

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: 474 Whipple Road

Historic Name: Eben & Anna Sperry House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

Date of Construction: c1870

Source: Assessors Records & Style

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Fieldstone & Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Addition connecting former 2-car garage and house (c1992)

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 1.0 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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___ 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 Italianate house at **474 Whipple Road** is located at the corner of Whipple Road and Windsor Drive and is a one-and-a-half story side hall dwelling that has been altered by several rear additions. The dwelling rests on fieldstone and concrete foundations. A one-and-a-half story L-shaped ell connects the east end of the house to a two-and-a-half story former 2-car garage. A small one story addition projects from the north side of the house and is flush with the west elevation. The front gable roof dwelling is sheathed asphalt roofing shingles; a brick chimney protrudes from the south slope of the roof. A second exterior end chimney is located on the east façade of the main form of the house. A small gable roof entry porch is supported by circular columns. The walls are clad with painted clapboards.

An enclosed porch to the north of the house is three by two bays with a hip roof. The windows are 1/1 sash windows with transoms. Two pairs and a single sash window are located on the north elevation and a band of three sash windows are on the front (west) elevation. A door providing access to the pool and patio at the north side of the house is located on the eastern end of the north elevation of the porch.

A shed is located to the south of the house and a garage is located to the east. The former farm is now known as 'The Forgotten Farm'.

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 house at 474 Whipple Street was built between 1852-1875. Assessor records indicate the house was built c1870 which is compatible with the Italianate style of the dwelling. According to historic maps and atlases the first owner was a member of the French family. Members of the French family owned several house on the west and east sides of Whipple Road. Additional deed research would be necessary to determine an original owner.

1870-1876 Eben Sperry, a former cabinet maker in Danvers, moved to Tewksbury. He married in 1875 to his wife Anna and their only daughter Gertrude was born in Tewksbury in 1876. Eben Sperry's farm included c 1890 a house, barn, 25-acres, a horse, and seven cows. In 1920 Anna Sperry sold the house to Antonio J Furtado, a farmer, and his wife Filomena.

In the mid twentieth century the Furtado's farm included a henhouse, greenhouse, a "gas outfit", and various outbuildings used for storage.

Additional owners include: David Doiron, a postal clerk, Rita [Furtado] Doiron, a bookkeeper 1957-1965 & 1975; Mary Furtado, a bookkeeper (1957-1992) 1208/78 and Keith Ryan (1992-2009).

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