

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	HIN.345
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	Home Meadows Development House
Address:	6 Home Meadows Ln
City/Town:	Hingham
Village/Neighborhood:	Hingham Center;
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	1955
Architectural Style(s):	Post-war Suburban;
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture; Community Planning;
Area(s):	HIN.G, HIN.N
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (07/28/1988); Nat'l Register District (01/07/1991);
Building Materials:	Wall: Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

G.N. 345

LHD-7/28/88

NRDIS-1/7/91

INC

Hingham

6 Home Leadows Lane

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Present Single residence

Original Single residence

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1955

Assessors records

Traditional

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Exterior Wall Fabric Wide shingles

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) None

Condition Good

Moved No Date

Acreage 12,584 sq. ft.

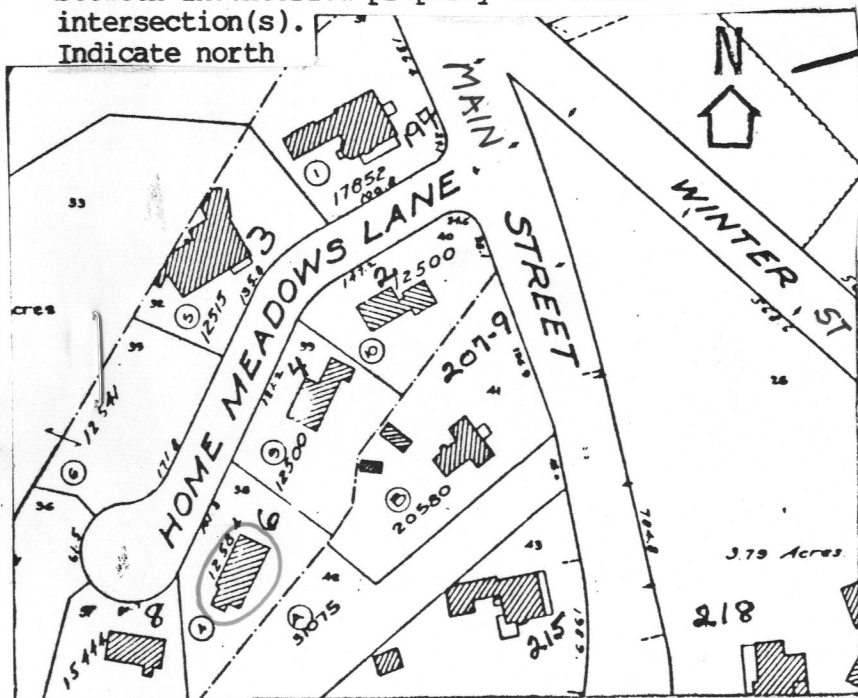
Setting Located on the south side of a small lane perpendicular to Main Street, facing its namesake, the Home Meadows, a town-owned tidal flat.

Recorded by Fannin-Lehner

Organization Hingham Historical Commission

Date February 12, 1988

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

SEE INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The entire Home Meadows Lane development, which consists of seven lots and five houses, is built on the former Reverend Joseph Richardson (1778-1871) estate. With the exception of 3 Home Meadows Lane, all the houses were built in the 1950s, 6 Home Meadows Lane being erected in 1955.

Billerica-born Reverend Joseph Richardson (1778-1871) built the Federal house at 197 Main Street, which included the tract of the future Home Meadows Lane, in 1817 and lived in it fifty-four years until his death in 1871. He was the fifth minister of the First Parish in Hingham, located at the close by Old Ship Meeting House, 90 Main Street. Graduating from Dartmouth College in 1802, he was ordained at the First Parish in 1806. When Rev. Richardson died in 1871, he had officially completed sixty-five years as minister to the First Parish, although in the later years assisted by Rev. Calvin Lincoln.

Home Meadows Lane is named for the seventy acre Home Meadows, described by Hingham author Elizabeth Coatsworth as "low-lying expanses of salt hay originally very valuable to the newcome settlers as wild grass for their cattle, and at all times much beloved of Hingham people for their beauty and openness ..." (p. 89) which lies directly across from Home Meadows Lane. A hundred years ago these tidal marshes would be flooded twice a day but now the area is much drier as the conversion of the Mill Pond to a parking lot has restricted the tidal flow. The Home Meadows is now largely owned by the Town of Hingham, the first parcel being acquired in 1960 by the newly formed Conservation Commission. MJF

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Julian C. Loring Records

John P. Richardson Archival Collection

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

HIN. 345

Community: Hingham	Form No:
Property Name:	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE 6 Home Meadows Lane

This traditionally designed house built in 1955 is based loosely on a Cape Cod cottage. It is one story high, set under a low pitch roof, walled with wide shingles and fenestrated with double casement windows. Its longitudinal massing is further emphasized by the presence of recessed sections on each gable elevation. It integrates well in the Home Meadows Lane streetscape which is included in the proposed Pear Tree Hill Local Historic District.

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