

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Reading

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 1126 Main Street

Historic Name: Carroll L. Bangs House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1911

Source: water department records

Style/Form: Bungalow

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: wood shingle

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

1991 – rear addition

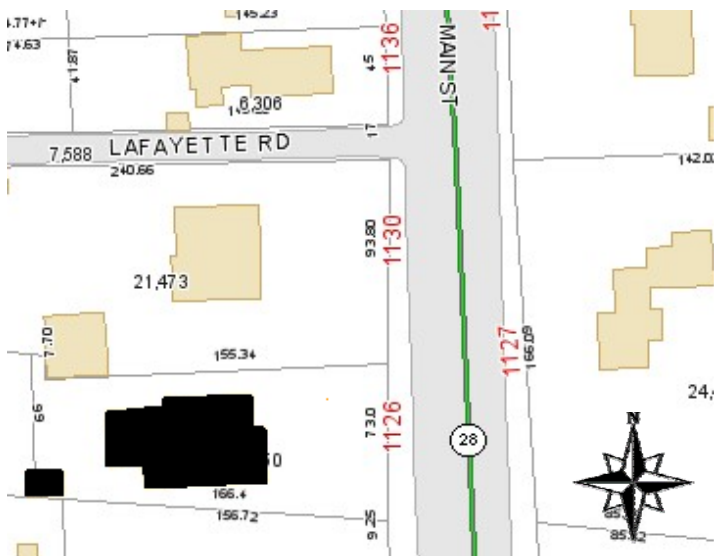
Condition: good

Moved: no | x | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.25 acre

Setting: mixed residential along busy street (Rt. 28)

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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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.

The house at 1126 Main Street is a somewhat unusual example of the Bungalow style, capped by a steeply pitched hip roof and sheathed in wood shingles. The house is set on a rubble foundation and an exterior brick chimney rises along the south wall. Projecting from the south end of the façade is a gablefront porch displaying decorative exposed rafter tails. The gable is filled with scalloped and butt-end shingles and the bottom course has a sawtooth edge. Centered in the gable is a stained glass window. The porch is supported by chamfered posts and has been enclosed with modern sliding windows. The decorative railing with "X" and square design appears to be original. In several cases, including the south and east façade north of the porch, the wall bows out slightly. At the rear is a two-story addition of more recent construction. Windows contain 6/1 sash.

To the southwest of the main house is a single-car, shingled garage, capped by a hip roof.

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 local water records, this house (originally 388 North Main Street) was constructed for Carroll Bangs. The water was turned on October 9, 1911. The January 27, 1911 edition of the *Reading Chronicle* reported that C.H. Bangs of Everett had bought from Alfred Woods, the Black's Block barber, the latter's house at 394 North Main Street (now 1140 Main Street) and ten acres of land. The paper indicated that Bangs intended to build in the spring, a substantial, attractive modern house with all improvements, for his own occupancy. Bangs was the proprietor of a druggists' fixtures factory, making display cases and soda fountain apparatus at 2-12 Prescott Street in Reading. The 1920 Census indicates that Bangs, then 48, was living here with his wife Charlotte (Lottie), and two children. Carroll Bangs died here on May 4, 1934 and soon thereafter his widow moved to Malden. C.H. Bangs Druggist Suppliers operated on Prescott Street until World War II.

Later owners included William and Ruth Hoag.

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