

# 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:** 20 Pine Ridge Road

**Historic Name:** Frank F. Knight House

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** 1936

**Source:** water department records

**Style/Form:** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder:** Colonial Development Co.

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard, brick veneer

Roof: asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
garage

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

**Condition:** good

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

**Acreage:** 0.37 acre

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

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Reading Historical Commission

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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.*

The house at 20 Pine Ridge Road is a simple Colonial Revival structure constructed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The two-story clapboarded structure measures 3 x 2-bays and is capped by a hip roof with two exterior brick chimneys rising from the north and south brick ends. The center entrance contains a paneled door flanked by full sidelights and capped by a semi-elliptical fan. Windows contain double-hung 8/8 sash set into molded surrounds. Those on the façade are flanked by wooden shutters. There is a single-story screened porch on the south end of the house and a detached garage to the east.

## 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 town water records, this house was constructed in 1936 by the Colonial Development Company on land that was originally owned by Allan H. Sturges, a Walnut Street resident who was president of the Liberty Trust Company. No additional information was found concerning the Colonial Development Company. According to water records, the company erected most of the houses on Pine Ridge Road as well as adjacent houses including 9 Sylvan Road and 94 Oak Street in the 1930s.

The water was turned on April 14, 1936. The first owner of the house was Frank F. Knight who lived here with his wife Alice. He was employed as a railway mail clerk and moved here from Salem Street. Frank Knight was still living here in 1963. Later owners included John and Janet McCoy who were living here in the late 1960s.

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