age of 19. He married his wife Margaret in 1881. He worked in the 20<sup>th</sup> century at Taylor & Barker's Chemical Manufacturing Company off Main Street. The house at 56 Pike Street was later owned by his wife Margaret and his daughter Elizabeth McCoy Teague until 1960.

Additional owners: Charles O P & Dorothy Gath (1960-1980); and Joseph & Debra Gath (1980-2009).

In 1979 the 3.5 acres lot was subdivided and a new house built in 1980 to the rear (east) of 56 Pike Street.

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