

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
 South Tewksbury

Address: 687 Shawsheen Street

Historic Name: Arthur & Irene Fowler House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

 Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1896

Source: Deed Research

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Siding (late 20th Century)

Subdivision of Land (2001)

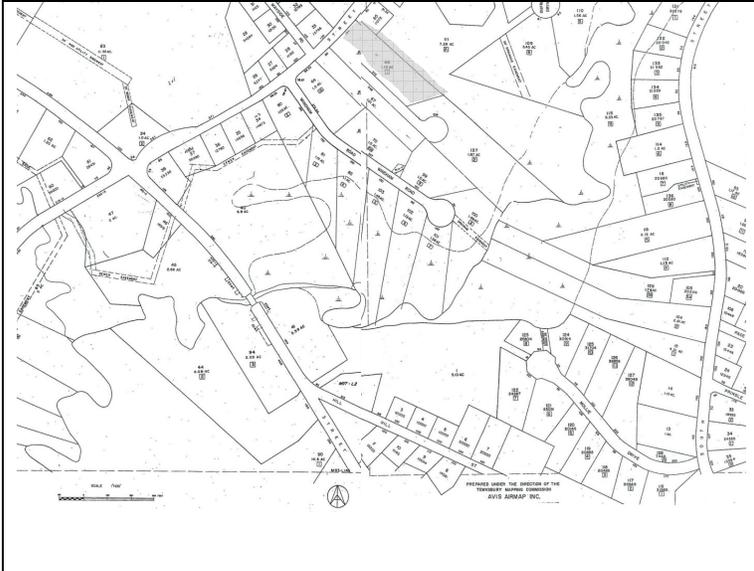
Condition: Fair

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

Acres: 1.16

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*): 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 one by three bay house at **687 Shawsheen Street** is two-and-a-half stories in height. The L-shaped dwelling rests on a granite foundation. A one story ell projects from the rear (east) of the dwelling. The intersecting gable roofs are sheathed in asphalt shingles. A brick chimney protrudes from the ridge of the front gable roof while another protrudes from the ridge of the rear gable roof. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. Windows are 1/1 vinyl replacement windows. One-story bay windows projects from the front (west) and side (south) gable ends. Directly above are narrow paired 1/1 sash windows. A one story porch is located within the L. The hip roof of the porch is supported by square wood columns. The porch protects the entrance door. A secondary entrance and third brick chimney are located in the rear ell. A shed is located to the northeast of the house.

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.

The Queen Anne house at 687 Shawsheen Street was built c1896 by Arthur and Irene Fowler on land they bought for \$1 from Irene's father Everet [Everel] Harnden. The property was adjacent to the 30-acre farm owned by Dennis Collins at 721 Shawsheen Street (TEW. XXX) and to the 27-acre homestead her father, a stone mason, bought on Shawsheen Street from the estate of Peter Shed in 1887.

Arthur Fowler was born in England in 1860 and came to the United States as a child in 1868. He was a sawyer in a lumber mill. He married Irene Harnden c1892. Irene was the daughter of Everet (1829-1900) and Julia A [Clemmons] Harnden of Wilmington. Everet and Julia had five children in Wilmington, then moved to Tewksbury c1900 and lived a few houses down the road from their married daughter. A brother of Irene, Herbert Allan Harnden, a stationary engineer, and his wife Josephine [Mears] also lived nearby in 1900, boarding at Peter Clark's house on Shawsheen near Bridge Street.

In 2001 the rear of the 3-acre lot was subdivided by the heirs of Dorothy Dunn and given to James and Tracey Holden of 30 East Street. The rear lot has 164' shoreline along the Shawsheen River. The land to the south of the house occupied by Windham Road subdivision was also owned by Irene Fowler. She purchased that portion of the her father's farm from her siblings and mother in 1905.

Owners include: Arthur & Irene [Harnden] Fowler (1896-1937); Eugene & Ella Harnden, brother and sister-in-law of Irene Fowler (1937-1952); Leo & Dorothy Dunn (1952-1999); Helen Holden & the Estate of Dorothy Dunn (1999-2001); and Jennifer & Eric Pestana (2001-2009).

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- Valuations of the Real and Personal Estate of the Town of Tewksbury.
- North Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

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