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Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125



Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village)
Rocky Nook

Address 14 Oak Street

Historic Name _____

Uses: Present residence-summer cottage

Original residence-summer cottage

Date of Construction c. 1930

Source maps

Style/Form gambrel cottage

Architect/Builder _____

Exterior Material:

Foundation not accessible

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

Major Alterations (with dates)

a large house has been built on the rear of this lot.

Condition good

Moved no yes Date _____

Acreage .5 acres

Setting

on the Nook on a narrow street surrounded with similar summer homes

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BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The cottage at 14 Oak Street was built c.1930 as a summer cottage. This 2x2 bay, wood framed 1-1/2 story cottage has a gambrel roof covered with asphalt shingles. The entrance contains an early 20th century wood door with a large glass pane in the upper section. The windows contain 2/2 sash with flat surrounds. A one story open shed roof porch surrounds the building and is supported by square posts.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

The form of this building is similar to those surrounding it, specifically, numbers 11, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Oak Street all appear to have begun with this building form. This part of the Nook was a planned development. Small lots were laid out along East Avenue, West Avenue, Willow Street, Bay View Avenue, Chilton Street and Oak Street in 1904 by Mr. Bagnell and Mr. Cole, both land investors and speculators from Brocton, Massachusetts. The trend during the early 20th century was that large landowners on the Nook would sell their holdings to developers and the developers would then subdivide the land into small parcels for summer cottages. Since so many of the cottages in this development appear to have begun with a similar floor plan this must have been a speculative development. Eventually, the entire Nook was covered with similar developments. All evidence of the salt works and the massive shipping industry of the 19th century have been covered by 20th century development.

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