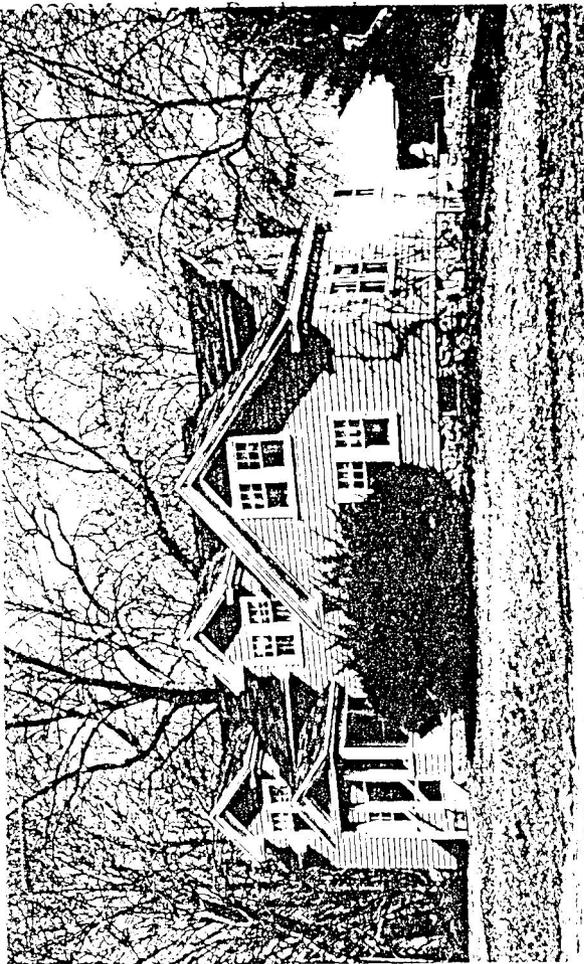


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Reading

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Town: North Reading, MA

Place (neighborhood or village) Meadowview

Address 3 Winter Street

Historic Name George Weeks House

Use: Present Private residence

Original Summer cottage (?)

Date of Construction c. 1930s

Source 1930 North Reading Property Valuation

Style/Form Craftsman/L-shaped

Architect/Builder Undetermined

Exterior Material

Foundation Field stone

Wall Wood shingles

Roof Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures N/A

Major Alterations (with dates) Very intact

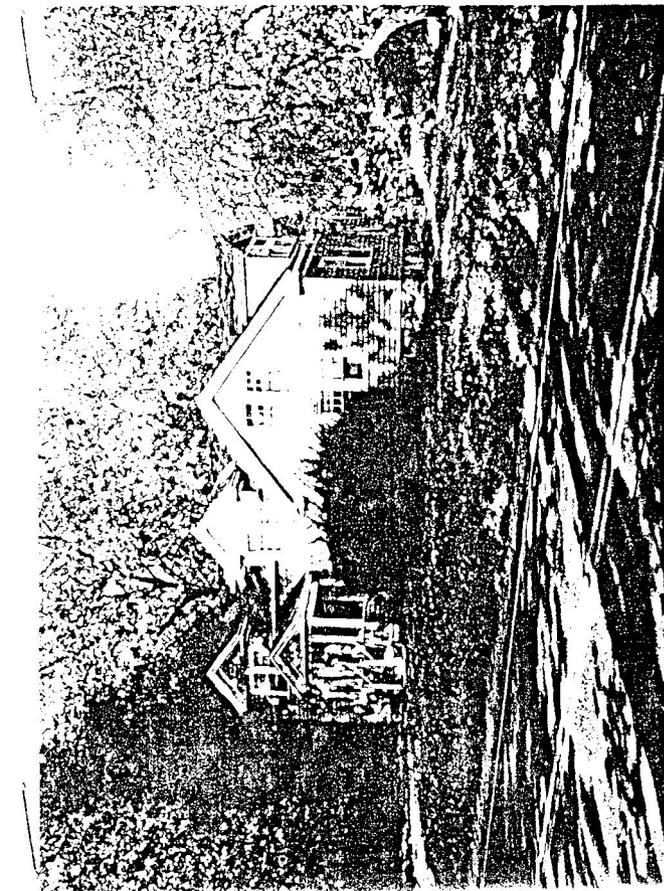
Condition Good

Moved yes no

Acreage .48

Setting Situated on corner lot at Park St./Winter St./

Freedom Drive intersection. Subdivision of modern suburban homes bordering Freedom Drive to north. Early nineteenth century farm house to west. Modern suburban houses across Winter Street. Lot shaded by mature trees



BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

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

3 Winter Street is a cottage-scale, wood-shingle-sheathed house that is composed of two one-and-one-half-story segments. This house might be loosely defined as Craftsman given the rustic qualities of its stone and wood shingle materials. The appearance of this house suggests two separate dwellings or structures joined together to form a T-shaped configuration. Both segments rise from field stone foundations to an intersecting, asphalt shingle-sheathed gable roof. The eastern half of the house measures three-bays by a single double-bay and stands with its broad southern end gable facing Winter Street. The western half measures three-bays-by-two-bays and exhibits an open, projecting gable-roofed porch at the center of its street elevation. The porch exhibits simple, square posts that rise from solid, wood shingle-clad railings. In general, windows are simply enframed and contain 6/1 wood sash. A gable-roofed dormer containing a double window rises from the southern end of the eastern component's east roof slope. The northern half of this roof slope exhibits a low-pitched gable. The western component exhibits a pair of wall dormers which are enclosed by gable roofs with return eaves.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

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.

The origins of this residence are not entirely clear. Nineteenth and early twentieth century Reading/North Reading maps and atlases indicate the presence of 5 Winter Street but not 3 Winter Street. The existence of 3 Winter Street is not indicated in Property Valuation Reports dating from 1890 to 1930. 3 Winter Street was probably built after 1930, although the possibility remains that it incorporates part of an out building that was originally part of the farm at number 5 Winter Street. Edward J. Leary in North Reading Excerpts at Random, (1969) in a section called "Names You Hear No More" asserts that the neighborhood around the intersection of Park and Winter Street was called "Meadow view."

Number 3's lot was carved from the old Garvin-Weeks farm at 5 Winter Street. Extant by 1830, 5 Winter Street is a Federal vernacular farm house whose original ownership is unclear. By the mid-nineteenth century this farm was owned by Edward Garvin. In 1870, Garvin's property encompassed a 5/8 of one-acre house lot valued at \$75 and a house worth an estimated \$300. Although not indicated in the 1870 Property Valuation, the 1875 Middlesex County Atlas indicates a shoe shop located next door to the east of number 5, possibly on the site of 3 Winter Street. By 1890, Mrs. Mary Weeks is listed as the owner of 5 Winter 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.*



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