

# FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town:** Tewksbury

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 167 Pleasant Street

**Historic Name:** Stephen D Kenney House

**Uses:** Present: Three-Unit Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1845

**Source:** Deed Research & Historic Maps

**Style/Form:** No Style

**Architect/Builder:**

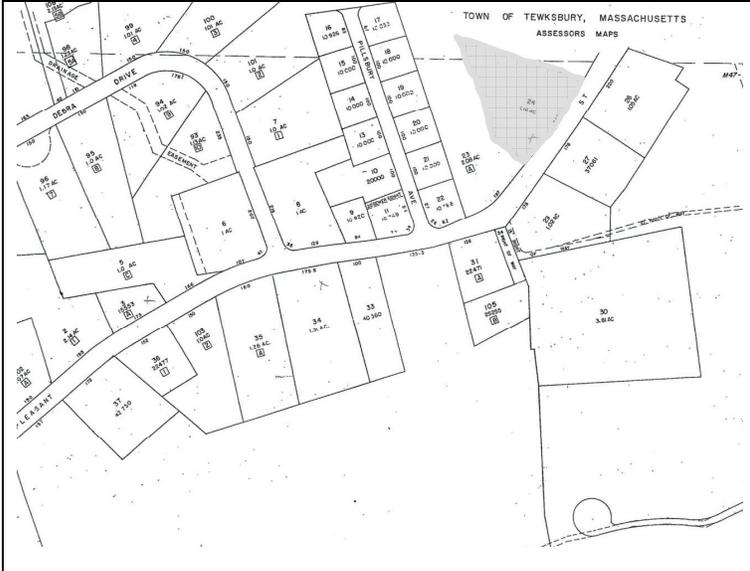
**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

2-car garage

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

Entrance porch (early 20<sup>th</sup> century)

**Condition:** Fair

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

**Acreage:** 1.16 Acres

**Setting:** Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a suburban residential area just west of the village center.

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**Date (*month / year*):** August 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.*

The six by two bay dwelling at **167 Pleasant Street** is a semi-detached dwelling. A pair of wood paneled doors are centrally located on the southeast façade. The doors are sheltered by a hip-roof portico supported by turned posts and ornate lacy brackets. Two 2/1 sash windows are located on either side of the main entrances. A second floor door at the rear of the side (northeast) elevation leads to emergency egress stairs. A one-story ell projects from the rear (northwest) side of the house.

The rectangular multi-family dwelling rests on a granite foundation. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The wall are clad in vinyl siding.

A two-car garage is located to the east of the dwelling on a rectangular concrete foundation. The side gable roof of the garage is sheathed in asphalt shingles, while the walls are clad in vinyl siding. Each of the flush-faced garage doors features an elliptical arch opening.

## 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.*

Stephen D Kenney, a farmer and shoemaker, was the son of Mehitable and Jethro Kenney, also a shoemaker. The Kenney family was from Middleton, but also lived in Reading and Billerica. Stephen Kenney married the widow Sarah [Richard] Gray in 1845. Their farm on what is now Pleasant Street included land on both the north and south sides of the street. From 1848-1851 Stephen Kenney sold off several parcels of his farm.

In 1865, Thomas Crosby, the holder of a mortgage on the Kenney farm foreclosed on the property. Stephen Kenney and his daughter Frances moved to New Boston, NH to live with his widowed sister, Phebe. Stephen D Kenney Died in 1882.

In 1872 Thomas Crosby sold the Kenney house and 28 acres to George Lee, who owned the local tannery east of the village center and lived at 17 Lee Street (TEW.15). The house was probably used as a rental by Lee. George Lee died in 1883 and his widow inherited the Kenney House. His widow was his second wife, Matilda [Martha] Thompson Lee, who removed from Tewksbury to Wilmington in the late 1880s. In 1893 Charles W and Mary French purchased the Kenney House from Mrs. Lee. Charles was a sexton at the First Congregational Church and drove a school bus. The French's moved to Arlington c1909.

Additional owners include: Frank I Carter (1950s); The Federal Housing Commission (c1958); Sarah Agnes MacLellan (1958-2009); and Cherie Farina (2009)

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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.

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