

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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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:** 496 Kendall Road

**Historic Name:** Ezra Kendall House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** 1760

**Source:** Local History

**Style/Form:** Federal

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Attached garage (late 20<sup>th</sup> cen)

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

Rear Additions

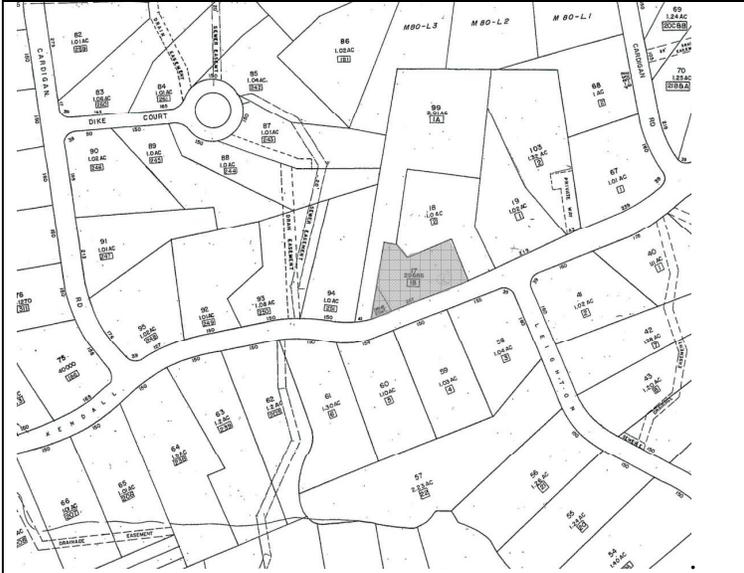
**Condition:** Good

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

**Acreage:** 0.68 Acres

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

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

496 KENDALL

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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 496 Kendall Road is a one-and-a-half story dwelling connecting by a series of ells to an attached garage to the east. The side gable roofs of the dwelling are clad in asphalt shingles. The rectangular building faces Kendall Road, is five by three bays and sheathed in wood clapboards. A wooden water table is located just above the granite foundation. The centrally located main entrance is flanked by half-height sidelights and a simple entablature. A secondary entrance facing east accesses a modern deck. A one-and-a-half story ell projects from the rear (north) of the house and connects to a one-story ell. Primarily the fenestration is 6/6 double hung sash windows, except for the projecting bay window on the connecting one-story addition. There are two chimneys, one large central chimney piercing the ridge of the gable roof and the second is an end wall chimney on the north façade of the one-and-a-half story ell. The two-car garage is built up-on a concrete foundation.

## 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.*

Locally believed to have been built c1760, the house at 496 Kendall Road was owned by members of the Kendall [Kendal] family for more than 140 years.

The earliest recorded owner<sup>1</sup> was Edward Kendall, who sold the property to his brother Seneca [Simeon] in 1848. Edward and Seneca were two of six children born to Ezra and Hannah Kendall.

Ezra Kendall was born in Tewksbury to Deacon Ezra Kendall and his second wife Abigail Chandler in 1761. Deacon Kendall of Woburn moved to Tewksbury prior to his marriage in 1748. He and his wives are buried in the old burial ground in Tewksbury Center (MHC# TEW. ). Ezra, the son, was a farmer. He married his wife in 1787. While the Kendall family lived in Tewksbury as early as 1748, it is unclear if this was the first house the Kendall family built. The transitional style of the house with its early Colonial cape form and large central chimney combined with the Federal Era details of the front door and the separation between the windows and the eave indicate that the house was likely built or significantly modified c1780. It is possible that this house was newly built for Ezra Kendall, the son, for his marriage in 1787 or a Colonial dwelling, possibly modified around the time of Deacon Kendall's death in 1817, when it is presumed the land was passed to Ezra the son. An interior investigation might provide evidence of an earlier construction date.

The house at 496 Kendall Street is built to the northeast of a brook that flows southeast out of Ames Pond. Known as Strongwater Brook, and now Meadow Brook, the stream powered a mill owned by the Kendall Family, possibly as early as 1700. The saw mill was in operation as late as 1889. Edward Kendall lived southwest of the sawmill site on Kendall Road near present day Overlook Drive. His brother Seneca lived in the house at 496 Kendall Road. Seneca Kendall (1792-1882) was also a farmer and married a distant cousin Lydia Kendall in 1826. Seneca and Lydia Kendall had three daughters and a son, Augustus Munren Kendall. Augustus built his own house to the northeast of his father 1871-1875 (MHC# TEW. ).

Lydia Kendall died in 1874. Seneca continued to live in the house with his daughter Martha until his death in 1882. Martha resided in the house until her death in 1907. In 1907 Augustus Kendall sold a share of the family home to Monroe Kendall Fuller (1883-1956), a farmer, and son of Civil War veteran Lorenzo Fuller and his wife Caroline Trull. Caroline Trull was the daughter of Jesse L Trull of North Andover and the Fuller family lived on a 3-acre farm owned by Caroline's mother 1890-1900. In 1920

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex North Registry of Deeds. Book 414, Page 58.

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Monroe Fuller defaulted on his mortgage and the farm was sold to Augustus' wife Abby Kendall. In 1922 Abby Kendall sold the house to Jesse Marshall.

Jesse Ames Marshall was the wife of Andrew Marshall of Boston, the granddaughter of General Benjamin F Butler of Lowell, and the daughter of General Adelbert Ames (MHC# TEW.25). Jesse Marshall and her husband resided in Boston, where he worked as an attorney at Hutchins & Wheeler, now part of Nixon & Peabody. Jesse was active in the women's suffrage movement, an advocate for birth control, and a publisher of her famous family's correspondence. She published the private and official communications of General Benjamin F Butler and the family letters between her mother and father, Blanche Butler and Adelbert Ames. The Marshall's had four children and three live-in servants. They lived on South Street in Boston in the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and later moved c1930 to Rockwood Street, Boston. It is likely that the Tewksbury house was used as a summer or vacation home where Jesse could be close to her parent's at 108 Catamount Street (MHC# TEW.25) and her sister Edith Ames Stevens at 190 Kendall Road (MHC# TEW.26). Jesse Marshall sold the house and 83-acres in 1946.

Subsequent owners include: Howard Leighton (1946-1973); John & Brenda Sullivan (1973-1986); and Robert & Joyce Rochefort (1986-2010).

The 83-acres of farmland that was associated with 496 Kendall Road was subdivided in the 1960s with the development of Cardigan Street. The smaller lot was subdivided again in 1982 and 1986.

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