

B FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

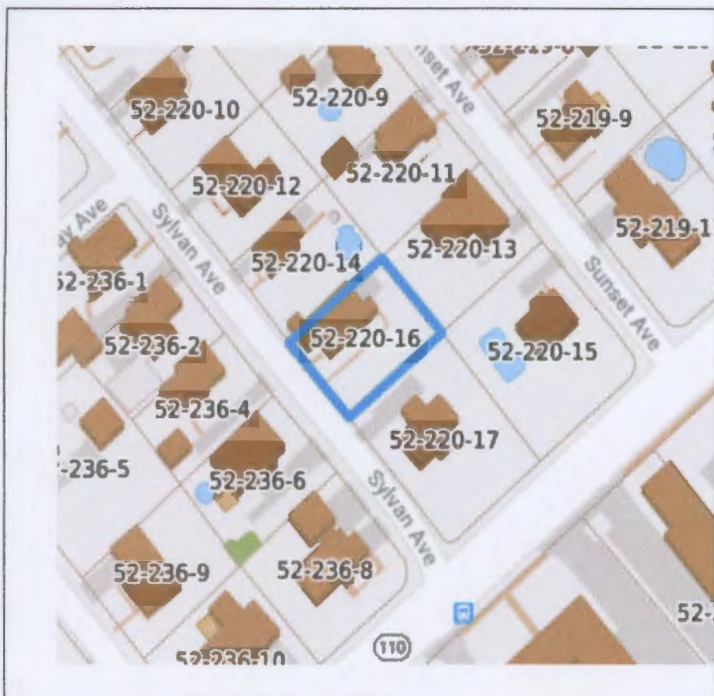
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Town/City: Chelmsford

Place: Musterfield Park, Westlands

Address: 3 Sylvan Ave.

Historic Name: Beatrice Drewett House

Uses: Present: private residence

Original: private residence

Date of Construction: 1922

Source: taxes and deeds

Style/Form: bungalow

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: cement bricks

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: none

Major Alterations (with dates): records unavailable

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.18 acres

Setting: The house is located on a short street connecting a busy state road and a busy town road. The houses are on small lots and were built about the same time. Many of the houses appear to be "kit" houses. More research has to be done.

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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.

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. On December 17, 1921, Mrs. Daisy Day sold 3 contiguous lots on Sylvan Ave., located in Musterfield Park to Beatrice L. Drewett of Chelmsford. Mrs. Day's husband, George, was the land owner and developer of the park. The sale came with restrictions to help standardize the community. The deed reads, "that until January 1, 1940 shall be built any building or any part thereof upon nearer than 50 feet from said Ave., and no less than \$2000 dollars. That a garage or other buildings other than the dwelling shall be placed no less than 40 feet from said Ave." (1) Tax records show Beatrice immediately started to build her home and the 1922 tax records indicate the house was complete with Beatrice and her Dad, Edward as the only residents. Beatrice was born in July 1890 in Lowell to a father that was a clerk "a Weigher" and a homemaker. Both her parents were English immigrants. The 1910 Federal Census records Beatrice living at home in Lowell and working as a stitcher in a bleachery. (2) The 1920 Census shows Beatrice and her family had moved to Chelmsford and Beatrice was still working at the bleachery. but had not purchased the land. (3) Bleacheries were common in Lowell, Chelmsford and Billerica due to both the wool and cotton mills. In 1934, Beatrice married William H. Wayne, the boy next door. (4) The Lowell Sun frequently writes that Beatrice was busy with her church, among other volunteer jobs, she sang in the choir. Beatrice died August 2, 1965. (5)

William Wayne was the son of Irish immigrant farmers, he was born on August 31, 1883 probably in Ayer, Mass. where his father was working. (6) Later the family purchased a farm in neighboring Westford. (7) At the age of 42, William registered for the WW II draft. (8) William was not a stranger to unfortunate mishaps. When William was 20 years old, he walked into his bedroom to witness a farm hand and a civil war veteran working for the family bleeding profusely from stab wounds. His brother Everett was cited for the murder, admitting the victim had been endlessly harassing him. Later in the October 9, 1933, Lowell Sun newspaper reported a 2 car accident just down the street from his home. William suffered from broken ribs. The accident went under investigation. (10) In 1845, William attended the funeral of his employer, Ellef Berg. The article describes the funeral and lists William as being a custodian from the Westlands School. (11) William died on July 15, 1966. In 1937, Beatrice sold her home to Henry Cluff of Lowell. (12) Numerous Lowell sun Newspaper articles and several federal census do not indicate Henry Cluff lived in the house. Since that time the house has changed hands several times.

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. On December 17, 1921, Mrs. Daisy Day sold 3 contiguous lots on Sylvan Ave., located in Musterfield Park to Beatrice L. Drewett of Chelmsford. Mrs. Day's husband, George, was the land owner and developer of the park. The sale came with restrictions to help standardize the community. The deed reads, "that until January 1, 1940 shall be built any building or any part thereof upon nearer than 50 feet from said Ave., and no less than \$2000 dollars. That a garage or other buildings other than the dwelling shall be placed no less than 40 feet from said Ave." (1) Tax records show Beatrice immediately started to build her home and the 1922 tax records indicate the house was complete with Beatrice and her Dad, Edward as the only residents. Beatrice was born in July 1890 in Lowell to a father that was a clerk "a Weigher" and a homemaker. Both her parents were English immigrants. The 1910 Federal Census records Beatrice living at home in Lowell and working as a stitcher in a bleachery. (2) The 1920 Census shows Beatrice and her family had moved to Chelmsford and Beatrice was still working at the bleachery. but had not purchased the land. (3) Bleacheries were common in Lowell, Chelmsford and Billerica due to both the wool and cotton mills. In 1934, Beatrice married William H. Wayne, the boy next door. (4) The Lowell Sun frequently writes that Beatrice was busy with her church, among other volunteer jobs, she sang in the choir. Beatrice died August 2, 1965. (5)

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