

FORM B - BUILDING

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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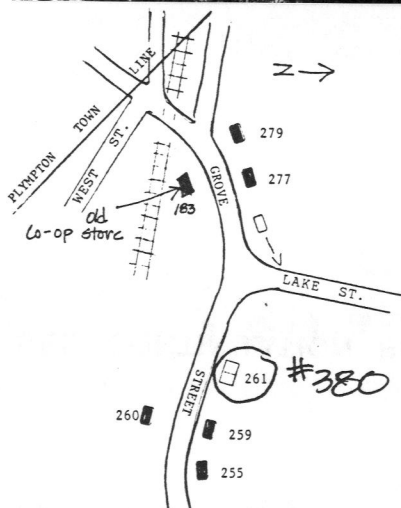
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Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village)
Silver Lake

Address 261 Grove Street

Historic Name Henry B. Maglathlin House

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction c.1885

Source maps & biographical review

Style/Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite block

Wall/Trim wood clapboards

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1 acre

Setting
in linear neighborhood near Plympton town line, railroad tracks and 19th c. depot and Silver Lake

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☒ *see continuation sheet*
Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

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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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ *see continuation sheet*

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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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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 261 Grove Street was built c.1885 in the Queen Anne style. This 5x3 bay, wood frame, 2 story building sits on a granite block foundation. The building is clad with wood clapboards. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Two brick chimneys pierce the roof at the ridge. The entrance is located on the facade in a 1x2 bay entry which projects from the facade. The entrances contain early 20th century wood doors with large square glass panes in the upper section. The windows contain vinyl replacement sash. A gable in the front roof slope contains paired windows with 1/1 sash. A open, hip roof porch runs across the front of the building and is supported by turned columns enriched with scroll work.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

This was the residence of Henry B. Maglathlin, built c.1885. He commanded a company of Massachusetts Volunteers in the Civil war and was widely known as a worker in the cause of education and in the interests of labor reform. He was born in Duxbury, MA, May 16, 1819, son of Bartlett and Maria Weston (Chandler) Maglathlin. His great-grandfather, John Maglathlin, was born in Scotland in 1695, came to America in 1712, and settled permanently in Duxbury in 1741. Henry graduated from Harvard University in 1843. He had many careers and causes (see attached biographical sketch) and until 1886 when he moved to Kingston, he resided in Duxbury. On June 14, 1875 he opened the Co-operative Store at Silver Lake. Mr. Maglathlin had been an earnest advocate of co-operation, distributive and productive. The store, under his management for more than 25 years, notably prospered. The store was located across the street at 183 Grove Street (INV# 377). This residence has been altered to a two family residence. The entry bays appear to be a later alteration.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued):

From: Biographical Review Containing Life Sketches of
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CAPTAIN HENRY B. MAGLATHLIN, of Kingston, Mass., who commanded a company of Massachusetts Volunteers in the Civil War, is widely known as a worker in the cause of education and in the interests of labor reform. He was born in Duxbury, Mass., May 16, 1819, son of Bartlett and Maria Weston (Chandler) Maglathlin. His great-grandfather, John Maglathlin, son of Robert and Isabella (Samson)

Maglathlin, was born in Scotland in 1695, came to America in 1712, and settled permanently in Duxbury in 1741. John, by descent, was kin to Robert Bruce, who became King Robert I. of Scotland.

While a boy on his father's farm, remote from schools, Henry B. Maglathlin conceived the idea of acquiring a liberal education. To obtain the means of defraying the expenses of a more advanced course of study than that offered by a country district school, he engaged as operative for a year in the cotton factory, working fourteen hours a day; and at the age of sixteen he began to earn money by teaching school. By the beginnings thus made, and by dint of perseverance in the face of many obstacles, he was able to meet the expense of preparing for and going through the college course at Harvard University, where he was graduated in 1843. He remained there three years longer, pursuing various studies, and was graduated at the Divinity School in 1846. He subsequently had charge of a classical institute in the State of Maine, which he gave up after three years on account of failing health.

In 1849 a Boston publisher brought out for him an educational work of which twenty-five editions were sold. The same year he accepted from his publisher a business agency, with the view of regaining his health by travelling; and he spent several years in this occupation, visiting different parts of the United States and Canada and forming many acquaintances. From 1856 to 1862 he was occupied largely with editorial labors, associated with Benjamin Greenleaf, the well-known mathematician, in rewriting the National Arithmetic, and in composing the Elementary Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry in the Greenleaf series. Later he edited the New Higher Algebra; and he brought out in 1866,

on his own account, the New Elementary Arithmetic and the New Practical Arithmetic, as a part of the Greenleaf series. From 1870 to 1873 he was engaged with the late Professor Daniel B. Hagar, Principal of the Massachusetts State Normal School at Salem, in the preparation of mathematical works, which were published in Philadelphia. In the extension of the Greenleaf series he prepared, on his own account, in 1877, the Manual of Intellectual Arithmetic, and in 1881 the First Lessons in Numbers, Brief Course in Arithmetic, and Complete Arithmetic. His arithmetics in the Greenleaf series have maintained a remarkable popularity, being used extensively in different parts of this country and also in some of the English provinces. The National Arithmetic has been translated into Spanish, and several other books of the series have been republished outside of the United States. In 1896 he issued revised and improved editions of the Brief Course in Arithmetic, and of the Complete Arithmetic. In 1863 he was honored by Tufts College with an appointment to the Mathematical Examination Committee.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued):

In 1861 Mr. Maglathlin was elected Representative from the towns of Duxbury and Kingston to the Massachusetts legislature; and after the adjournment in 1862, at a town meeting in Duxbury, he headed the enlistment under a call for volunteers to serve in the War of the Rebellion. A company having been raised, mostly by his efforts, he, although without military experience, was chosen its commander. The company became a part of the Fourth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was in the Twenty-fifth Army Corps, Department of the Gulf. At the surrender of Port Hudson, which, in the language of President Lincoln, allowed the Mississippi to "run unvexed to the sea," Captain

Maglathlin had charge of the parallels at the extreme front. He was in all the expeditions and engagements of his regiment.

Mr. Maglathlin early became interested in educational methods and work. He was elected a member of the School Committee of Waterville, Me., in 1847; of the School Committee of Duxbury for three years in 1857; of the School Committee of Kingston for three years in 1890, and again in 1893. On his retirement from the Board at the close of his last term, the average attendance in the Kingston schools ranked first in the county of Plymouth. When in the Massachusetts legislature he served on the Joint Committee on Education. The town of Kingston in 1896 chose Captain Maglathlin a member of the committee for carrying out the will of Frederick C. Adams for the establishment of a public library.

He was first publicly identified with labor matters in 1870, when, being urgently solicited, he consented to lead a forlorn hope as a Labor Reform candidate for Councillor for the First District of Massachusetts. He was handsomely supported by members of different parties, receiving about four thousand five hundred votes. The next year he was the nominee of the same party for Secretary of State. He has been a member of the Sovereigns of Industry, Knights of Labor, and other like associations for the improvement of the condition of the industrial classes. ~~He has been for years an earnest advocate of co-operation, distributive and productive. For several years Captain Maglathlin served as President of a co-operative foundry company; and the Co-operative Store at Silver Lake, Kingston, founded June 14, 1875, under his management for more than twenty-five years notably prospered, it being the longest American trial of the Rochdale plan. On founding, in 1895,~~

the Co-operative Union of America, he was elected a member of its Central Board.

He was married in 1854 to Elizabeth, daughter of Dura and Abigail (Cushman) Wadsworth, of Duxbury, and has three children: Abby, who married George F. Lane, of Kingston; Arthur, who is a resident of Whitman; and Alice, who married Edmund Bradford, of Kingston. Captain Maglathlin's home until 1886, excepting the years he was in Maine, was on the ancestral place in Duxbury, which had belonged successively to his great-grandfather, his grandfather, and his father. For the past ten years he has resided at Silver Lake, a hamlet in Kingston.