

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Town: Reading

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 94 Oak Street

Historic Name: Kenneth R. Johnson House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1935

Source: water department records

Style/Form: Cape Cod

Architect/Builder: Colonial Development Co.

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete block

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: good

Moved: no | x | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.20 acre

Setting: mixed 20th century residential neighborhood

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: Lisa Mausolf

Organization: Reading Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): December 2009

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94 Oak 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 94 Oak Street is a well-preserved, early 20th century Cape Cod house, constructed in 1935. In this case, the 1½-story, side-gabled structure is clapboarded and has a single-story garage wing attached to the west with a small sunroom to the east. Centered on the five-bay façade is a six-panel door flanked by full sidelights and capped by a gablet. On either side of the entrance are two 8/8 double-hung windows with molded surrounds and wooden blinds. The front slope of the gable roof has twin gable dormers with 6/6 sash and a central brick chimney rises from the ridge. The eaves are without overhang. The garage wing has two arches. A mudroom entrance is recessed behind one while the other is a garage door.

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.

According to local water records, this house was constructed by the Colonial Development Company. No other information has been found concerning the company which was responsible for the construction of numerous houses in the adjacent Pine Ridge Road neighborhood.

The water was turned on September 25, 1935. The original owner was Kenneth R. Johnson who worked as a newspaper man and lived here with his wife Ann. Ann Johnson was still living here in 1970. By 1972 the house was occupied by Raymond and Linda Welch who moved here from Cambridge. The Welchs were still living here in 1987. Later owners include Bill and Marisue Blue.

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Community Property Address
READING 94 OAK STREET

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible Eligible **only** in a historic district
 Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: **A** **B** **C** **D**

Criteria Considerations: **A** **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G**

Statement of Significance by Lisa Mausolf

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

Constructed in 1935, the house at 94 Oak Street is a well-preserved, early 20th century version of the timeless Cape Cod-style dwelling with attached garage wing. The house displays a five-bay façade with a center entrance flanked by full sidelights, a center brick chimney and gable dormers. The property is potentially eligible for the National Register for its associations with the early 20th century development of Reading and as a good example of a variation on the Cape Cod/Colonial Revival mode.