

FORM B – BUILDING

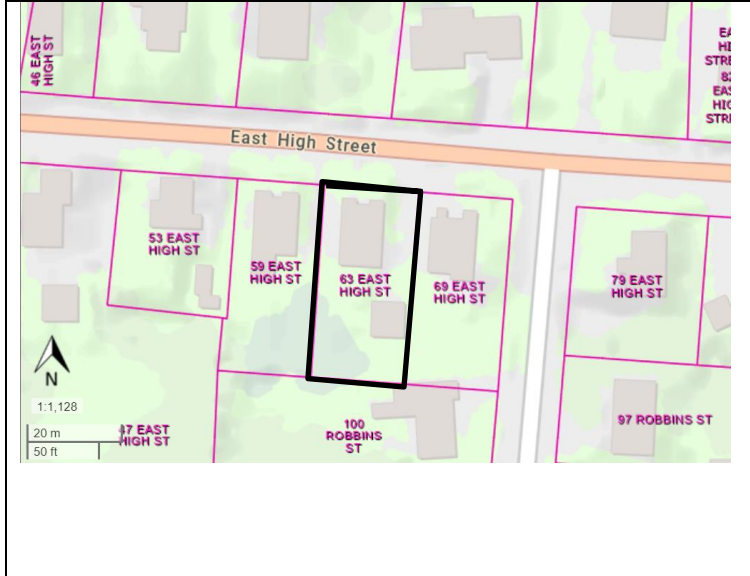
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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



View looking southeast.

Locus Map



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Blue Hills

AVO.16
AVO.17

Town/City: Avon

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Address: 63 East High Street

Historic Name: Frederick and Irene McElroy House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1927

Source: Deed

Style/Form: Bungalow

Architect/Builder: Albert W. Willis and Francis J. Curran

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Parged Masonry

Wall/Trim: Brick / Wood Trim, Vinyl Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Replacement vinyl sash windows (late 20th C or early 21st C)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.19 acre

Setting: Located on a suburban residential street. Surrounding houses were constructed from mid-19th to late-20th centuries.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AVON

63 EAST HIGH STREET

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Area(s) Form No.

AVO.16
AVO.17☐ 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 house is located on a level lot and oriented to the north, toward the street. An asphalt-paved driveway leads past the east elevation to a brick garage located near the southeast corner of the house. The 1-story, rectangular-plan house is capped with a hipped roof with overhanging eaves. A hip dormer clad with vinyl siding and containing a single window is centered in the north elevation. A brick chimney is located at the south end of the roof ridge. The house is constructed of common bond brick with a soldier course and a header course used as a skirt board. Upright stringer bricks serve as lintels and header bricks serve as window sills. An undercut porch at the northwest corner of the house is supported by two square Doric columns atop brick piers. A square-section wood balustrade encloses the porch. The porch shelters a single window in the north elevation and a Colonial Revival-style paneled wood door in the west elevation. A triple window containing two narrow windows flanking a larger center window fills the east end of the façade. The house is three bays deep. The west elevation contains two pairs of windows and a center, smaller, sash window. The east elevation contains a single window at the north end and two bays of triple windows. A run of brick veneer steps leads to a door at the south end of the east elevation. Windows throughout the house are 1/1 vinyl sash replacements. The garage (ca. 1927, AVO.17) is constructed of common bond brick and capped with a pyramidal, asphalt-shingled roof with overhanging eaves. A single sash window is located in the east and west (side) elevations. The north elevation contains a large overhead, pressed-panel metal vehicle door trimmed with vinyl siding.

An identical bungalow is located next door at 59 East High Street (AVO.15).

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.*

63 East High Street was constructed in 1927 by carpenter Albert Willis and plumber Francis Curran. Albert W. Willis of West Bridgewater (1883-1956)¹ and Francis J. Curran of Randolph (1884-1949) purchased the land in 1927.² Frederick and Irene McElroy purchased the new house in 1928.³ Boston Lawyer Frederick McElroy (1902-1980)⁴ and his wife, Irene (1901-1990)⁵ lived here with their four young children. Hazel and Warren Pettengill owned the house from 1937 until 1943.⁶ Warren F. Pettengill (1905-1983)⁷ worked as a lithographer. The 1930 census noted his occupation as a "stone man," that is, the person who tends the stone onto which the ink is laid to print the image. The 1950 census noted his occupation as a "compositor," the person who arranges the text or images for printing.

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² Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1744, p. 572.

³ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 1797, p. 296.

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⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/180967810/irene-m-mcelroy>. Accessed Dec. 24, 2022.

⁶ Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 2466, p. 184.

⁷ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/167116904/warren-f-pettengill>. Accessed Dec. 1, 2022.

