

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: 32 Lincoln Street

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 19th century

Source:

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles/wood clapboards

Roof: asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

c.2005 – renovation of garage

date? – front picture window

Condition: good

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

Acreage: 0.38 acre

Setting: mixed residential neighborhood near Hayden Recreation Center

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

32 LINCOLN 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.

This property consists of a modest 1 ½-story, cross-gabled cottage set on a mortared stone foundation with a rear wing and lateral ell connecting to a garage/barn to the southwest. Stylistically, the house reflects no particular style but does incorporate elements which were popular during the Queen Anne Style including a clapboarded first floor with wood shingles above, bargeboards decorated by raised stickwork and squares and a turned post on the front porch. The gablefront of the main house block is a single bay wide with a later 20th century picture window on the first floor and a 6/6 double-hung sash above. The shed roof extension to the east (perhaps originally an open porch?) has a matching decorative bargeboard as does the shorter shed extension to the west which shelters a recessed porch. Under the porch roof the front entry has a glass-and-panel door. Two shed dormers with 3 x 2-light windows rise from the east roof slope with a single dormer on the west slope adjacent to the west cross gable. A two-story modern addition with deck is located to the rear of the house and a two-story ell spans from the rear wing to the two-story gablefront structure to the west which has a modern arched garage door on the first floor.

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 early history of this property is not known at this time. Assessors records estimate the date of construction at 1832 but this has not been verified. The 1875 map indicates that the house was then owned by the heirs of John C. Blaisdell. The 1860 Census indicates that Blaisdell was then 50 years old, living with his wife Joanna and a servant. He was employed as an iron works agent. In 1886 the Blaisdell estate was sold to Moses Joy, Jr. In June of 1887 Joy was elected president of the Water Company. The following month he conveyed to L.E. Bennink 32 acres of land, the upland portion of Blaisdell's estate on Loring Hill. The house is shown on later historic maps (1898, 1906) but the ownership is not indicated. It may have been part of the water company property (see also 46 Lincoln Street?).

Census records indicate that in 1920 the house was being rented by Walter and Charlotte Goddard. He was an insurance agent. In 1932 the house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nash. Frank Ayer was living here with his wife in 1942. In 1952 the property was sold by Marylou Steeves to Mildred Ayer (Conniff) who conveyed it to Chad and Joanne Gordon in 1971. Clifford and Eileen Sagner owned the property from 1971 to 1986.

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