

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town:** Reading

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

## Photograph



**Address:** 62 Hartshorn Street

**Historic Name:** Edwin and Etta Hobbs House

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** 1939

**Source:** water department records

**Style/Form:** Garrison Colonial

**Architect/Builder:** Richard H. Cox?

### Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard

Roof: asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
none

### Major Alterations (*with dates*):

date unknown? - addition

**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.25 acre

**Setting:** mixed 20<sup>th</sup> century residential neighborhood

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Reading Historical Commission

**Date (*month / year*):** December 2009

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# INVENTORY FORM B 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.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

Constructed in 1939, the two-story, side-gabled house at 62 Hartshorn Street is a good example of a simple Garrison Colonial dwelling. As is typical, the second story of the facade is extended slightly outward to overhang the wall below. The entrance is at one end of the three-bay facade and is framed by fluted pilasters which support an abbreviated entablature. The six-panel door has two upper lights. In this case, the entire house is sheathed in wood clapboards (often the first floor of a Garrison Colonial featured a brick or stone veneer). There is a brick exterior chimney on the east gable end. On the first floor of the facade, the double-hung 8/8 windows are topped by entablature lintels. The second floor windows are slightly smaller 6/6 sash that extend to the dentil cornice under the eaves. There is a single-story enclosed section to the east and later additions to the west and rear.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*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.*

According to water department records, this house was constructed in 1939 and the first owner was reportedly Richard H. Cox who may have been the builder. The water was turned on November 20, 1939. The land corresponds to lot 53 of the Plan of Lots belonging to Mildred Burgess and Stephen Wadsworth, laid out in August 1927.

By 1941 the house was owned and occupied by Edwin and Etta Hobbs. James and Grace Heselton owned it from 1961 to 1974 when it was purchased by Emile and Josephine Hamwey.

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