

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

9 ROBINSON AVENUE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

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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 four bay dwelling at **9 Robinson Street** has a simple side hall form. Slightly altered by the application of vinyl siding, the house retains the 2/2 wood windows, the wrap-around porch, brackets, and turned balusters typical of its modest Queen Ann Style. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A brick chimney pierces the southwest slope of the roof. Windows are flanked by wood shutters. The dwelling rests on a stone foundation. A two-and-a-half story gable bay projects from the east façade. An end wall chimney is centrally located on the end of the gable bay. A one-story ell is located to the rear (north) of the dwelling.

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 1896 Perry Jefferson of Pleasant Street (TEW.39) sold land on Main Street to Walter J Robinson. Included in the sale was a R.O.W. to Jefferson's remaining property between Robinson's property and that of his neighbor to the south, Eugene Patterson at 1069 Main Street (TEW.XXX). The R.O.W. would later become Robinson Avenue. Walter J Robinson was a carpenter and building contractor in Tewksbury in the 1930s and 1940s, operating Robinson & Foster Contractors. He built several houses on his parcel of land at the corner of Main and Robinson Avenue.

He lived for many years in the early 20th century with Eugene N Patterson and his family at their house at 1069 Main Street (TEW.XXX). Patterson was the father of Harry W Patterson who purchased 1057 Main Street (TEW.XXX) from Walter J Robinson in 1951. Robinson married his wife Marion c1931 and it is possible that this house was constructed for them around the time of their marriage.

Owners include: Harry W Patterson (1951) & Walter J Robinson (1951); George & Rachel DeSilva (1951-1953); Anthony & Dorothy Belida (1953-1996); and Robert & Dorothy Belida (1996-2009).

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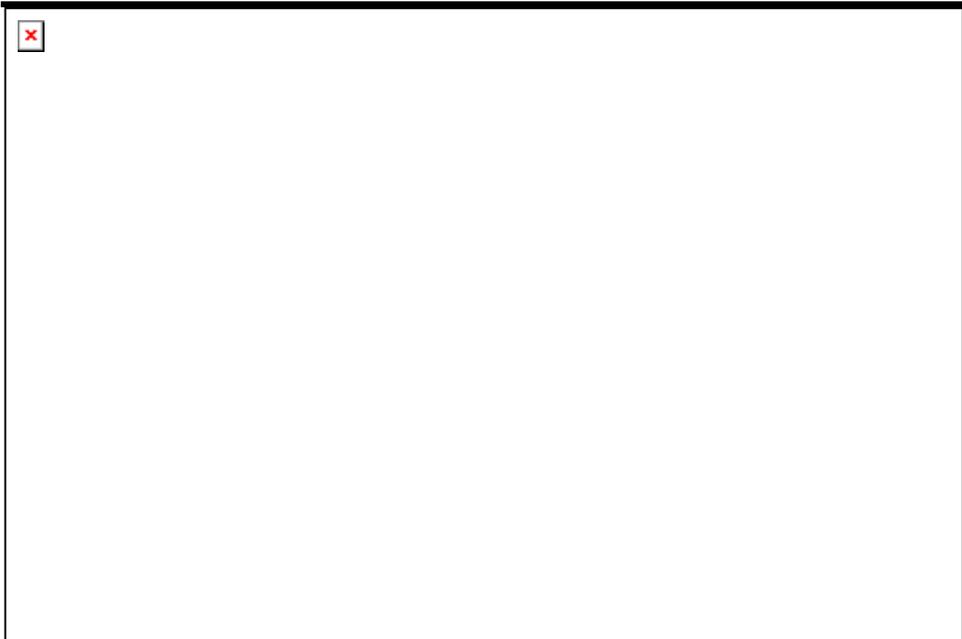
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