



*House Beautiful*, December 1936

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Invites members and friends of modernism to an open house:

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

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

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Recent photo

- 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.
  - *American Building Association News*, (Apr. '37) p. 215.
  - *House and Garden*, v.172 (Oct. '37) pp. 40-41.
  - *Decorative Art Yearbook*, (1937) p. 23.
- Listed in the *Museum of Modern Art's Guide to Modern Architecture, Northeast States*, 1940.
- Listed or mentioned:
  - Caramellion, Gaia. *Europe Meets America: William Lescaze, Architect of Modern Housing*. Newcastle upon Tyne: The Art Alliance Press, 2016, p. 227.
  - Lanmon, Lorrain Welling. *William Lescaze: Architect*. Philadelphia: The Art Alliance Press, 1987, p. 197.
- Original documents in the William Lescaze Papers, Syracuse University Library Special Collections Research Center.

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