

ORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 92 Adams Street

Historic Name: McLaughlin-Lidberg House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1890

Source: maps

Style/Form: N/A

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood clapboards/wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – front addition, enclosure of side porch

Condition: good

Moved: no | x | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.75 acre

Setting: mixed residential along well-traveled road

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

92 ADAMS STREET

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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 92 Adams Street has seen a number of changes since its construction in the late 19th century although the dates of the alterations is not clear. The 2 ½-story house is sheathed in wood clapboards and is oriented with its southeast-facing gablefront to the street. The gablefront is obscured by a later, two-story, flat-roofed front addition which rests on a mortared stone foundation as does the single-story section (former porch?) spanning the long, east elevation. The predominant window throughout the house is a double-hung 6/1 window set into a molded surround and used individually or in pairs. Centered on the front addition is an exterior brick chimney; on the first floor the chimney is flanked on either side by a pair of 6/1 windows with two individual 6/1 windows on the second floor. A single-story, hip-roofed projection is located on the west elevation and is also set on a stone foundation. An additional brick chimney rises near the ridge of the asphalt-shingled gable roof. An attached, single-story, gable-roofed garage is located behind the main house block, with openings on the east side.

Along the street there are two concrete and stone pillars.

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.

There is no building on this site at the time of the 1889 map. The 1895 map shows a house on the site, labeled as being owned by McLaughlin. This is a presumed reference to Duncan McLaughlin who died March 12, 1896. The McLaughlin family still owned the property in 1906.

Gustaf Lidberg acquired the property about 1930. He was born in Sweden about 1878, immigrated to this country in 1902 and moved to Lexington in 1930. He was employed for many years as a stationary engineer at the Hotel Puritan in Boston. In 1930 Gustaf was living here with his wife Ella, three children and mother-in-law. At the time of Gustaf's death in 1951, he was living at 75 Adams Street while his son Chester was living in this house at 92 Adams Street. Chester continued to own the house until 1963 when it was sold to Robert and Ella Bayliss. Mrs. Bayliss sold it to the present owners in 2007.

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