

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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**Town:** Lexington

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 117 Grove Street

**Historic Name:** Estabrook Elementary School

**Uses:** Present: school

Original: school

**Date of Construction:** 1960

**Source:** Hinkle

**Style/Form:** Contemporary

**Architect/Builder:** Clinch, Crimp, Brown & Fisher

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: brick, concrete

Roof: tar & gravel

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
none

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

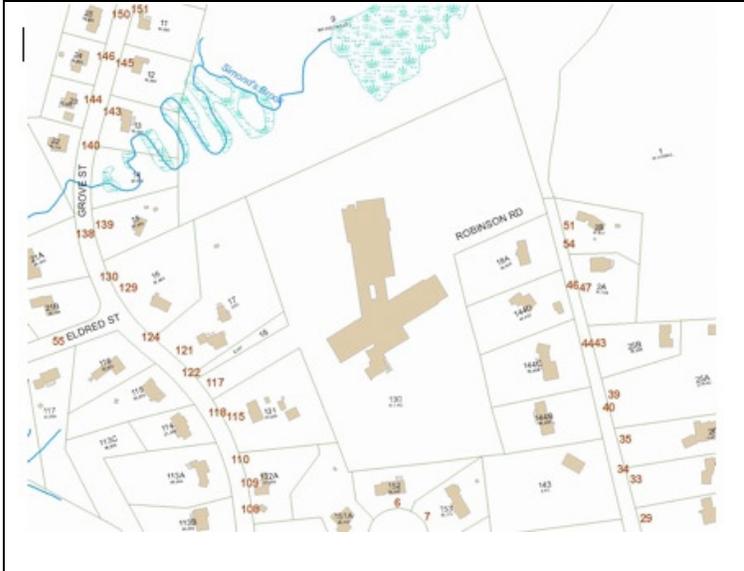
**Condition:** good

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

**Acreage:** 7.5 acres

**Setting:** residential neighborhood, between Grove Street and Robinson Road

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Lexington Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): January 2010

**INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET**

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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 funds for a Grove Street school were appropriated at town meeting, March 28, 1960. Estabrook School was dedicated on October 8, 1961. It was designed by the architectural firm of Clinch, Crimp, Brown & Fisher. The firm also designed other schools in Lexington including the Fiske School, Bridge School and Bowman School.

The school is named after Joseph Estabrook (1669-1733), the first school teacher in Lexington. Born in Concord, he bought a 200 acre farm in Lexington in 1693. According to Hudson's *History of the Town of Lexington*, "In 1716 Captain Estabrook was employed as a teacher and continued his school five months, for which 15 pounds were paid him from the town treasury." Joseph Estabrook also served as Town Clerk, was elected Selectman several times and served a term as Representative to the General Court which was the Massachusetts Colony's legislature. As a Captain he also commanded a local military company.

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