

FORM B – BUILDING

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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Reading

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 87 Scotland Road

Historic Name: Frank L. Noble House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1930

Source: water department records

Style/Form: Bungalow/Craftsman

Architect/Builder: unknown (Frank L. Noble?)

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: wood shingle

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

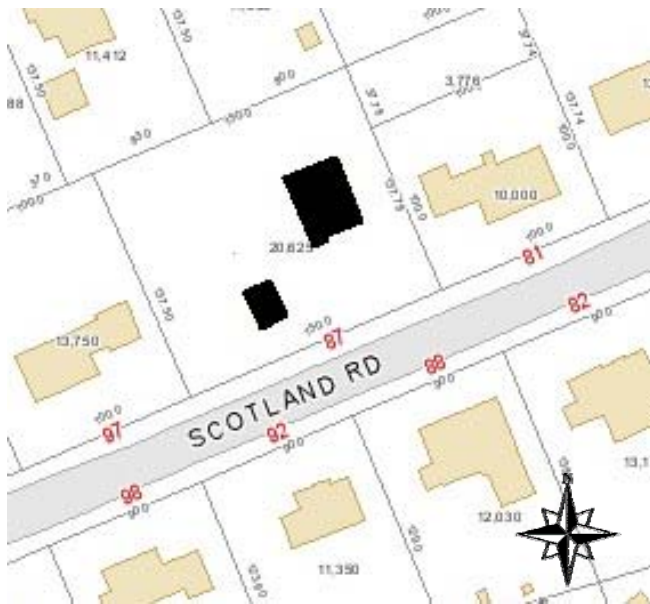
Condition: good

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

Acreage: 0.47 acre

Setting: mixed residential neighborhood

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Reading Historical Commission

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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 87 Scotland Road is an early 20th century bungalow/cottage which is almost camp-like in feeling. The 1½-story, side-gabled dwelling is set on a rubble foundation and sheathed in wood shingles. The side eaves overhang slightly and on the front and rear elevations extensions of the gable roof project to shelter the open front porch supported by square posts as well as the screened rear porch. The sidehall entry contains an original wooden door with multi-lights over lower panels. To the side of the entrance are three 6/1 windows. The two front gable dormers have a diamond-paned upper sash and the windows on the gable end are a mixture of 4/1 and 6/1.

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 (originally 65 Scotland Road) was constructed for (and probably by) Frank L. Noble. Census records over the years describe him as a carpenter/builder. The 1931 directory indicates that he was then employed as a dynamiter, living on Scotland Road with his wife Susanne. By 1934 he had retired and in 1936 he was living on Longwood Road.

In 1936 Everett Lynn, a printer, was living here with his wife Anna. By 1941 the house was vacant. William H. Blandy, a telephone company employee, was living here from about 1944 to the 1960s. Later owners included Kenneth Sullivan who was here by 1970 and sold the property in 1999.

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