

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town:** Reading

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 12 Manning Street

**Historic Name:** Carver-Williams House

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** 1938

**Source:** water department records

**Style/Form:** Garrison Colonial

**Architect/Builder:** Michael J. Zynsky, carpenter

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete block

Wall/Trim: wood shingle, stone veneer

Roof: asphalt shingle

## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

## Major Alterations (*with dates*):

date? – addition on south end

**Condition:** good

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

**Acreage:** 0.19 acre

**Setting:** 20<sup>th</sup> c. residential neighborhood off Salem Street (Rt. 129)

## 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 1938, the two-story, side-gabled house at 12 Manning Street is a good example of a Garrison Colonial dwelling. As is typical, the second story facade is extended slightly outward to overhang the wall below although in this case the overhang is without embellishment. The house is sheathed in wood shingles with the exception of the first floor facade which has a stone veneer. The facade is four bays wide with a sidehall entrance and an adjacent tripartite picture window. Both the picture window and the small window adjacent to the entrance have brick sills. The upper level of the facade has four individual 6/6 (replacement) windows and are flanked by modern shutters. A single-story, gabled sunroom is located to the north of the main block. A sympathetic two-story addition with similar overhang is offset to the southeast. It is two bays wide with a secondary entrance and is sheathed entirely in wood shingles.

## 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 1938 and the original owner was M.J. Zynsky. It would appear that Zynsky built the house but never lived here. According to 1930 U.S. Census records Michael J. Zynsky was a carpenter and was born in Sata, Poland in 1887. He immigrated to this country in 1907.

The next owner appears to have been James Carver, a draftsman, who was living here with his wife Ethel by 1941. Ethel was still living here in 1970. In 1971 the property was conveyed to Charles and Barbara Williams who still own it today.

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