

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*)

Photograph



Address: 169 River Road

Historic Name: Bailey House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: Early 19th Century

Source: Building Form

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl/Vinyl

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Exterior Details/Trim (tbd)

Replacement Windows(tbd)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | | yes | X | **Date** 19th century

Acreage: 0.85 Acres

Setting: Located 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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169 River Road

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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 five by three bay dwelling at **169 River Road** is a two-and-a-half story dwelling. The rectangular dwelling rests on a granite foundation. The centrally located entrance has no surround or flanking windows. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Windows are 2/2 replacement sash windows. Windows on the front (west) facade are flanked by shutters.

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.

This house rests on land owned in the early 19th century by George and Esther Bailey. George Bailey was the son of James & Lucy Bailey of Andover. George and his brother Charles bought the large farm property from Samuel Rogers in 1832. George Bailey died 1860-1868 and his widow remained in their house on the south side of the road. In 1868 the widow and her brother-in-law sold 110 acres on the north side of the road to Susan [Chandler] Foster, the wife of John T Foster (1827-1883). The Bailey's retained the farmhouse cottage with a small parcel of land and in 1875 John T Foster is shown living opposite Mrs. George Bailey. In 1881, the house at 219 River Road (TEW.XXX) was sold to John E Foster, the son of Susan and John T Foster.

In 1890 Susan Foster and her sons John E and Howard W owned several properties in Tewksbury. Susan owned a house, barn, and carriage house on a 1.5 acre lot. In 1889 she divided the former Bailey farmland into two equal parcels and gave them to her sons. In 1890 John E Foster owned a house and barn, a half interest in another house and barn with his brother Howard, the 6-acre Bailey Place, a 54-acre homestead lot, and 29.5-acre Jonas Carter Lot. He also owned 4 horses, 2 oxen, 4 cows, and 25 cords of cut wood with his brother Howard, a market gardener living on Lawrence Road (River Road) who married in 1889 to Nellie Boutwell.

It is difficult to tell from deed research and street directories when the house at 169 River Road was constructed (1889-1947) and there is little exterior detail that remains to provide clues. Assessor's records indicate the house was built c1800. An interior investigation of the dwelling would be necessary to determine the date of construction. But from the exterior appearance it would appear to have been built in the early 19th century and was possibly moved to the south side of the street. There is also little available information on occupants of the house in the early 20th century. It may have been occupied by laborers on the Foster or neighboring farms.

In 1942 Elizabeth Foster, the widow of John E Foster sold the house at 169 River Road and 2.25 acres of the Bailey Estate to Albert G and Frances Fisher. The Fisher's later subdivided the property and moved to 189 River Road c1948. The house was occupied in the 1970s by Albert G Fisher Jr and Helene Fisher.

Additional owners include: Albert G, a pressman, and Frances Fisher (1942-1977); Hazel & Joseph Squeglia (1977-1993); John A and Andrea MacMullin (1993-2003); and James Andella (2003-2009).

C1875-1940s River Road was known as Lawrence Street. In the 1948-1965 the house had a two-car garage, hen-house and a well-house.

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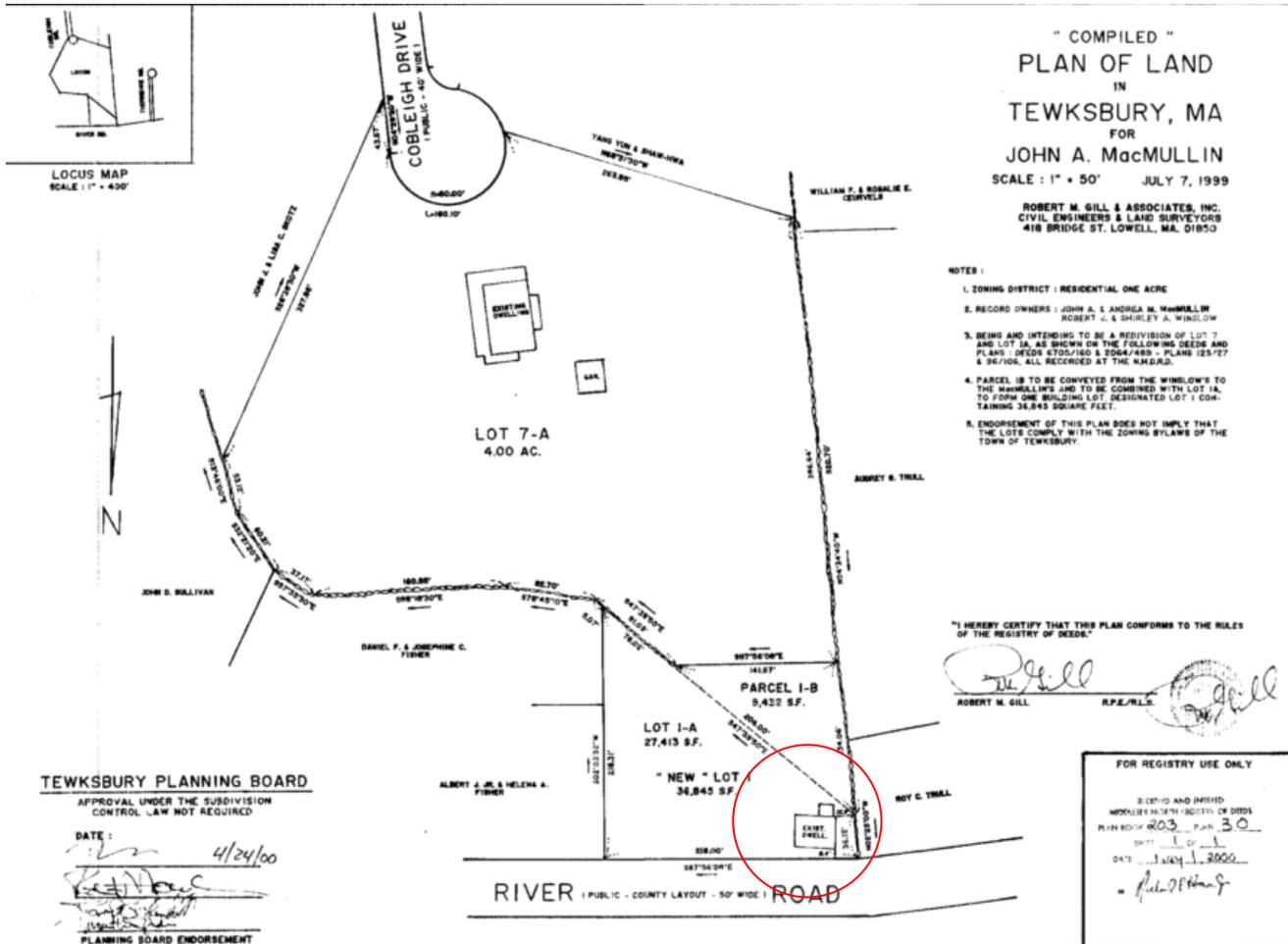
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IN
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FOR
ALBERT G. JR & HELENA E. FISHER
SCALE: 1" = 40' JUNE 30, 1977

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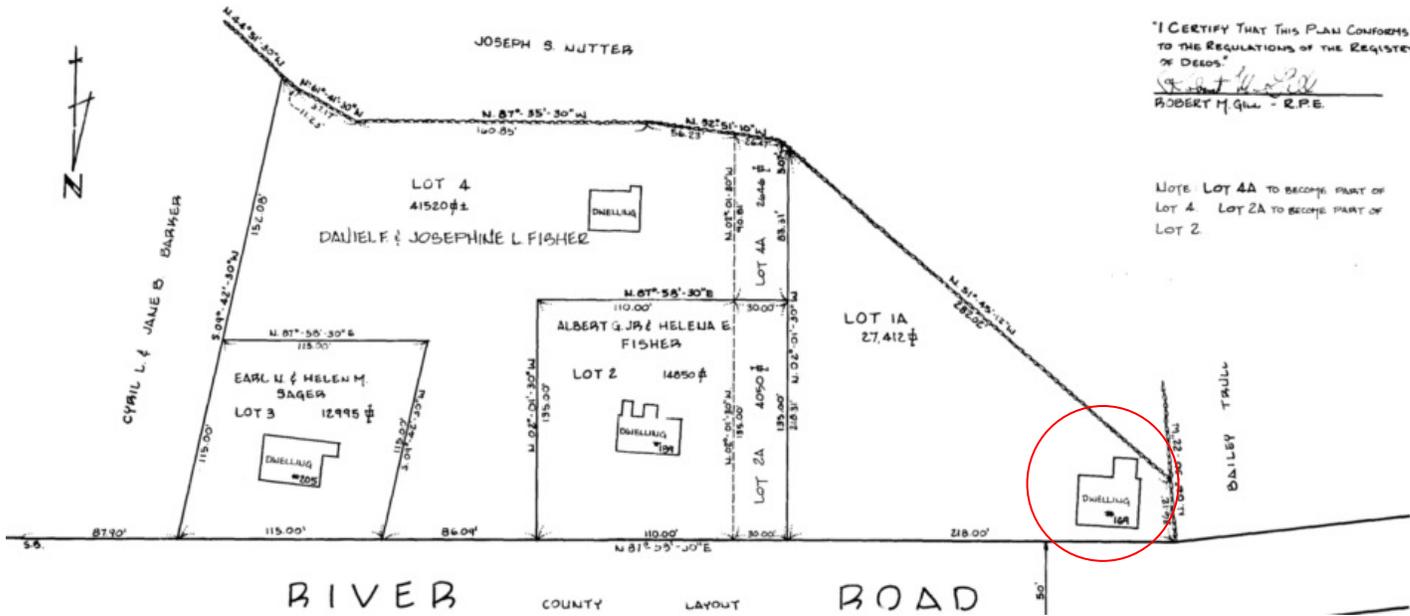
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NOTE: BEING A REVISION OF A PLAN RECORDED AT THE U.M.D.E.D. BY 111, PLAN 80

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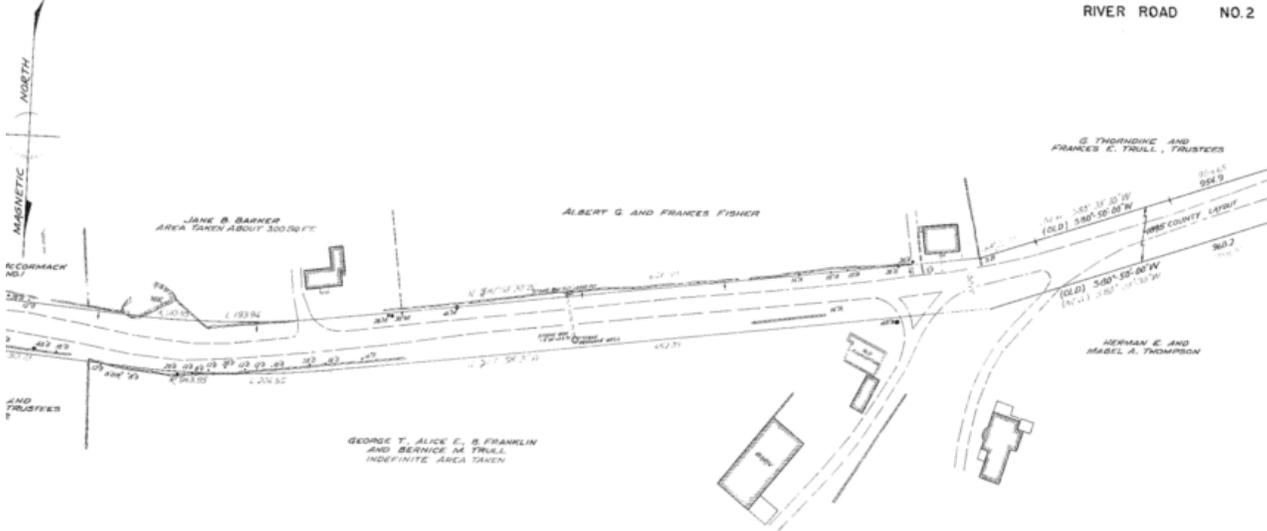
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NOTE: LOT 4A TO BECOME PART OF LOT 4. LOT 2A TO BECOME PART OF LOT 2.



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RIVER ROAD NO. 2



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