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William Lescaze’s 1935 Cates House
69 Burrell Street
Melrose, Massachusetts

October 7, 2018 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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- Small early “minimum home” designed by William Lescaze, FAIA.
- Distinctive for its off-center siting on the property, with a side courtyard bordered on the front by a high wall and on two sides by coniferous trees.
- Retains some original built-in cabinets, headboards, vanities, and light fixtures.
• Featured in the 2004 "Invisible Modernism" exhibition by students of John Ellis at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, documenting modern houses in Massachusetts built before the Gropius House. Mounted at WIT, the Boston Society of Architects, and Bemis Hall, Lincoln, MA.

• Building permit dated March 4, 1935 lists the architect as "Howe and Lescaze, 211 East 48th Street, New York." (Address is Lescaze's own house, currently for sale as 209 E. 48th Street in Midtown Manhattan for $4,950,000.)

• Published:
  • Architectural Record, v.78 (Nov. '35) pp. 302-303.
  • Architectural Forum, v. 65 (Nov. '36) pp. 454-455.
  • House Beautiful, v. 78 (Dec. '36) pp. 64-65.
  • Arts & Decoration, v. 45 (Jan. '37) pp. 18-20.
  • Decorative Art Yearbook, (1937) p. 23.


• Listed or mentioned:

• Original documents in the William Lescaze Papers, Syracuse University Library Special Collections Research Center.

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