

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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**Town:** Lexington

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
East Lexington

**Address:** 11 Drew Avenue

**Historic Name:** Albert & Martha Moore House

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** 1917

**Source:** directories

**Style/Form:** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles/wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
none

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):  
date? – replacement windows and shutters

**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

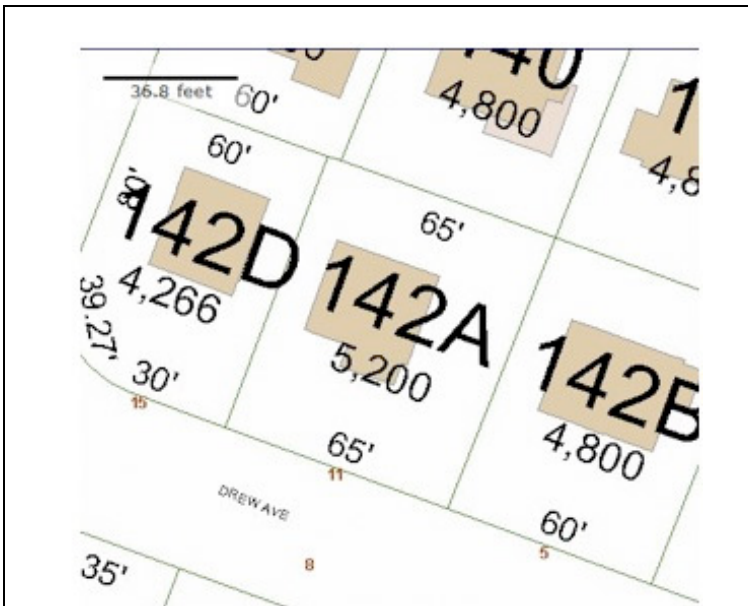
**Acreage:** 0.11 acre

**Setting:** mixed 20<sup>th</sup> c. residential neighborhood

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Lexington Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): July 2008

**INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET**

LEXINGTON

11 DREW AVENUE

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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.*

Set on a hill above the road, 11 Drew Avenue is a 1 ½-story, gambrel fronted structure which rests on a stone foundation and is clad in wood shingles. Half the façade is taken by a three-sided bay window while the remainder is sheltered by a single-story, flat-roofed porch which shelters an offcenter entrance and an adjacent elevated, fixed Queen Anne-style window. The porch is supported by plain posts with a set of wooden steps that connect with a concrete flight of stairs leading down to street level. The remaining windows on the structure contain double-hung 1/1 replacement sash and are flanked by board shutters.

**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.*

Archival research suggests that this house was constructed about 1917. The land was originally lotted in 1909 as part of a subdivision known as Massachusetts Avenue Terrace, owned by Jacob W. Wilbur of Brookline. In July 1912 Wilbur sold the land on which the house sits (lots 61 and 62) to Martha J. Moore, wife of Albert (Book 3710, Page 333). The deed included several restrictions: that no house shall be built costing less than \$800 and that no shanty, hut or box be erected on the property without the permission of the grantor. According to the 1913 directory Albert Moore was then living on Cliffe Avenue; there is no listing for Moore in the 1915 directory. The first known listing for the property appears in the 1918 directory and indicates that Albert Moore, a carpenter by trade, was living on Drew Avenue in East Lexington. According to the 1920 Census, Albert Moore was then 56 years old and was born in Canada, immigrating to the US in 1884. His occupation is listed as house carpenter and he lived here with his wife Martha, daughter and son. In 1940 Albert and Martha Moore sold the property (lots 59-64) to Robert and Rachel Findlay. Mrs. Findlay continued to live here until 1968 when she sold to Richard Foley. The property has had at least six owners since that time.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, MA  
Town directories  
U.S. Census, various years.