

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*)

Photograph



Address: 279 Pleasant Street

Historic Name: Walter Smith House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1918

Source: Assessor's Records

Style/Form: Craftsman/Bungalow

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Molded Concrete Block

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

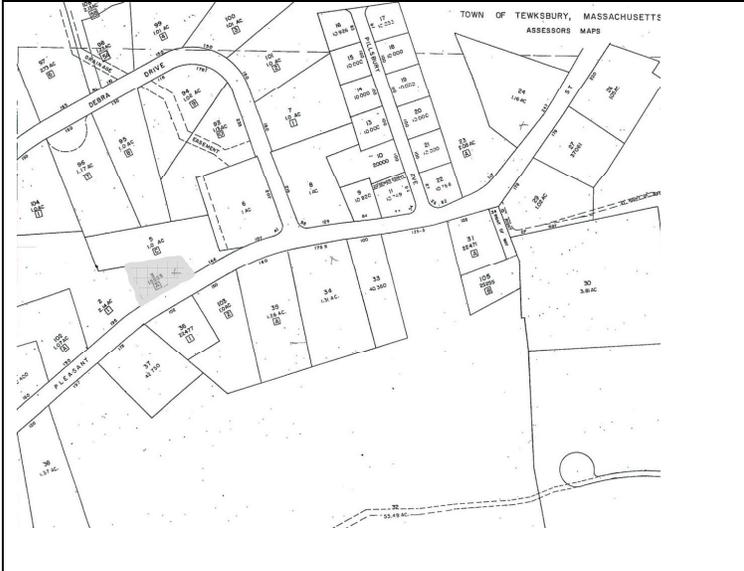
Condition: Good

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

Acreage: 0.35 Acres

Setting: Set back from the street in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): March 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 three by two bay dwelling at **279 Pleasant Street** is a one-and-a-half-story Bungalow dwelling. The rectangular dwelling rests on a molded concrete block foundation. A one-story ell projects from the southwest side of the house. The house retains the engaged porch, shed dormer, and steep gable roof that characterize the Bungalow form. The roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in painted wood clapboards. The full width entry porch features is enclosed by a row of four-pane wood storm windows set on a partial wall. A wood panel door under a multi-pane transom provides access to the front porch.

A garage is located to the southwest of the dwelling. The single car garage has a front gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles, wood clapboard siding, and a single panel garage door. A pedestrian entrance on the northeast façade leads to the one-story ell. The entrance to the one-story ell is shielded by an aluminum awning. A group of three sash windows is located to the south of the entrance.

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 1888 Edgar Smith came to the United States from England. Edgar moved to Tewksbury 1901-1910. In 1910 he lived off Pleasant Street near Whipple and worked as a carpet weaver in a mill. Edgar started an ice business 1912-1915 at his house on what is now Marshall Street. He was later joined in his ice business, Smith Brothers, by his brother Walter who had followed Edgar from England to the United States in 1895. The brothers also started a florist and market gardening business in the late 1920s.

Walter Smith and his wife Eleanor purchased a seven-acre parcel of land on the north side of Pleasant Street from George Marshall in 1917. Smith built a Bungalow house c1918 at 279 Pleasant Street and a greenhouse on the land at 283 Pleasant Street (TEW.XXX) c1932. In 1946 Walter sold the greenhouse and house to his son Harold, who worked in the florist business with his father and lived in the house on Pleasant Street with his wife Alma.

In 1969 Harold Smith subdivided the greenhouses from the house and sold the family's greenhouse to Patten & Company, a large carnation greenhouse operation near the corner of North and East Streets. He sold the house in 1978 to Kathleen McCusker and her husband John. Kathleen is the current owner of the adjacent greenhouses. Kathleen and her second husband, Anthony Samsel sold the dwelling in 1986 to Peter Peters and Norman Boudreau. In 1987 the bungalow was purchased by Carl Smith, the current owner.

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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.

North Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

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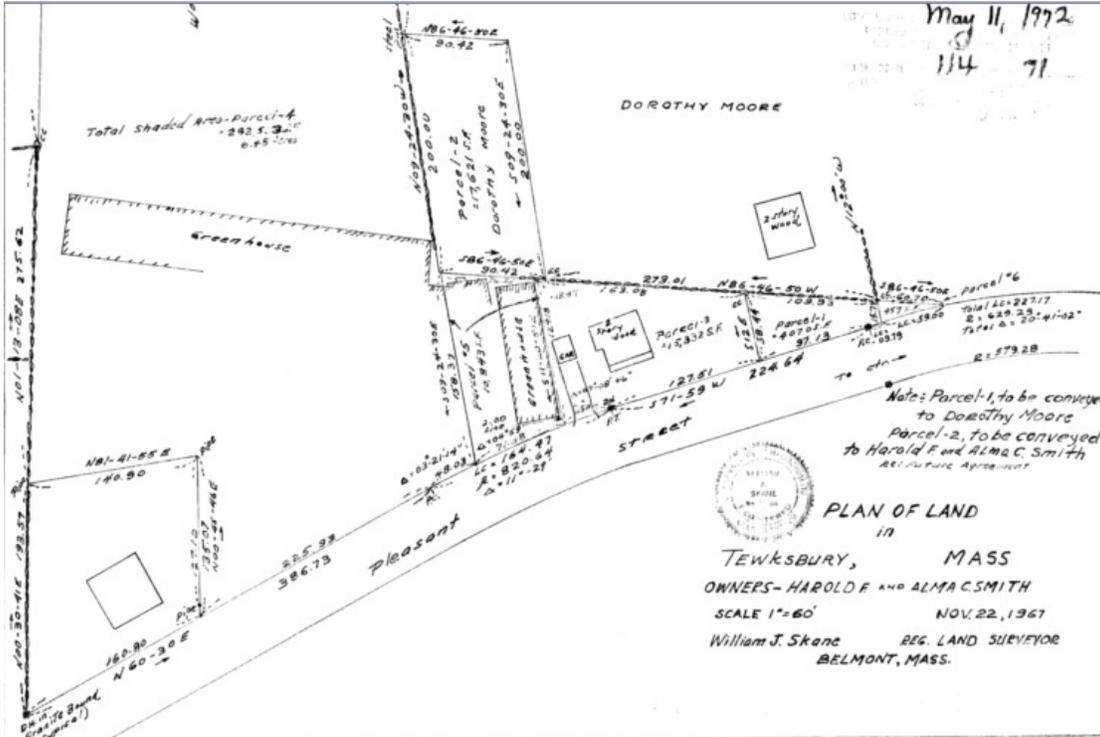
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