

FORM 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: 7 Crosby Road

Historic Name: Maria Hastings Elementary School

Uses: Present: school

Original: school

Date of Construction: 1955

Source: school reports

Style/Form: Contemporary

Architect/Builder: Charles H. Cole, architect

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: brick, concrete

Roof:

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
1994- major renovation

Condition: good

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

Acreage: 14.3 acres

Setting: residential neighborhood off Mass. Ave.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: Lisa Mausolf

Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): January 2010

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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.

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.

The groundbreaking for the Maria Hastings School was held August 12, 1954. An open house was held at the newly opened school on November 6, 1955. In 1994 the school underwent an extensive renovation.

The school was designed by Charles H. Cole 2nd of Lexington who also designed the Diamond School in Lexington.

The school is named for Maria Hastings Cary (1801-1881), wife of William Harris Cary. She was a member of one of Lexington's oldest families. Her husband and his brother, Isaac Harris Cary, operated a store in Boston and later moved to New York where they became prosperous importers. William Harris Cary and Maria Hastings Cary lived in Brooklyn but retained a strong interest in Lexington and made frequent and long visits to town. In 1868 Mrs. Cary's gift of \$1,000 to found a town library was the first of many bequests.

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Detail, front entrance with mural