

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

61-74 Wilmington TEW.290

Town/City: Tewksbury

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

Photograph



Address: 74 Lee Street

Historic Name: Carroll and Abbie Edgecomb House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1911

Source: MNRD 472/445

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Parged

Wall/Trim: Wood shingle/wood

Roof: Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage (early-to-mid-20th c), shed (late 20th c), swimming pool and pool house (late 20th c)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Vinyl windows, late 20th/early 21st century

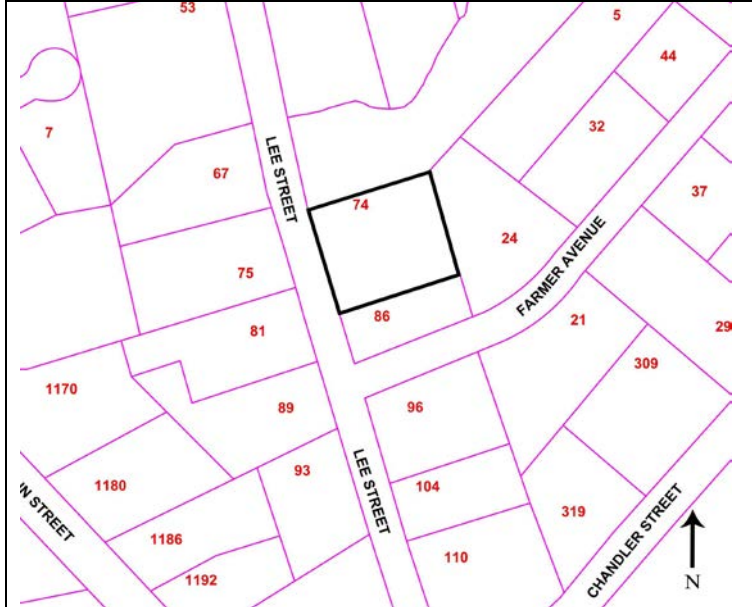
Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .44ac

Setting: The Edgecomb House is slightly back from the street edge on an approximately square, grassy lot on the east side of Lee Street, one lot north of Farmer Avenue and south of a wooded parcel. An asphalt driveway runs east along the south elevation of the house, terminating at a garage.

Locus Map



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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 Carroll and Abbie Edgecomb House (ca. 1911) is a west-facing, Queen Anne-style, two-story, two-bay-by-two-bay, wood-frame house with a parged foundation and an end-gable roof. A one-and-one-half-story ell projects from the east elevation, and a one-story addition projects from the east elevation of the ell. The walls are clad with wood shingles and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles and pierced by a brick chimney near the ridgeline on the south slope. A shed dormer runs the full length of the south slope of the roof over the ell. The entrance is in the north bay of the west (facade) elevation, filled with an Arts and Crafts-style, six-light, two-panel wood door flanked by multi-light sidelights. A transom panel has the address of the building on it. The entrance leads to a fully-enclosed, hip-roof porch lit by an oriel window in the south bay. A secondary entrance is in the east bay of the south elevation of the ell, filled with a modern door and accessed by a run of steps leading to a small entry porch. Fenestration consists of six-light wood sash and one-over-one vinyl sash with narrow surrounds.

A west-facing, one-story, one-car garage with an end-gable roof is at the east edge of the property, southeast of the house. An eight-light, vertical-lift door is south of center in the west (facade) elevation. South of the garage is a pool house and in-ground swimming pool. A small, wood-frame shed is at the north edge of the property, northeast of the house.

The Edgecomb House is a good example of a Queen Anne-style house constructed on the east side of Tewksbury Centre in the late nineteenth century as large estates began to be platted out for smaller residential lots.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Carroll and Abbie Edgecomb House (ca. 1911) was likely constructed for Tewksbury town employee Carroll F. Edgecomb (1860–1920) and his wife Abbie (b. 1864), both of whom were from Limington, Maine (U.S. Census 1920). The Edgecombs bought the property from John and Lillian Lyman, who purchased the property as two lots from Frank H. Farmer (MNRD 472/445). The property was part of a larger parcel formerly owned by undertaker Frank H. Farmer, who lived at 18 Lee Street (1898, TEW.17) and owned much of the land on the east side of Lee Street, having purchased it from William Lee in 1889 (see Lee Street Area, TEW.B). In 1909, Farmer platted out his property, creating small side streets including Farmer Avenue to the south of the subject property (MNRD P27/54). The Edgecombs owned the property until 1934, when it was sold to Andrew and Mabel Blanchette by the executor of Carroll's estate (MNRD 856/79). Like others in the area, Andrew was employed by the Tewksbury State Hospital, just a half-mile to the east, where he worked as a cook. In 1930, Mabel was a registered nurse, also working at the hospital, but by 1940 she was not working outside the home (U.S. Census 1930, 1940).

The Blanchettes owned the property until 1967 when Mabel sold it to Joseph and Lucy Gould (MNRD 1819/116). Joseph Gould (1933–2016) was an Air Force veteran who served in the Korean War and was a retired mill foreman at the Holt and Bugbee Lumber Company at 1600 Shawsheen Street in Tewksbury, about three miles to the northeast (Find A Grave 2016). The property remains owned by Lucy Gould.

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