

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

90-G-8

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
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1. Town Worcester

Address 22 Windsor Street

Name Forest Hill Cottage

Present use residence

Present owner Robert Mahaney

3. Description:

Date 1860

Source deeds

Style Carpenter Gothic

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric board and batten

Outbuildings (describe) none significant

Other features asymmetrical massing with gables, ogee arched window, nearly a

"mirror image" of #21 Windsor Street
bargeboards removed 1890.

Altered porch added Date 20th cent.

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 1, p.10
Lot 1 12,130 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 120'

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

Roll 9

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

UTM
19/269860/4684170

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Luther Ross
Original use residence
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Built as a mirror image of its neighbor, Soho Cottage (Form 90-G-7) Forest Hill Cottage is among Worcester's best examples of Carpenter Gothic architecture. The house is symmetrical in plan and massing, rising one and one half stories from a brick foundation to steeply pitched roofs. Portions of the building contain an attic above the upper storey. Major features of the house are its deep eaves (bargeboards removed), board-and-batten siding, bay window (west) and facade gable (south) which contains an ogee-arch window. Around 1880-1890, the present front porch (semi-octagonal in plan) was added.

Purchased by Luther Ross from Samuel Davis, a real estate developer, for \$1,250 in 1860, #22 Windsor Street was first named Forest Hill Cottage in the city directory of 1861. The house's hillside site, fanciful architecture and name are characteristic of the surrounding area's mid-nineteenth century development which was heavily influenced by then current Romantic ideas regarding landscape and architecture. Luther Ross was a pattern maker who worked at the Court Mill, probably in the employ of Nourse, Mason & Co. Ross occupied Forest Hill Cottage until 1886 when it was sold to H.D. Gough, whose heirs retained ownership of the property into the twentieth century.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Worcester County Registry of Deeds. Book 633, p. 48, Davis to Ross, 9/10/1860.
City atlases and directories

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

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MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

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by Bailey

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Forest Hill Cottage

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22 Windsor St.

west + south

elevations

Worcester MA, MA

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by Bentley

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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