

FORM B – BUILDING

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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: 46 Lincoln Street

Historic Name: Pumping Station Engineer's House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1888

Source: *Minute-man*, Nov. 16, 1888

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
carport

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

c.2000 – vinyl siding and new windows

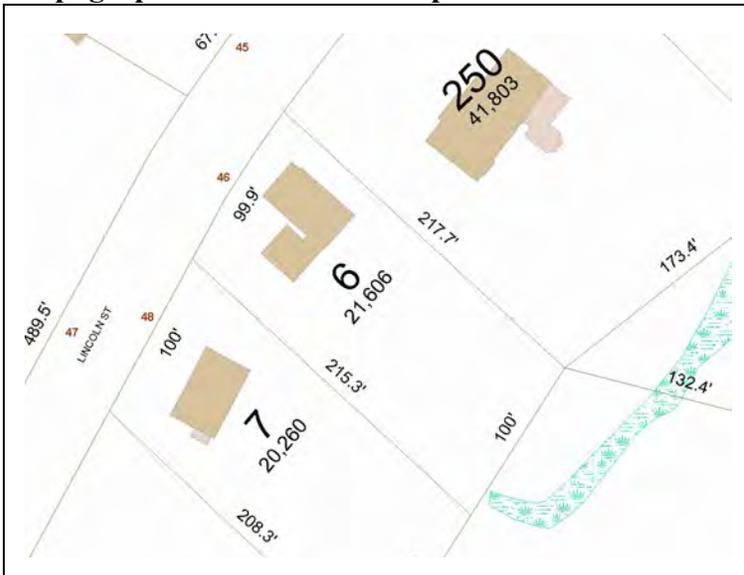
Condition: fair (due to siding)

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

Acreage: 0.50 acre

Setting: mixed residential area

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

46 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.

Dating to the late 19th century, the house at 46 Lincoln Street is a 2 ½-story gablefront structure which is set on a mortared stone foundation and is presently sheathed in vinyl siding. The overhang of the gable pent and the bracket supports at the base of the gable suggest that at least part of the building may have originally been sheathed in wood shingles. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and a brick chimney emerges near the southwest corner. A single-story porch supported by bold turned posts wraps around the façade and part of the west elevation, terminating at a two-story, shed-roofed projection located midway on the west side. In addition to the turned posts the porch also has a turned balustrade. The sidehall entry has a modern replacement door. Most of the windows contain double-hung 1/1 sash. There is a pair of 1/1 windows adjacent to the front door and another set aligned above. Other smaller, single-pane openings light the attic and west shed projection.

To the west of the main house is a single-story carport set on a concrete pad with wooden posts supporting an asphalt-shingled gable roof.

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 appears to be a building on this site at the time of the 1889 map although its ownership is not indicated. The house is located to the northwest of the site of the Lexington Pumping Station. It is believed that this is the house built by the Lexington Water Company for the engineer of the pumping station in 1888. In 1909 it was voted to sell the house and lot at the pumping station on Lincoln Street (Worthen, p. 107). (The pumping station was subsequently demolished in 1930).

By 1920 the house was occupied by Patrick Brady, an Irish immigrant who worked as a laborer for the park department. He lived here with his wife Elizabeth, sister Bridget and a boarder. Elizabeth Brady was still living here in 1932. By 1942 the house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hammerton. Pearl Brenchick acquired the property in 1940 and continued to own it until 2005 when it was acquired by the present owners.

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