

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town/City:** Belmont

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):  
Belmont Hill

**Address:** 107 Rutledge Road

**Historic Name:** George W. Long House

**Uses:** Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

**Date of Construction:** 1935

**Source:** building permit

**Style/Form:** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder:** David Abrahams, architect

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: brick, wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

none

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

1988- rear addition

**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 19,116 SF

**Setting:** mixed twentieth century residential neighborhood

## Photograph



## Locus Map (north at top)



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Belmont Historic District Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): May 2016

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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 107 Rutledge Road is a 1930s interpretation of the Colonial Revival style. Set on a concrete foundation, the 2 ½-story wood frame structure has a brick veneer and a five-bay façade with end chimneys. A brick belt course extends under the second floor windows and the first floor façade openings have entablature lintels fashioned from brick. The central entrance has a brick quoined surround, paneled recess and contains a wooden door with upper lights. Windows contain 6/9 on the first floor and 6/6 above. To the east of the brick block a single bay wide connector joins the main house and two-car wood frame, gablefront wing with two garage openings on the first floor. Decorative fluting caps the garage doors.

The house is setback from the road by a landscaped front lawn with a low brick wall in front of the entrance.

## 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.*

This is one of thirty houses built between 1935 and 1941 on 1/3 acre lots along Rutledge Road. This was the fifth area to be developed by the Belmont Hill Company. George W. Long who resided at 5 Frost Street in Cambridge applied for a building permit in 1935. The house was designed by Boston architect David Abrahams and the builder was Irving Fillmore of Melrose. The cost of the house was \$22,000.

George W. Long was a funeral director and lived here with his wife Inez, two children and a maid. The Longs were still living here in 1955. Later owners included John and Sarah O'Leary and Steven and Margaret Wheelwright (1988-2000). Steven and Margaret Wheelwright sold the property to Michael and Dorothy Courtney in 2000 (Book 1222, Page 15). It is still owned by Dorothy Courtney today.

Architect David Abrahams (1901-1958) graduated from MIT in 1922 and was employed as a designer for William J.L. Roop Corporation before opening his own firm in 1926. A resident of Swampscott, Abrahams worked in a variety of styles ranging from the Colonial Revival to the International Style (Leo Mayer House, Newton, NWT.2903). He designed homes in Cape Cod, Newton, Swampscott, Brookline, Leominster, Lowell, and Norwood. MACRIS includes listings for 15 known commissions and Historic New England has a rendering of an unidentified International Style home in its collection. Abrahams' non-residential works include Beth El Temple Synagogue in Belmont (BLM.174), additions to the Toll House, Whitman; the Stop and Shop Supermarket, Cambridge; and the Kernwood Country Club in Salem/Peabody.

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