

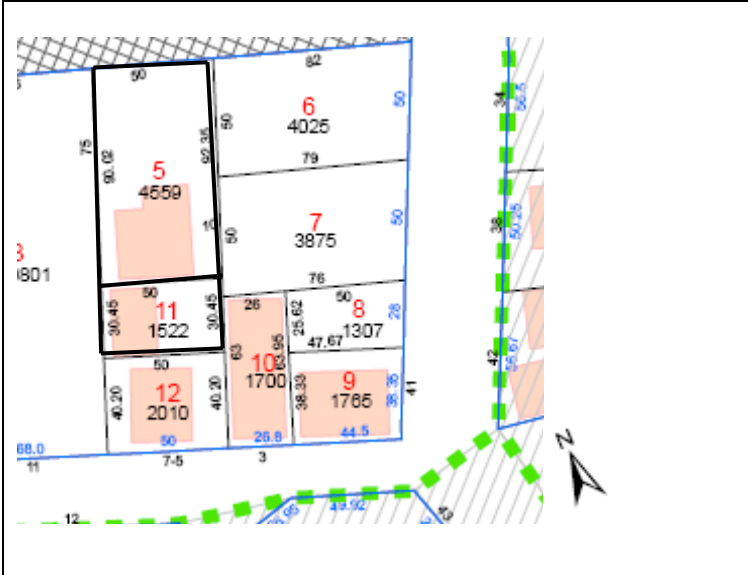
FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

53-C-11, 53-C-5

Town/City: Somerville

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

Address: 1 & 2 Village Terrace

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: Single Family Houses

Original: Single Family Houses

Date of Construction: between 1858 and 1874

Source: Maps

Style/Form: Vernacular, rectangular

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: shingle

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition:

Moved: no ☐ yes ☒ **Date:** circa 1912

Acreage: 1522 SF/ 4559 SF

Setting: Located at the industrial edge along the Fitchburg Railway in a neighborhood of predominantly small 1 ½ story workers cottages.

Recorded by: Kristi Chase

Organization: Som. Historic Preservation Commission

Date (*month / year*): 11/2011

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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.

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.

These are 1 1/2 story workers center entry workers cottages with small entry porches and modern casement windows located on either side of the front 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.

Between 1904 and 1915, the railroad crossing at Dane Street was changed from at-grade to a bridge. The land was raised to a height that would allow fully loaded trains to pass underneath. The construction of this embankment required the houses along Dane Street to be razed or moved. There is some evidence that these houses were relocated to the nearby vacant lot shown to Q. Vinal on the 1874, 1884, 1895 and 1900 Hopkins, Bromley, Stadley and Sanborn Atlases which show the ownership, outlines of the buildings, give basic divisions of the structures, and indicate the number of stories.



Several people are listed as resident in houses on Dane Street between the railroad and Village Street through 1910 and Village Terrace does not exist as a named right of way. However by 1915, 1-5 Village Terrace and 5 Village Street were fully occupied and no one is listed as living on the 33-39 Dane Street. The residents of the Terrace are all workers with a laborer, Patrick McDonough at 5 Village Street; William McDonough at 1 Village Terrace; a laborer, John Daly at # 2; a widow, Mrs. Mary Craven at #3; a painter, Laughlin Black at #4; a laborer, Anthony Stassino at #5; and another laborer, Rosario Simone at #6.

33 Dane St possibly 3-4 Village Terr (Razed) was the largest of the houses on this section of Dane Street (2-Family) was owned by Patrick Terry, stone mason who did not live there. The 1903 resident Patrick Lomasney, laborer moved to Autumn Street in East Somerville by 1905.



According to the Atlases, 35 Dane St possibly 2 Village Terr was owned by Charles A. Mongan in 1874 and 1884. The 1869 City Directory notes that he sold groceries on Milk Street near Spring Street, and lived on the corner of Garden Court and Milk Street. By 1877, he is listed as a contractor who lived on Belmont Street nr. Somerville Avenue and in 1884 on Porter Street opposite Brastow Avenue. Because he did not live on Dane Street, this

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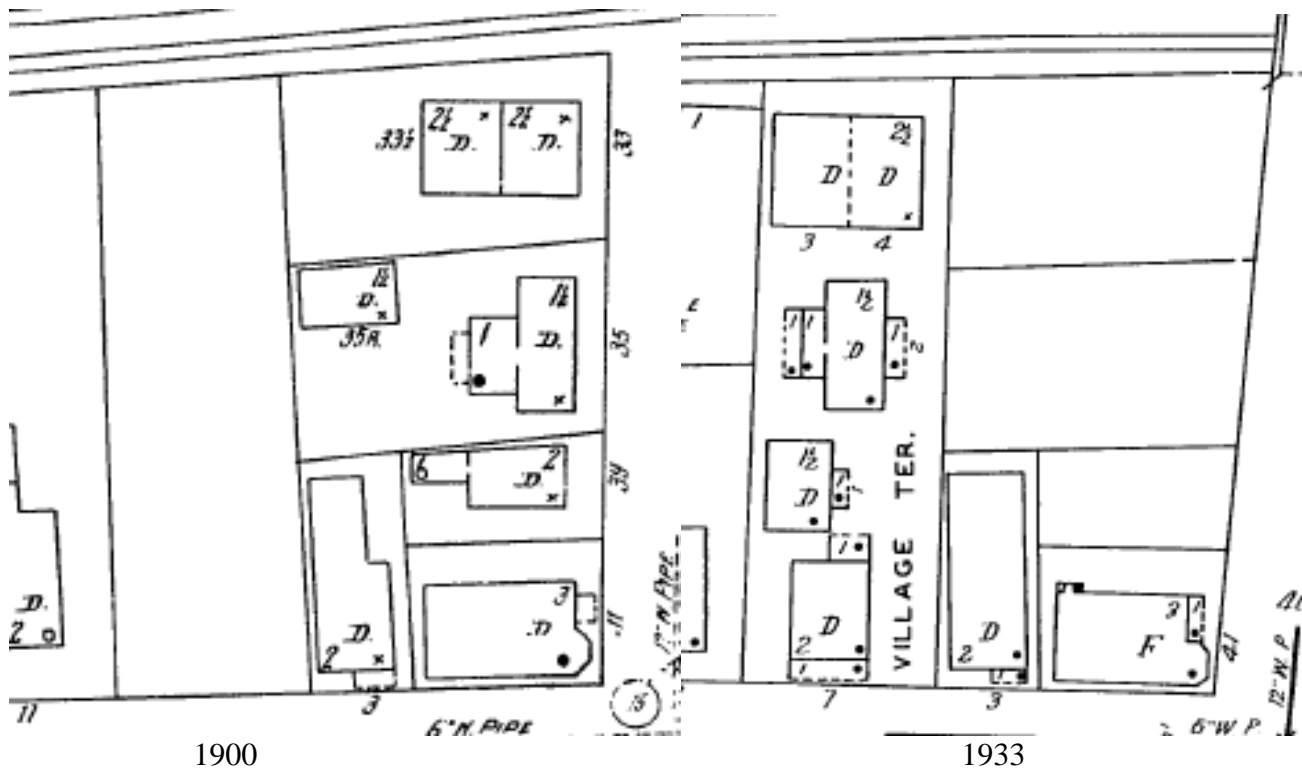
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house must be rental property. Tenants could not be found as street numbers were not in universal use during the 19th century. Mrs Magadalena Hunzelman, widow of Joseph is listed at this address from 1903-1905. Joseph Hunzelman, tinsmith boards with her. Other Hunzelman family members resided at 41 Dane Street and 3 Village Street. A teamster, John J. May is listed in the Directories in 1903 and 1905. In 1910, a shipper, Edward F Mallows is listed as head of household at 35 Dane Street.

35R Dane St possibly 1 Village Terr (not shown on any maps until the 1900 Sanborn) appears in 1905 City Directory with a cooper, William T Sullivan as the resident. A laborer, John Daly is listed there by 1910 and at 2 Village Terrace in 1915.



39 Dane St possibly 5-7 Village Street is shown to be owned by J. Lenan in 1874. He could not be found in any directories indicating that again this was rental property and that he did not live in the City. A teamster, John J. May resided at #39 in 1903-1905. In 1910, glassblowers, Christian and Michael Lenhart lived there but had moved to 435a Somerville Avenue by 1915.

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2 Village Terrace