

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

**Town/City:** Tewksbury

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 945 Main Street

**Historic Name:** James and Jennie Everett House

**Uses:** Present: Medical Office

Original: Single Family Dwelling

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1911

**Source:** MNRD 478/437

**Style/Form:** Bungalow

**Architect/Builder:** Unknown

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: Not visible

Wall/Trim: Aluminum/Wood

Roof: Asphalt shingles

## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage, ca. 1920; shed late 20<sup>th</sup> c.

## Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Aluminum siding, mid-20<sup>th</sup> century; vinyl windows late 20<sup>th</sup>/early 21<sup>st</sup> century

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** .69ac

**Setting:** The Everett house is on a flat, grassy lot at the west corner of Main and Summer streets on the west edge of the historic core of Tewksbury Centre. Asphalt and concrete sidewalks run along the north and east sides of the property, and the west and south edges are enclosed by trees. Town and commercial buildings are to the north and east, and small residences are to the south.

## Locus Map



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**Organization:** Tewksbury Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): March 2020

# 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.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The James and Jennie Everett House (ca. 1911) is a north-facing, astylistic, one-story, three-bay-by-three-bay, wood-frame bungalow with a pyramidal hip roof; the foundation is not visible. The walls are clad with aluminum siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Hip-roof dormers are centered on the north, east, and west slopes of the roof; a brick chimney projects from the center of the south slope. The north (façade) elevation has an integral, full width enclosed porch. The entrance is centered in the façade and accessed by a wood ramp that runs from an asphalt-paved parking area southwest of the house along the west elevation and the east half of the north elevation. The entrance is filled with a multi-light wood door and has a plain surround. A secondary entrance is in the center of the south elevation within a narrow enclosed entry porch with a hip roof. A curved metal awning shelters the door into the entry porch. Fenestration consists of two-over-one and one-over-one vinyl sash, which is evenly spaced across the north, east, and west elevations, and in the outer bays of the south elevation. Two-light bay windows are centered on the east and west elevations.

South of the house is an east-facing, Colonial Revival-style, one-story, one-car garage with a hip-roof. The walls are clad with aluminum siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A three-panel, multi-light, vertical-lift door fills the east elevation, and an entrance is centered in the north elevation.

A small, non-historic shed is southwest of the house.

The Everett House is an example of a small, single-family residence constructed in Tewksbury Centre in the early twentieth century when formerly large estates were platted out for residential use. The building was altered for use as a medical office, following a pattern of adaptive reuse in Tewksbury Centre.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The James and Jennie Everett House (ca. 1911) was likely constructed for the Everetts on two lots of land they purchased from Enoch Foster (1831–1917) in 1911 (MNRD 478/437). In 1898, Foster had his estate platted out, and in 1918–1919 local builder James F. O’Connell formally laid out Summer, Dewey, and Cross streets (Larry 2010; MNRD P22/9). James Everett (b. 1873) was an immigrant from England who worked in a brass foundry in Lowell and, prior to purchasing land from Foster, lived in a rooming house at 143 Appleton Street in Lowell (not extant) (U.S. Census 1910). The Everetts owned the property for about four years before selling it to Ellen Briggs and moving to an apartment at 159 Merrimack Street (LOW.1118, 17–21 Kirk Street) in Lowell (ancestry.com 2005; MNRD 544/212). Ellen Briggs (1883–1976) and her husband Fred A. Briggs (1880–1953) owned the property for nearly 60 years. In 1920, Fred worked as a blacksmith at the Tewksbury State Infirmary, and continued working there through 1930, when the Briggs took in boarders, possibly due to the Great Depression (1929–1933) (U.S. Census 1920, 1930).

In 1974, Ellen, by that time a widow for over 20 years, sold the house to Dr. John Lu (1920–2006) (MNRD 2113/163). Lu was born in Chengdu, China, and studied medicine at the Peking Union Medical College and Sichuan University before coming to the United States and doing his surgical residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Lu settled in Tewksbury and was the chief surgeon and medical director at the Tewksbury Hospital before going into private practice at the subject property (Farmer & Dee Funeral Home 2006). In 2005, Dr. Lu sold the property to his son, Dr. Stephen Lu, who maintains a dental practice at the subject property (MNRD 18872/178).

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