

# FORM B – BUILDING

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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town:** Reading

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 1149 Main Street

**Historic Name:** Haggerty-Schneider House

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** 1912

**Source:** water department records

**Style/Form:** Bungalow

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

### Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard

Roof: asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
none

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

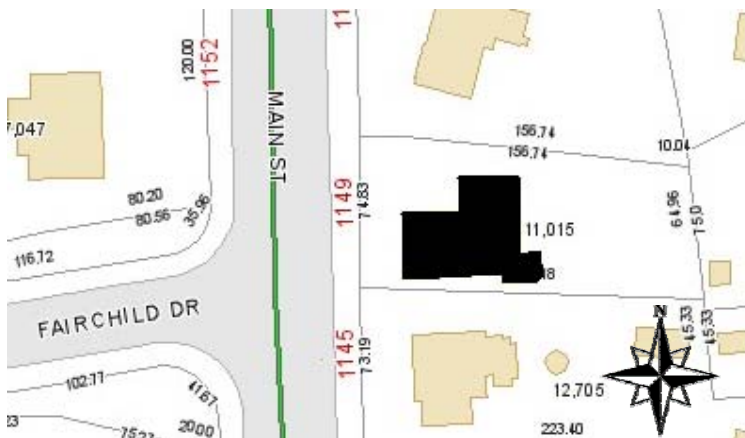
**Condition:** good

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

**Acreage:** 0.25 acre

**Setting:** mixed residential along busy road (Rt. 28)

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Reading Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): December 2009

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# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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1149 Main 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.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The house at 1149 Main Street is a variation on the early 20<sup>th</sup> century Bungalow style. The single-story structure is set on a rubble foundation and capped by a hip roof which extends to shelter a recessed porch on the façade. The overhang is supported by Doric columns which rest on a rubble half wall. The overhanging eaves are trimmed with exposed rafter tails. Underneath the porch, the sidehall entry contains an original wooden door with oval glass. The windows adjacent to the entrance including an individual unit and a three-sided bay window, all display a double-hung sash with five vertical panes in the upper sash above a single light lower sash.

Attached to the north of the main house is a hip-roofed section with a single garage opening on the lower (rubble) level. Above the garage door is a set of three 6/6 windows.

## 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.*

It appears that this house (originally 399 North Main Street) was constructed in 1912 for Mrs. Helen Haggerty. The adjacent house at 1145 Main Street (originally 397) was constructed at the same time. The 1920 Census indicates that Mrs. Haggerty was then 36 years old and worked as a music teacher. By 1930 the house was occupied by Oscar and Margaret Schneider. Oscar Schneider (d. 4-29-72) was born in Germany and worked as a machinist at a novelty plant. His wife Margaret (d. 6-15-76) was born in Ireland. The couple continued to own the house into the 1960s.

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