

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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: 74 Pleasant Street

Historic Name: Perry Jefferson Building

Uses: Present: 2-Unit Residential

Original: Residential

Date of Construction: 1890-1892

Source: Assessors Records

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Fieldstone

Wall/Trim: Brick

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: .19 Acres

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

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

74 PLEASANT 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 two-and-a-half story building at **74 Pleasant Street** is a two family residence. Located at the corner of Helvetia Street, the six by two bay brick dwelling rests on a rectangular fieldstone foundation. Above the foundation is a water table composed of a brick soldier course; the pattern is repeated at the cornice line of the gable end. The gable end and the porch walls are clad in wood siding. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A porch projects from the north elevation. The porch has a shed roof supported by square posts separated by lattice railings. The entrance doors are symmetrically located under this porch and the porch wall is clad in wood clapboards. The porch is flanked by projecting brick bay windows with shed roofs. Windows are 1/1 replacement windows.

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 1885 Joel Foster sold the 23-acre property associated with his house at 48 Pleasant Street (TEW.39) to Charles Goddard. Three years later, Goddard sold the property to Perry Jefferson, a soap manufacturer. Jefferson operated a soap factory on the property. In the 1870s and 1880s the Jefferson family is listed in Census Records as having boarders including M Abby Whitehouse, a school teacher. In 1890 Jefferson owned the house at 48 Pleasant Street, attached stable, and his shop. There does not appear to be a second dwelling. The brick building at the corner of Helvetia and Pleasant was likely built 1890-1892. In 1892 the Jefferson's sold the brick building and a small lot to M Abby Whitehouse. Abby Whitehouse owned the building until 1908, although she did not live in the building according to street directories. In her will the building was left to the NH Congregational Christian Conference. The church sold the dwelling in 1947 to John T Gale, who owned a large greenhouse and market gardening business on the opposite corner.

In 1949 the Gale's heirs sold the building to Joseph Phaida Roux, a blacksmith, and his wife Maria. The Roux's owned several brick dwelling on Pleasant Street between Dewey and Summer Streets. Phaida Roux worked as a blacksmith at Tewksbury State Hospital and later served as the Park Commissioner for the Town of Tewksbury. The building is currently owned by the Roux's son Eugene.

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