

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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**Town:** Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

## Photograph



**Address:** 528 Whipple Road

**Historic Name:** Robert Mulno House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1898

**Source:** Deeds & Assessor's Records

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

One story garage

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Replacement Siding (ate 20<sup>th</sup> century)

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreeage:** 1.23 Acres

**Setting:** Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a suburban residential area.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Ann Larry

**Organization:** ttl-architects

**Date** (*month / year*): August 2010

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

528 WHIPPLE 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 house at **528 Whipple Road** is a two-and-a-half story dwelling on an irregular plan. The three by three bay building rests on a brick foundation. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A two-and-a-half story projecting bay on the south side has a gable roof also sheathed in asphalt shingles. The eave returns are supported by ornate brackets. An asymmetrical, wrap-around porch and a secondary porch at the rear are typical of the dwellings Queen Anne Style. Turned spindle work balustrade is located between the turned posts that support the hip roof of the porches. Shutters flank 2/1 wood sash windows. Despite its replacement siding, the building has retained a great deal of its original Queen Anne details.

To the rear of the house is a one story garage and storage building.

## 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.*

Originally part of the Rice farm, the house at 528 Whipple Road was built after 1900 by Robert H Mulno, Superintendent of the Lowell Cemetery. Mulno acquired the lot, which originally ran back to Marston Street from Reuben R Rice in 1898. Rice had purchased a large farm encompassing land on both sides of Whipple Road near the intersection with Marston Street from his father Henry Rice in 1875. Although Mulno purchased the land in 1898 and Town Assessor's records indicate the house was constructed that year, the Mulno's did not reside on Whipple Road in 1900.

Robert Mulno worked at the Lowell Cemetery from 1870s until his death in 1915. Although his work is not listed in the 1875-6 Directory of Lowell he was working as a teamster on Whipple Street and Moore Street near the cemetery. In 1880 he was the Foreman at the cemetery and by 1885 he was the Superintendent. In 1900 he lived at 1037 Lawrence Street in Lowell, near the southwest corner of the cemetery. In late 1914 he fell while working at the cemetery and injured his spinal cord, resulting in his death the following year<sup>1</sup>. His wife sold the house on Whipple Road the following year to Edward Cousins & Sidney Brissette.

Austin French, a farm worker, and his wife Marian resided in the house 1919-1935. From 1935-1972 the house was occupied by the Buchanan's, Malcolm, a bus driver and his wife Autine. When the Buchannan's sold the house in 1964 the house was sitting on an 11.99 acre lot.

Additional owners include: Land- Henry Rice (1858-1875) 144/90; Land- Reuben R & Laura Rice (1875-1898) 297/437; Robert Mulno (1898-1915) 542/209; Edward Cousins & Sidney C Brissette (1915-1916); Edward Cousins of Lowell (1916) 552/139; Lizzie B Fenton wife of Henry Fenton of Lowell and Billerica (1916-1919) 612/149; Austin F & Marian French (1919-1922); Alice Hart (1922) 687/101; Austin F & Marian French (1922-1932); George & Josephine Noble (1932-1934) Austin F & Marian French (1934-5) 858/67; Autine Buchanan (1935-1964) 1680/216; Malcolm D Buchanan, a bus driver, & Autine Buchanan (1964-1972) 2019/149; Dale, an engineering manager and his wife Marilyn White(1972-1977); Barry & Cheryl Wight (1977-1996); and Cheryl White (1996-2009).

<sup>1</sup> Claim No. 3110 Robert H Mulno, an employee of the Lowell Cemetery Corporation fell while working and injured his spine, he died within a year and his widow Louise L Mulno was awarded compensation of \$10/week for 40 weeks since his death in 1915. Boston Herald . *Department Reports of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Vol 2*. Boston: Bureau of Department Reports operated by the Boston Herald, 1915.

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