

FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

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465



Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

Address 1 Abrams Hill

Historic Name _____

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction c. 1923

Source Assessor's Office files

Style/Form shingle style

Architect/Builder _____

Exterior Material: _____

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures garage

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

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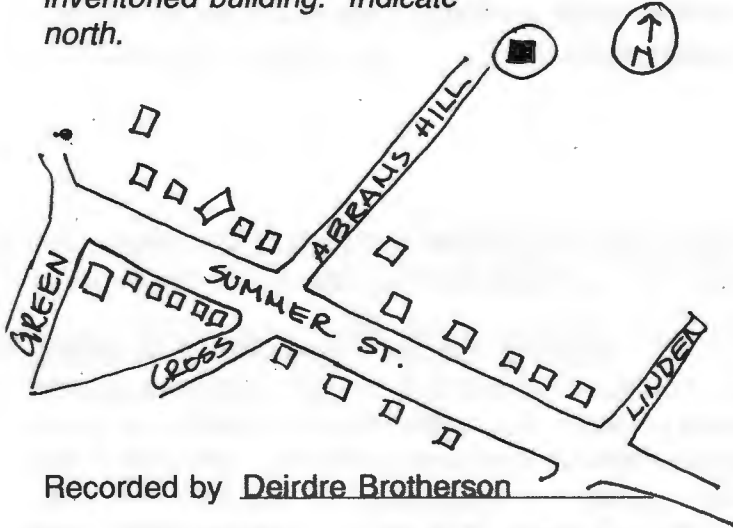
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Acreage 8.30

Setting set far back from road - not visible from road - on hill overlooking river

inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) March 2002

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

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

The residence at 1 Abrams Hill was built in 1923 in the shingle style with a gambrel roof. This 3 x 5 bay, wood frame, one-and-a-half story building is rectangular in plan and sits on a stone foundation. The building is clad with wood shingles in a pattern with a full row of shingles is laid over a thin, 2" exposed row of shingles. The gambrel roof is covered with asphalt shingles. One brick chimney is located in the center of the house at the ridge. The entrance contains a early 20th century door with a square pane of glass in the upper section and a plain surround . The windows contain 8/8 wood sash with flat surrounds. The cornice is thin with a shallow molding.

This building has a very irregular footprint. Bay windows and box towers jut out from the back elevation and a shed roof dormer pierces the back roof slope.

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.

This building was built as a summer residence in 1923. The house was built by Dr. James Archer O'Reilly and he used it as a summer residence. In 1948 ownership passed by will to James Archer O'Reilly, Jr., Noel Sever O'Reilly, and Daniel Elliott O'Reilly.

William C. and Rachel E. Gould purchased the house in 1956.

According to Ms. Gould, Abrams Hill is named after a black man who came to Kingston in the eighteenth century from England.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

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

If checked, you must attach

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Community

KIN.465
Property Address

Kingston

1 Abrams Hill

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:



- Individually eligible Eligible only in a historic district
 Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: A B C D

Criteria Considerations: A B C D E F G

Statement of Significance by Deirdre Brotherson

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The house at 1 Abrams Hill may be eligible for the National Register for criteria:

A: as an example of summer residences

B: possibly for Dr. O'Rieley - more research is needed and possibly as a site for Mr. Abrams - more research is needed

C: as an example of a shingle style summer residence/estate

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