

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	HIN.607
Historic Name:	Cushing, Alonzo House
Common Name:	
Address:	662 Main St
City/Town:	Hingham
Village/Neighborhood:	South Hingham; Glad Tidings;
Local No:	127-012;
Year Constructed:	1890
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic;
Use(s):	Parsonage; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture;
Area(s):	HIN.P, HIN.S
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (10/23/1988); Nat'l Register District (07/24/1998);
Building Materials:	Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard;
Demolished	No



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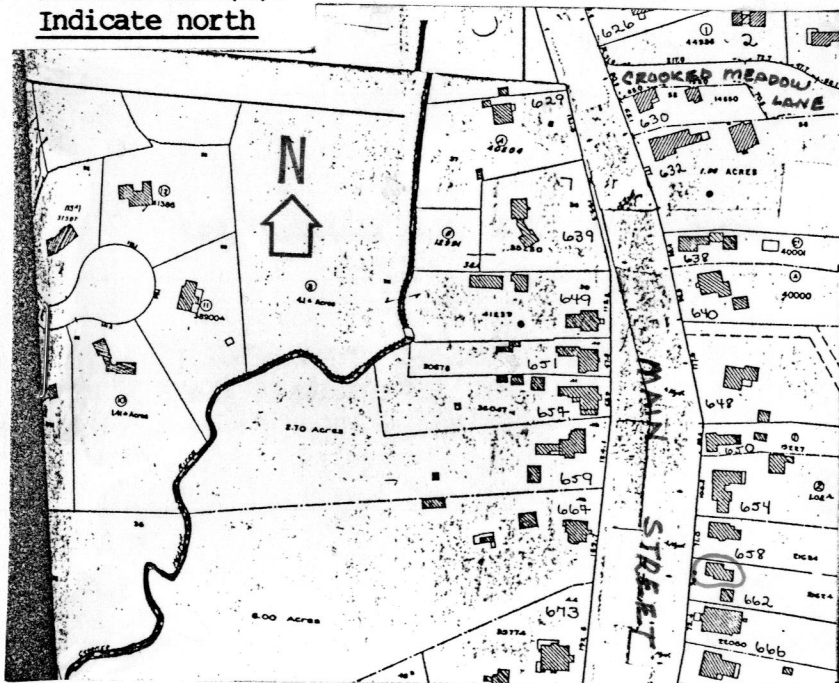
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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



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

AREA

FORM NO.

P 607

LHD-10/23/88

Hingham

662 Main Street

Alonzo Cushing House

Present Single residence

Original Single residence

DESCRIPTION

1890

Julian C. Loring records

Italianate

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings 2-car ridge-roofed clap-

boarded garage

Major Alterations (with dates) Addition of wing to rear and glassed-in porch

Condition Good

Moved No Date

Acreage 21,624 sq. ft.

Setting Adjacent to Wilder Memorial, and facing access road parallel to historic 17th century Main Street.

Recorded by Fannin/Lehner

Organization Hingham Historical Commission

Date September 10, 1987

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 Italianate house adjacent to the Wilder Memorial at 662 Main Street was built in 1890 by Alonzo Cushing (1827-1905). According to the records of Julian C. Loring, Alonzo had constructed an earlier house in 1877 which probably burned. Alonzo was a "trader" who had earlier had the occupations of carpenter and postmaster. He was descended from original settler Matthew Cushing (d. 1660), who emigrated from Hingham, England to Hingham, Massachusetts in 1638.

Although Alonzo owned 662 Main Street until his death in 1905, the house was actually occupied by the Josiah M. Lane family. There are several other houses related to the Lane family in the proposed extension to the Tower-Wilder Local Historic District including 650 Main Street (1833), 654 Main Street (1846), and 676 Main Street (1819). Although Josiah M. Lane (1836-1889), who saw active duty as a private in the Lincoln Light Infantry (1861), and was later a wood dealer and member of the school committee, was born in New York City, he came to Hingham in early boyhood and was actually a descendant of William Lane (d. 1654), the ancestor of all Hingham Lanes. William was probably from the western part of England and arrived in Dorchester by 1635. Although he remained in Dorchester until his death in 1654, William's two sons, George (d. 1689) and Andrew (d. 1675) both received grants of land in Hingham in 1635.

When Alonzo Cushing died in 1905, he willed the house at 662 Main Street to the Second Parish Church, 685 Main Street, for use as a parsonage. The property stayed under church ownership for fifty-five years when it passed into private hands c. 1960. MJF

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Julian C. Loring Records

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Hingham

Form No:

Property Name:

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE 662 Main Street
Alonzo Cushing House

The majority of Hingham's older residences were built in classically derived modes, such as the Colonial, Federal or Greek Revival Style. A few in the third and fourth quarter of the nineteenth century, were constructed in the romantic revival Italianate Style. Continuing the conservative building trend of the town, the majority of the Hingham Italianate houses kept the gable-end-to-the-street orientation, a hold over from the Greek Revival period. New stylistic features included angular bay windows, a richly detailed portico and often, the characteristic signatures of the style, ornamental brackets. The 1890 Alonzo Cushing House, built sixteen years after the 1874 George F. Jacob House next door resembles it in its gable-end-to-the-street orientation, two-over-two windows with projecting lintels, and side entrance. Gone are the returns of the gable and the decorated brackets under the door hood. In the year 1890, Hingham was already manifesting signs of the Colonial Revival and the entrance of 662 Main Street is one of the first elements of the style in Hingham. The door is framed with narrow sidelights and fluted pilasters, such as were seen in earlier Federal houses (there was no differentiation between Colonial, Federal and Greek Revival then, nor in 1973 when a Real Estate advertisement described the house as "Colonial") and is capped with a panelled entablature. The house is a fine component in the proposed extension of the Tower Wilder Local Historic District.

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