

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 190 Kendall Road

Historic Name: Augustus Fitzgerald House

Uses: Present: Two-Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1866

Source: Deeds & Local History

Style/Form: Greek Revival/Italianate

Architect/Builder:

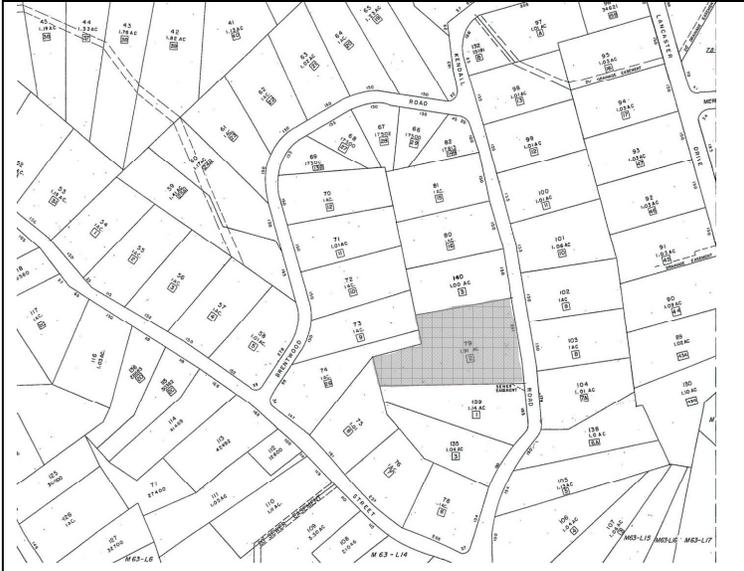
Exterior Material:

Foundation: Fieldstone & Concrete

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Metal

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

5-bay connected Garage (1959-2003)

Brick Garage (c1923)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Gable Addition (c1906)

Flat Roof Addition (1959-2003)

Replacement Siding (late 20th century)

Condition: Fair

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

Acreage: 1.91 Acres

Setting: Set on an elevated lot in a formerly rural area, now heavily built-up with late 20th cen. residential construction.

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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 residence at 190 Kendall Road is a two-and-a-half story dwelling connected to a large two-and-a-half story addition to the southwest. The side gable roofs of the dwelling are clad in green metal roofing. While the application of vinyl siding has removed or obscured some details, the older rectangular building is a five by three bay building facing Kendall Road. A porch stretches across the full-width of the first floor of the Kendall Road elevation, sheltering the main entrance. The porch has a shed roof clad in metal roofing and is supported by large square posts. A secondary entrance facing in the direction of Livingston Street, is like the main entrance flanked by wide pilasters supporting a wide entablature. The secondary entrance has a narrow half height sidelight to the east. Evidence of a cornice return is visible on the south east corner, but the eave appears to have been altered by the removal of gutters or the installation of the metal roofing. To the east of the secondary entrance a full height bay projects from the south façade and features large fixed pane windows. The bay is sided in wood shingles. Primarily the fenestration is 1/1 double hung sash windows. The windows are generally flanked by vinyl shutters. There are two chimneys, one on the west slope of the gable roof and the second, an end wall chimney on the west façade.

A larger addition to the southwest connects through main ell that lies perpendicular to the older portion of the house. The addition retains some Colonial Revival details, despite also being sheathed with vinyl siding. The 2-bay wide Kendall Road elevation is regular and symmetrical. The first floor features a full width porch sheltering a pair of fixed sash windows and a pair of entry doors flanked by side lights and wide pilasters. Pairs of windows are aligned above the first floor openings, and on the eastern slope of the gable roof, two shed dormers with paired double-hung sash windows are aligned above the windows below. At the rear of the addition, facing west, the fenestration is more irregular. A third shed dormer is located to the south of the western slope of the gable roof. A projecting gable bay is nearly centrally located on the rear elevation. A one-story porch with a shed roof extends from the projecting bay to the south. To the north, a large secondary ell connects the addition to a long low garage. The fenestration features paired double hung windows, bands of fixed sash windows, large fixed picture windows, and sliding glass doors. Two chimneys, one an end wall chimney on the south façade of the addition, and one chimney piercing the ridge of the ell project above the metal-clad gable roof forms.

In the second half of the 20th century a five-bay gable roof garage was added to the north of the secondary ell. A flat roof addition extends from the west of the attached garage. The flat roof addition is square in plan, sheathed in vinyl siding with a membrane roof.

The remains of a stone wall separate the yard from the road. The drive is semi-circular. Opposite the southernmost entrance onto Kendall Road is a large one-and-a-half story brick garage. The one by five bay garage extends to the east to a cross gable which appears to accommodate a residence or shop. Two entrances sheltered by an engaged overhang on the south façade provide access to the interior of the garage and to the rear portion of the building. A large brick chimney protrudes from the ridge of the roof. Although not located on property currently associated with the house at 190 Kendall Road, its construction appears to date from the early 20th century and may be historically associated with 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.

The house at 190 Kendall Road was built on what was originally a large homestead lot owned 1840-1855 by Thomas P Kendall. The Kendall house appears to have been located to the north west of 190 Kendall Road and has since been demolished. The original lot also included the Kendall family burial ground near 496 Kendall Road (MHC# TEW.) and land on the east side of Kendall Road.

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After Thomas P Kendall's death in 1857 the property was acquired by Amasa MacGarland, who sold the farm in October 1866 to Green Johnson, who in turn immediately sold the farm in November of 1866 to Augustus Fitzgerald of Medford, MA. Augustus Fitzgerald (1819-1887) had a wife, Mary, and three sons, George, Charles, and Frank Augustus. Locally the house is believed to have been constructed c 1870 and it is likely that the house at 190 Kendall Road was constructed by Augustus Fitzgerald around the time of his purchase of the property.

Frank Fitzgerald inherited the farm after his father's death in 1887. He married Julia Faulkner Bailey of Andover in 1874 and they had a daughter Grace Mae in 1875. Julia Bailey Fitzgerald was the half-sister of Frank's sister-in-law Clara [Clarissa] Bailey Ames. Clara married George Fitzgerald in 1884 and she and their son Ronald Irving lived with the Frank Fitzgerald family c1900.

The Fitzgerald farm included in 1890 a house, barn, two sheds, three horses, two cows, and a buggy on 73 acres. In 1905 Frank Fitzgerald sold land to General Adelbert Ames, who built a large house now located on Prospect Hill (MHC# TEW.25). The following year, 1906, Frank Fitzgerald sold the family farm to Edith Ames Stevens (1873-1958), the youngest daughter of General Ames and wife of C Brooks Stevens. The Fitzgerald family removed to Billerica.

C Brooks Stevens was a woolen manufacturer in Lowell with many interests in various companies associated with the Ames family. Edith Ames Stevens was the granddaughter of General Benjamin F Butler's. General Benjamin F Butler incorporated the United States Bunting Company in Lowell in 1865 to produce bunting for American flag manufacturers. He was also an owner of the Wamesit Power Company. US Bunting Co. grew into Lowell's second largest woolen mill in the 1890s. After Butler's death, Charles Brooks Stevens and his brother George Stevens purchased an interest in the mill. C Brooks Stevens also had an interest in the Ames Worsted Company, and the Wamesit Power Company. His sons Ames and Brooks Stevens Jr. also worked in the family's textile business. Later known as the Ames Textile Corporation, the company owned mills in Lowell, Stoughton, and Sanford, ME.

It is likely that the southwest addition and the full width porches were added by the Stevens family in the early 20th century to accommodate their four children and three live-in Irish servants. Also during their occupancy the Ames' added a pool and a tennis court. Although the pool remains, the tennis court was razed c 2003. In 1959 the heirs of Edith Ames Stevens divided the farm, then approximately thirty-three acres, into two parcels and sold a five-acre parcel along with the house to Helen and Paul McAskill¹. The five-acre parcel was further subdivided into three lots in 2003.

A garage at 187 Kendall Road appears to have been associated with the Stevens family. It predates the subdivision of the land on the east side of Kendall Road into the Kendall Wood subdivision in 1964. That land was owned in 1964 by Edward B Stevens, grandson of C Brooks and Edith Stevens. Edward Brooks Stevens purchased the land in 1951 from his grandfather's heirs, his father Ames Stevens and his uncle Brooks Stevens Jr. The land was part of the Augustus Fitzgerald farm c1866 owned by Edward B Stevens' great-uncle George Stevens, who sold it to Charles Brooks Stevens in 1923.

Additional owners of 190 Kendall Road include: Paul & Helen McAskill (1959-1969); Helen B McAskill, a realtor (1969-2005); Paul & Pamela McAskill, estate of Helen B McAskill (2005); Chorngwa & Jennifer Chang (2005-2010)

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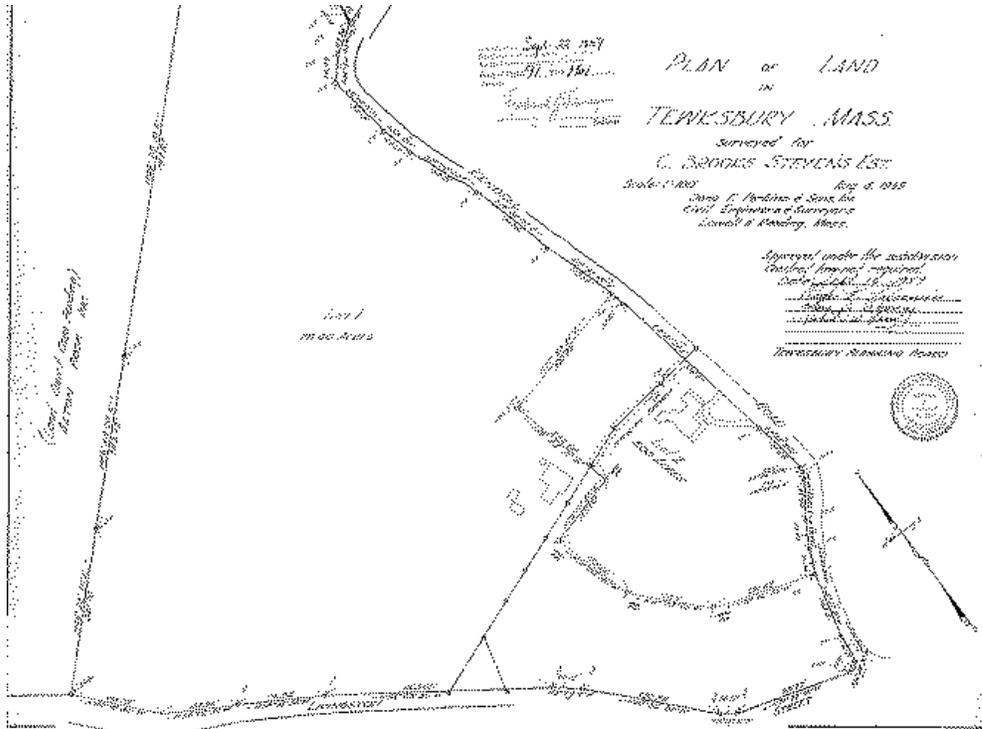
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