

FORM B – BUILDING

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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Reading

Place: (neighborhood or village)

Photograph



Address: 62 Scotland Road

Historic Name: Harry A. Merchant, Jr. House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1953

Source: water department records

Style/Form: Colonial Revival Saltbox

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: wood shingle

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (with dates):

1994 – addition/garage to west

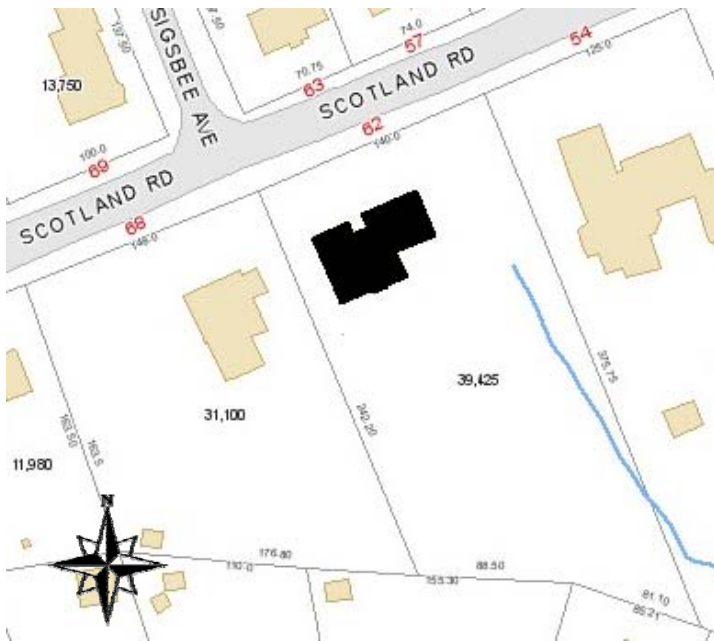
Condition: good

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

Acreage: 0.91 acre

Setting: mixed residential neighborhood

Topographic or Assessor's 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:

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

An interesting adaptation of the historic saltbox form to modern needs, 62 Scotland Road is an indication in the timeless interest in the Colonial Revival beyond the more common Cape Cod house form. The two-story wood-shingled structure is set on a concrete foundation and an asymmetrical gable roof which is without overhanging eaves and is punctuated by a center chimney. Centered on the five bay façade is a simple entablature door surround. The windows contain double-hung 6/6 sash; those on the upper story are slightly smaller in size. A single-story mudroom links the main house and attached two-car garage to the west. A large addition projects behind the original house.

Other examples of 20th century saltboxes include 82 Grand Street.

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 department records, this house was constructed in 1953 for Harry A. Merchant Jr. The water was turned on August 17, 1953. Harry Merchant lived here with his wife Marion. He worked as a purchasing agent. In 1962 the property was sold by the Merchants to Malcolm and Barbara Reed who retained ownership until 1992 when it was sold to James Molloy.

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