

# FORM B – BUILDING

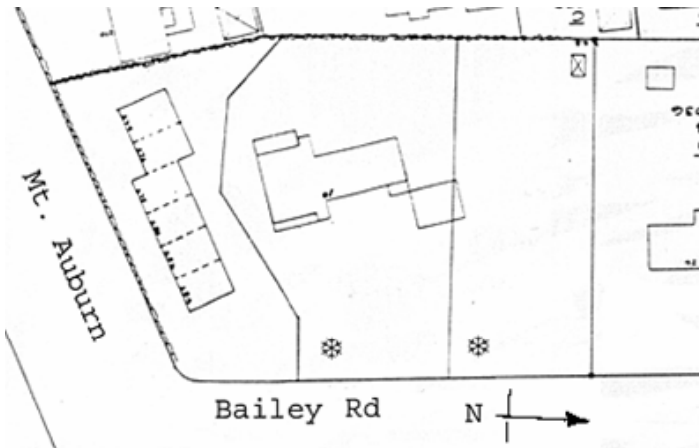
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
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**Town** Watertown

**Place** (neighborhood or village)

**Address** 10 Bailey Road

**Historic Name** Bailey Homestead

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** ca. 1795

**Source** Watertown Assessor's Database

**Style/Form** Federal

**Architect/Builder**

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Brick/Stone

**Wall/Trim** Clapboard

**Roof** Asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** Garage and Shed

**Major Alterations** (with dates) Porches Added on West and East (1850); North Ell Added (1850); Garage (1989); Cut Three New Windows (2001); Cut Two New Windows (2004); Removed Entry Vestibule (2004); Removed Chimney (2004)

**Condition** Good

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 36,198 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces south toward Mt. Auburn on hill top. Now preceded by condominiums

## **BUILDING FORM - 10 Bailey Road**

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Late Federal in form, if not in style, this 2½-story, three bay farmhouse is one of only a few homes remaining in on Mount Auburn Street dating before the map of 1850 was prepared. A simple vernacular design, two pilasters remain from the original door surround as do the relatively wide cornerboards, which suggest a date of ca. 1850. An ell extension on the north with 6/6 windows and enclosed woodshed date fairly close to the time of alterations, while the entrance portico and west porch appear to be late 19<sup>th</sup> century additions.

### **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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The Bailey house is one of the few remaining 18<sup>th</sup> Century farmsteads in Watertown. Reports are not entirely clear about its date of construction, complicated by the fact that the house does not appear on the Map of 1830. However, Watertown Historical Society research indicates that Jonathan Bemis owned the farm in 1795 and that he sold it to a Samuel Benjamin who conveyed it to his nephew in 1822. Deacon Arad Bailey bought the property in 1830 from Cutler, who had not lived there, according to Historical Society reports, but had rented the house to Joe Varnard and Robb Champ, then to Josiah Learned, then to a Wilbur. Bailey remodeled the house considerably in 1830-34 when he was married and moved into it. The farm was a fertile one and ran from the western line of Garfield Street and east to Bailey Road. It was one of the last large, successful farms in Watertown, broken up after his death as his sons did not go into farming.

This house was originally numbered 112 Mount Auburn Street.

Bailey Road was established in ca. 1889 and ran to Brigham Street. It extended to Bellevue Road in ca. 1921.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Douglas Tucci, Built in Boston, Boston, 1978  
Maud de L. Hodges, Crossroads on the Charles, Canaan, N.H., 1980  
Solon F. Whitney, Historical Sketches of Watertown, Mass., Watertown, 1893  
Rev. Rand, Historical Society Scrapbooks, Watertown Public Library  
Maps, 1830, 1840, 1856, 1874, 1893

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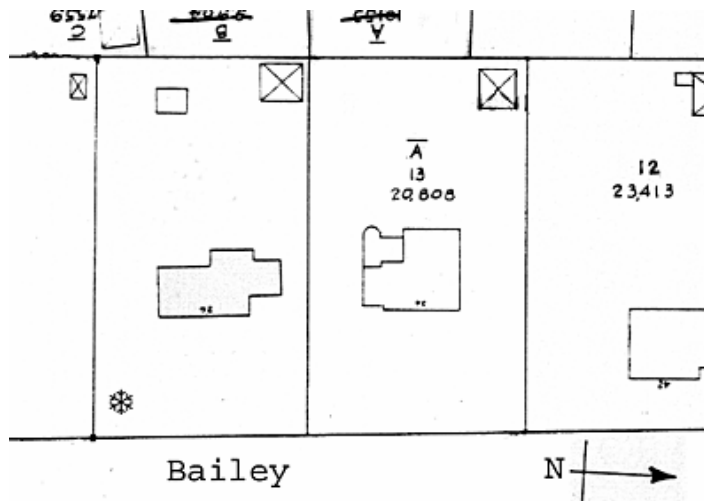
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**Town** Watertown

**Place** (neighborhood or village)

**Address** 26 Bailey Road

**Historic Name** Dr. J.D. Dickenson House

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** 1923

**Source** Building Permit

**Style/Form** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder A:** Ralph Doane; **B:** William Iliffe

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Brick/Stone

**Wall/Trim** Wood Shingle

**Roof** Asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** Garage

**Major Alterations** (with dates) Garage (1924; Summer House (1931); Addition (2001)

**Condition** Good

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 20,036 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces East

## BUILDING FORM - 26 Bailey Road

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This is a Colonial Revival home, characterized by a classic symmetry, save for the one-story addition on the north of the building. Also Colonial Revival in style is the front door with the window above and the window selection (including two oval windows adjacent to the door) and placement. There is also a simple overhang over the front door extending out just enough for the hanging light fixture to be attached. The house has a hipped roof.

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John D. Dickinson a Boston dentist, resided here in 1926 with his wife Mabel.

The house was built by local builder William H. Iliffe. Iliffe was the builder of a large number of architecturally important houses in the Russell Avenue area, including 19 Garfield, 26 Bailey, 50 Bailey (carriage house), 86 Bailey, 99 Bailey, Parish House at Church of the Good Shepherd, 96 Russell Avenue, 153 Russell, 35 Arden Road, 59 Adams Avenue (garage and workshop) and 29 Adams Avenue. He resided at 99 Bailey Road and maintained an office on North Beacon Street.

Bailey Road was established in ca. 1889 and ran to Brigham Street. It extended to Bellevue Road in ca. 1921.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Douglas Tucci, Built in Boston, Boston, 1978  
Maud de L. Hodges, Crossroads on the Charles, Canaan, N.H., 1980  
Building Permit, 1924  
Watertown Directory, noting John D. Dickinson  
Sanborn Map, 1916, house not present

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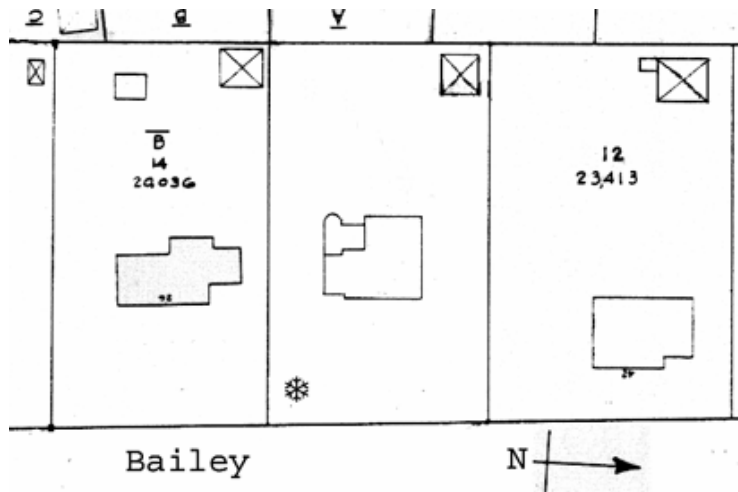
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**Town** Watertown

**Place** (neighborhood or village)

**Address** 34 Bailey Road

**Historic Name** Allen M. Fay House

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** 1922

**Source** Building Permit

**Style/Form** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder B:** William Donaldson

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Brick/Stone

**Wall/Trim** Wood Shingle

**Roof** Slate

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** Garage

**Major Alterations** (with dates) Garage (1922); Sun Porch (1932); Rear Addition and Deck (1990); Extend Front Porch to Sides (1998); Add Side/Rear Sun Porch (2001)

**Condition** Good

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 20, 808 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces East

## **BUILDING FORM - 34 Bailey Road**

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This is a Colonial Revival home, characterized by a classic symmetry, save for the two-story addition on the south of the building. Also Colonial Revival in style is the front door with sidelights and window selection and placement. The porch was originally smaller but was extended to the right and the left to create a “farmer’s” porch. The symmetry extends to the porch, which contains a number of columns, some paired and some single, and an arched way, creating a pointed roof.

### **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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This house was built by William Donaldson who built and or participated in the design of a number of important Watertown homes including 139 Russell Avenue, 34 Bailey Road and 59 Barnard Avenue.

Allen M. Fay resided here with his wife Annabel from ca. 1922 to 1934. Allen was in the automobile business.

Bailey Road was established in ca. 1889 and ran to Brigham Street. It extended to Bellevue Road in ca. 1921.

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Douglas Tucci, Built in Boston, Boston, 1978  
Maud de L. Hodges, Crossroads on the Charles, Canaan, N.H., 1980  
Building Permit, 1922  
Watertown Directory, 1923, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1930, 1933  
Sanborn Map, 1916, house not present

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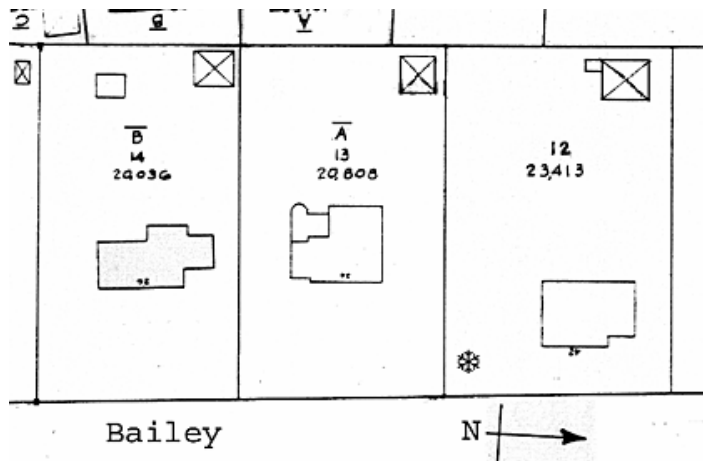
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**Town** Watertown

**Place** (neighborhood or village)

**Address** 42 Bailey Road

**Historic Name** Charles E. Fay House

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** 1915

**Source** Building Permit

**Style/Form** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder A:** Lawrence Wambolt; **B:** Andrew Davis

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Brick/Stone

**Wall/Trim** Stucco

**Roof** Slate

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** Garage

**Major Alterations** (with dates) Garage (1915)

**Condition** Good

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 23,413 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces East

## **BUILDING FORM - 42 Bailey Road**

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This 2½-story, hipped-roof colonial revival shows classic symmetry in window placement and arrangement but departs somewhat with the right-side chimney and 2½-story right-side wing. The front door sports side-light windows and a fan window above the door. The front entranceway area comprises a half-circle roof and one-and-a-half columns on each side. There is an interesting line between the first and second stories and three dormer windows on the front roof.

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This house was designed by local architect Lawrence Wambolt, who designed a number of important houses, including 158 Russell Avenue, 42 Bailey Road and 222 Bellevue Road.

Charles E. Fay, President of Watertown Cooperative Bank, resided here with his wife Minnie from ca. 1917-1926.

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Douglas Tucci, Built in Boston, Boston, 1978  
Maud de L. Hodges, Crossroads on the Charles, Canaan, N.H., 1980  
Watertown Directory, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1926  
Building Permit, 1915  
Sanborn Map, 1916, house present

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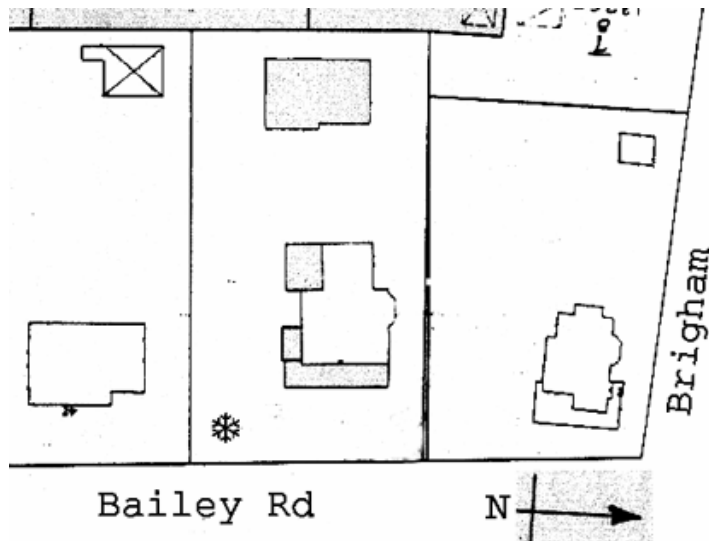
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**Town** Watertown

**Place** (neighborhood or village)

**Address** 50 Bailey Road

**Historic Name** Lafayette Blair House

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** 1898

**Source** Building Permit, 1900 Poll Tax List, 1898 Map

**Style/Form** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder A:** Alberto Haynes; **B:** Fred Gowing

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Brick/Stone

**Wall/Trim** Brick

**Roof** Slate

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** Carriage House

**Major Alterations with dates:** Carriage House & Dwelling in rear (1913) Alterations (1913); Sun Porch (1929); Replaced Rear Porch (1977); Enclose Vestibule (2002); Handicap Ramp (2002); Front Patio Removed (2002); Replacement Windows (ND)

**Condition** Good

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 18,679 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces East

## BUILDING FORM - 50 Bailey Road

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This is a 2½-story Georgian Revival home, providing an interesting contrast to the neighborhood, composed primarily of Colonial Revivals. Constructed of brick with a hipped roof and cross-dormers, the symmetrical form also includes window placement and configuration and center entrance with sidelights, surrounded by pilaster columns supporting a pediment. The windows are varied in form, with some 15 lights over one and others 12 over one and six over one. There are brackets at the eaves, which is a common feature of Georgian Revival homes as well as the fan over the window at the second level and the paneled front door.

A large “50” painted vertically on the front door (present from ca.1975-2004) added a playful and silly note to this otherwise formal building.

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This house was designed by local architect Alberto F. Haynes, who lived and maintained an office at 18 Marshall Street. He designed a number of buildings in Watertown, including 43 Bailey Rd., 50 Bailey, 45 Barnard Ave., 133 Barnard, 22 Bates Rd., 27-29 Bates, 39-41 Bates, 11 Capitol St., 60-62 Capitol, 86 Common Street (attribution), 8 Eliot St., 12 Eliot, 22 Eliot, 26-28 Eliot, 32 Eliot, 37-39 Eliot, 73 Franklin St., 77 Franklin, 86 Franklin, 7-19 Galen St., 116 Irving St., 26-28 Ladd St., 15-25 Main St., the now demolished fire station at 99 Main, 19 Marion Road, 18 Marshall St., 80 Mt. Auburn St. (St. John’s Methodist Church), 247 Mt. Auburn, 253 Mt. Auburn, 259 Mt. Auburn, 28 Oliver St., 31 Oliver (attribution), 34-36 Oliver, 11 Otis St., 19 Palfrey St., 61-63 Phillips St., 5 Royal St., 16 Russell Ave., 64 Russell, 90 Russell, 74 Russell, 162 Spring St. (attribution), 76 Spruce St., 152 Spruce, 24-26 Union St., 57-59 Union, 61-63 Union, 67 Union and 34 Walnut St. Haynes was also a reporter for the *Boston Globe* from 1884-1889, Superintendent of Watertown Works in 1901 and also served briefly as the Watertown Assessor in 1912.

This house was built by Fred Gowing, who designed a number of important homes in Watertown including, 59 Bailey Road, 99 Robbins Road, 19 Stoneleigh Road and 17 Bates Road, East.

The carriage house was built by local builder William H. Iliffe. Iliffe was the builder of a large number of architecturally important houses in the Russell Avenue area, including 19 Garfield, 26 Bailey, 50 Bailey (carriage house), 86 Bailey, 99 Bailey, Parish House at Church of the Good Shepherd, 96 Russell Avenue, 153 Russell, 35 Arden Road, 59 Adams Avenue (garage and workshop), and 29 Adams Avenue. He resided at 99 Bailey Road and maintained an office on North Beacon Street.

The carriage house was designed by local architect Robert Wambolt, who lived for a time at 59 Adams Avenue and later on Langdon Avenue. He designed a number of important houses, including 59 Adams Avenue, 96 Russell Avenue, 50 Bailey Road (carriage house), 41 Barnard Avenue and 103-117 Church St. He also designed the parish halls at St. John’s Methodist Church (80 Mt. Auburn St.), Phillips Congregational Church (111 Mt. Auburn St.) and the school at the corner of Waverly Avenue and Bemis Street. He also designed a number of garages in Watertown, including 476 Mount Auburn Street, 18 Hillside Road, 248 School Street, 252 School Street, 256 School Street, 267 School Street and 309 School Street.

Layfayette Blair lived in this house from 1898 to 1913. The Chamberlain family lived here from 1913 to 1929. This house was originally 48 Bailey Road prior to 1911.

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Douglas Tucci, Built in Boston, Boston, 1978

Maud de L. Hodges, Crossroads on the Charles, Canaan, N.H., 1980

Building Permit, 1913, carriage house

“Atlas of the Towns of Watertown, Belmont, Arlington and Lexington, Middlesex County, Mass.,” George Stadley, 1898, house not present

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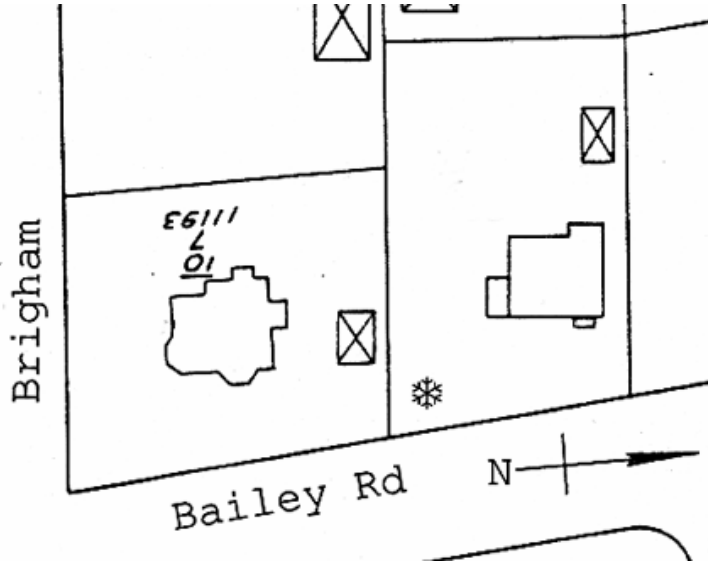
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**Address** 80 Bailey Road

**Historic Name**

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** 1911

**Source** Building Permit

**Style/Form** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder A:** Harry Ramsey; **B:** Owner

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Brick/Stone

**Wall/Trim** Stucco

**Roof** Asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** Garage

**Major Alterations (with dates)** Garage (1937)  
Casement Windows Added on North Side and on  
Second-story Front (ND)

**Condition** Average

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 11,032 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces East

## BUILDING FORM - 80 Bailey Road

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This house is a 2½ story, hipped roof Craftsman house. There is an interesting asymmetrical composition of elements, including the off-center entrance, complete with sidelights and Tudor half-timbering on the porch roof. The front windows on the first floor are contained within a bay. A dormer with two windows protrudes from the front roof and the house has a skin of stucco.

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This house was designed by Harry Ramsey, who designed a number of important houses in Watertown including, 80 Bailey Road, 68 Barnard Avenue, 74 Barnard Avenue, 19 Bates Road, 44 Bates Road, 45 Robbins Rd., 271 Mt. Auburn St., 15 Shattuck Rd., 44 Adams Ave. and 20 Stoneleigh Rd. Ramsay was a prolific designer of houses in Brookline, Newton and Wellesley.

William and Helen Harding resided here from ca. 1914 until sometime after 1939.

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Building Permit, 1911

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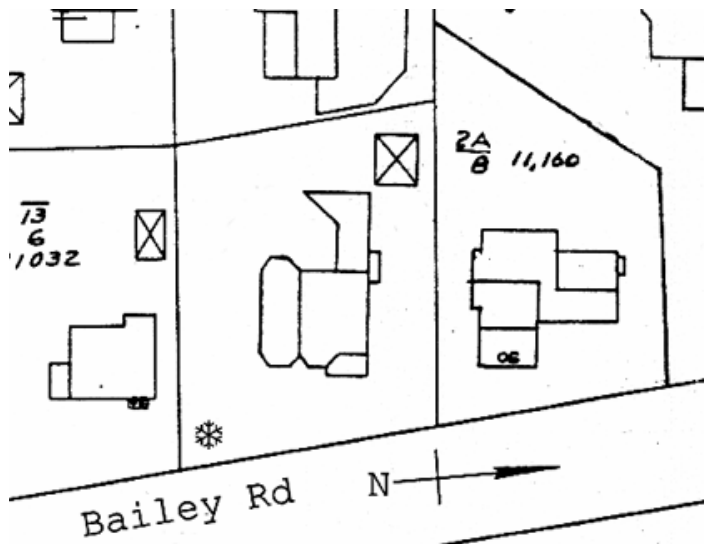
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
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## Sketch Map

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**Date (month / year)** April, 2005

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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**Town** Watertown

**Place** (neighborhood or village)

**Address** 86 Bailey Road

**Historic Name** Frederick and Lutie Colby House

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** 1907

**Source** Building Permit

**Style/Form** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder B:** William Iliffe

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Brick/Stone

**Wall/Trim** Wood Shingle

**Roof** Slate

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** Garage

**Major Alterations (with dates)** Garage (1919); Side Addition (1970); Side Addition (1986).

**Condition** Good

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 12,532 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces East

## **BUILDING FORM - 86 Bailey Road**

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This is a colonial revival home with a gambrel roof. Later additions include the two tower-like structures on the front, which have dominated the sight lines of this house.

### **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*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.*

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The ease of transportation for commuters was a major factor in the success of the area's development. The trolley lines to Cambridge were laid in 1893. Many found the garden suburb a great improvement over the congestion of Boston and they did not sacrifice the closeness of neighbors to attain the healthful rural atmosphere of Watertown. The cultural offerings of Boston also remained comfortably close. The area offered large homes in landscaped settings with limited upkeep. This development was highly successful and remains today an exemplary example of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century's vision of the garden suburb.

Frederick and Lilie Colby resided here from ca. 1909 to 1936. Frederick was a tax collector for the Town of Watertown.

The house was built by local builder William H. Iliffe. Iliffe was the builder of a large number of architecturally important houses in the Russell Avenue area, including 19 Garfield, 26 Bailey, 50 Bailey (carriage house), 86 Bailey, 99 Bailey, Parish House at Church of the Good Shepherd, 96 Russell Avenue, 153 Russell, 35 Arden Road, 59 Adams Avenue (garage and workshop) and 29 Adams Avenue. He resided at 99 Bailey Road and maintained an office on North Beacon Street.

Bailey Road was established in ca. 1889 and ran to Brigham Street. It extended to Bellevue Road in ca. 1921.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Douglas Tucci, Built in Boston, Boston, 1978  
Maud de L. Hodges, Crossroads on the Charles, Canaan, N.H., 1980  
Building Permit, 1917  
Watertown Directory, 1909, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1923, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1930, 1933, 1935  
Sanborn Map, 1916, house not present

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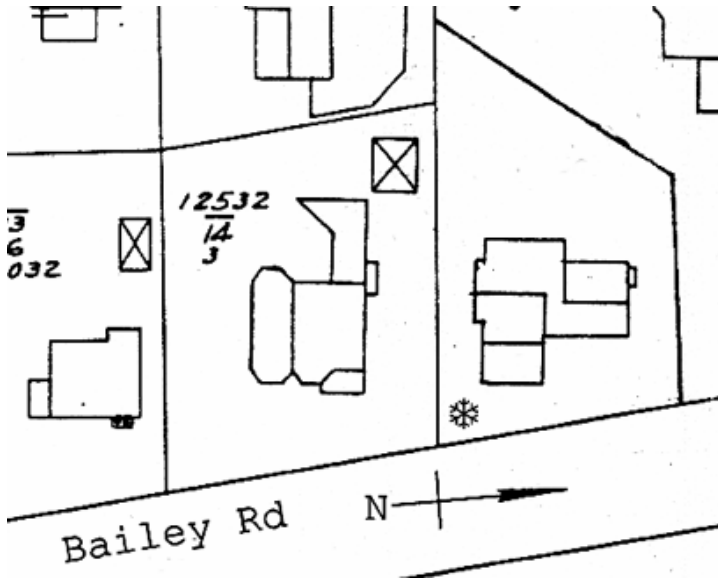
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**Town** Watertown

**Place** (neighborhood or village)

**Address** 90 Bailey Road

**Historic Name**

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** 1971

**Source** Building Permit

**Style/Form** Contemporary

**Architect/Builder A:** Solomita & Paleamo; **B:** Scott Builders

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Concrete

**Wall/Trim** Tex II (Wood)

**Roof** Membrane

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** None

**Major Alterations** (with dates) None

**Condition** Good

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 11,160 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces East

## **BUILDING FORM - 90 Bailey Road**

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This is a Contemporary house in the Shed style, the only one that exists in Watertown. It is unaltered in its form and retains all of its detail, including asymmetrical window configuration and placement and recessed and obscured door. The wood clad on this house is vertical. There are two gable-like structures on the house and they appear to compete and about to collide at the center point. The roof-wall junctions are smooth and simple, with no overhang and a single board is used for a cornice.

This house exemplifies well the bold lines, counterpointed shapes and multiple massing of the contemporary shed style.

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This house was built in a substantially later period of development and was the last house to be built on the street to date.

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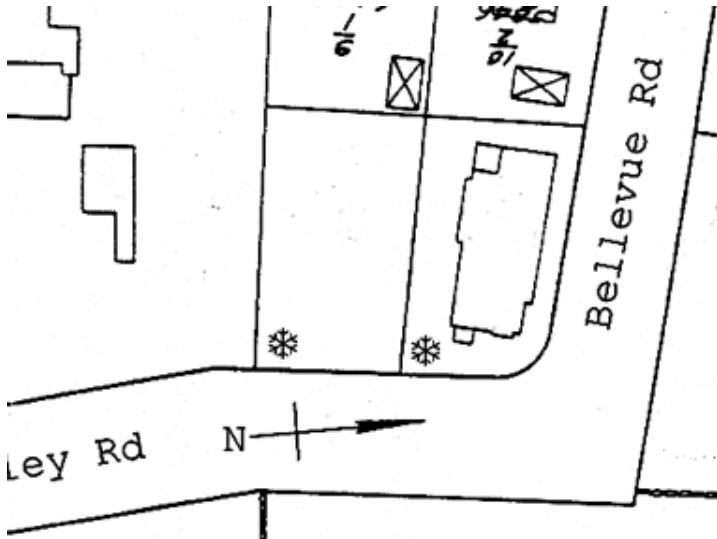
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**Place** (neighborhood or village)

**Address** 112 Bailey Road

**Historic Name** Alexander Dingee House

**Uses: Present** Private Dwelling

**Original** Private Dwelling

**Date of Construction** 1922

**Source** Building Permit

**Style/Form** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder**

**Exterior Material:**

**Foundation** Brick/Stone

**Wall/Trim** Wood Shingle

**Roof** Asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures** Tool Shed and  
Garage

**Major Alterations (with dates)** Garage (1922); Addition  
(1929); Addition (1941); Garage Razed (1941); Garage  
(1941); Rear Dormer (1969); Tool Shed (1994)

**Condition** Good

**Moved** ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

**Acreage** 10,753 sq.ft.

**Setting** Faces South on Corner Lot Close to Street

## **BUILDING FORM - 112 Bailey Road**

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION** ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This house was originally a 2½ story gambrel roof Colonial Revival building. Later additions incorporated a cross gable structure on the west and dormer on the rear. There are number of interesting elements to this house including the two eastern bays and the arrangement of varied windows on the eastern side (three 12 over 12, among others)

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Alexander M. Dingee an "instructor" lived here with his wife Eleanor in 1926.

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Watertown Directory, 1926, noting Alexander Dingee.  
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