

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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**Town:** Tewksbury

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

**Address:** 1304 Andover Street

**Historic Name:** Thomas & Florence Nesmith House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** 1902-1909

**Source:** Street Directories

**Style/Form:** No Style/Bungalow

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
Garage

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):  
Enclosed porch (c2007)

**Condition:** Fair

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

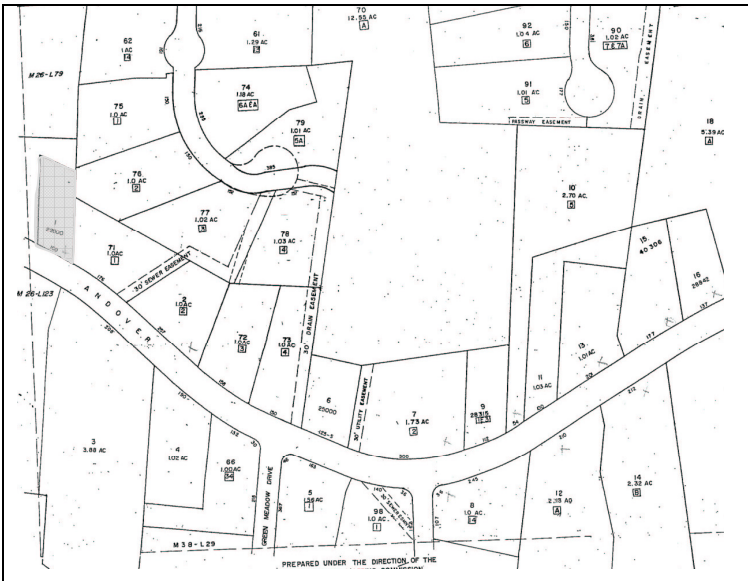
**Acreage:** 0.51

**Setting:** Located in a primarily single family residential area on a major travel corridor to Lowell. The house is sited near the corner of Trull Road, a residential street subdivided and developed in the 1960s.

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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**Organization:** ttl-architects

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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

1304 ANDOVER STREET

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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 bungalow at **1304 Andover Street** is located near the corner of Frazier Lane. The four by four bay, two-and-a-half story dwelling rests on a concrete block foundation. An engaged porch extends across the full width of the front porch. The main entrance is off the front porch. Character defining features of the bungalow are the full width porch and the shed dormer centered on the south slope of the side gable. The porch columns are narrow tapered square columns supporting the engaged roof. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. Windows are 1/1 vinyl replacement windows and flanked by shutters. The house has been altered by the enclosure of the porch c2007.

A one story, two-car garage is located to the northeast of the dwelling. The garage has a side gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles and vinyl siding clad walls.

## 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.*

Thomas Nesmith was a real estate agent in Lowell in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. He and his wife Florence moved to Tewksbury 1902-1909. The house at 1304 Andover Street may have been constructed around that time. It first appears on a plan of land in 1919. Thomas Nesmith owned a large parcel of land at the corner of Trull and Andover Streets, approximately 30 acres. The land associated with the house at the corner of Trull and Andover Streets was subdivided initially in 1919 and again in the 1940s. In 1935 of plan of land of the estate of Thomas Nesmith (58/91) indicates that there were two buildings to the rear of 1304 Andover Street and a large house with a wrap around porch and several outbuildings off from Trull Street near the present day Mount Joy Drive.

Additional owners include: The Johnson family (1935); Jason Rourke, a chauffeur, & his wife Adeline (c1949-1951); Anne Shea (c1955); Charles Denny a cashier, & his wife Helen (1955-1964); Isabelle & Leon Bigold, a teacher (1964-2003); and Lisa Johnson (2003-2009)

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