

FORM B -BUILDING

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Assessor' number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town-Winthrop

Place (neighborhood or village) Winthrop Highlands

Address 35 Summit Avenue

Historic Name Burleigh-Hennessey House

Use: Present private residence

Original same

Date of Construction c.1891

Source Winthrop Atlases and directories

Style/Form Queen Anne/Colonial Revival, rectangular

Architect/Builder undetermined

Exterior Material

Foundation rubble stone

Wall wood shingles, wood trim

Roof hip w/asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures N/A

Major Alterations (with dates) very intact

Condition good

Moved ☐ yes ☒ no

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Situated on densely settled side street in the Highlands. Perched high on hill, rear wall overlooks Winthrop Center.

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

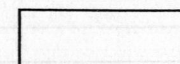
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BUILDING FORM



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

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

Architecturally, this house is of interest as a suburban residence of the early 1890's which in terms of its rendering looks both backwards and forwards. Its boxy form and porch with modified and tapered Colonial Revival Doric columns anticipates the four square houses of the early 20th century. The front porch's columns stand on high piers and their proportions look ahead to Bungalows of the 1910's. Running between the piers are slat work railings. The window sash, with its large center pane surrounded by small square panes is typically Queen Anne and is a feature that anchors this house in the time of its construction while the deep overhang of the roof eaves with saw cut brackets at the corners looks backward to the Italianate Style of the mid 19th century. This 2-bay x 2-bay house rises two stories from a rubble stone foundation to a hip roof with a small double, shed roofed dormer on the main facade. The rear ell seems to be a later addition.

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.

Summit Avenue was set out shortly after the City of Boston sold of its extensive property in the Highlands in 1883. The name Summit refers to the fact that this street is literally at the Summit of a steep hill and the odd numbered properties on this street have spectacular southern views of Winthrop's unique land configuration from its rear windows. Summit Avenue was set out with a narrow green space down its center which is more grassy medium strip than park. It is shown set out in this fashion on the 1886 Floyd map of Winthrop. This house was built c.1891. It was built for a Naron G. Burleigh (occupation?) who is listed simply on Summit in 1892 and is more firmly associated with this property on the 1896 Winthrop Atlas. An Albert G. Burleigh, clerk is listed as a boarder here in 1897. By 1902, this house was the summer residence of Patrick B. Hennessey of Dorchester. He died c.1913 and his wife Alice lived here until c.1920. In 1924, this house is listed as vacant. During the 1930's, William K. Bartlett of the U.S. Army lived here and was evidently associated with Fort Banks. During the 1940's, Velma E. and Ernest E. York, optician lived here (1942), along with F.P. Fitzpatrick, clerk (1942 and 47). Architect Arthur S. Wrightson and his wife Charlotte lived here in '47.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Winthrop Maps/Atlases-1873,1886,1906,1906
Chelsea/Winthrop Atlases-1890,1899,1892,1893,1894/95,1897,1898,1901, 1902/03,1906
Winthrop Directories-1911,1913,1916/17,1924,1936,1942 and 1947.



Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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