

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: 28 Muzzey Street

Historic Name: Goddard-Lawrence House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1870

Source: 1875 map

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: brick

Wall/Trim: wood clapboards

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
modern garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

1899 – alterations incl. front porch, vestibule, dormer
date? – exterior chimney, rear deck
c.1980 – new windows

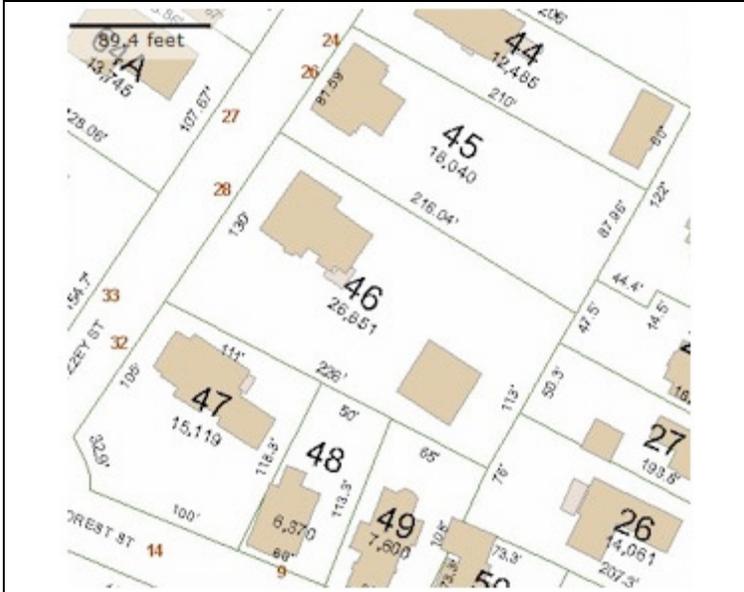
Condition: good

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

Acreage: 0.62 acre

Setting: mixed use neighborhood

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): Jan. 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.

The house at 28 Muzzey Street is a 2 ½-story, 4 x 2-bay, side-gabled dwelling which is sheathed in wood clapboards and rests on a brick foundation. The eaves of the asphalt-shingled gable roof project slightly and end in returns and there is a three-sided bay window on each of the gable ends. The entrance porch with its turned posts appears to be a later addition as is the five-sided projecting vestibule which has a glass-and-panel front door and is flanked by vertical fixed windows with leaded glass in a geometric pattern. The porch also shelters a smaller stairhall window with leaded glass. The flat roof of the porch is crowned by a turned balustrade. The remaining windows contain 1/1 replacement sash and are flanked by blinds. Other alterations include the hip-roofed dormer centered on the front roof slope and the exterior chimney on the south (west) end. The rear ell has a modern deck.

To the southwest of the house is a modern garage with two overhead doors on its gablefront.

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.

This house appears to date to the 1870s. The 1875 map shows a house on the site owned by A.A. Goddard. The 1880 Census seems to list Melvina Goddard, a dressmaker, as living in the house. Alonzo Goddard died in March 1886.

The 1889 map shows the house as being owned by L. Lawrence. Lyman Lawrence was a hardware merchant who came to Lexington in 1866. A brief note in the *Lexington Minute-man* on February 10, 1899 mentioned that A.C. Washburn was to remodel the house owned by Lyman Lawrence on Muzzey Street and “materially change the appearance and arrangement of the building”. Lyman Lawrence was still in residence in 1920 with his son Herbert and daughter Flora. Herbert and Flora were still living here in 1930.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Sanborn Insurance maps, various years
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U.S. Census, various years.
1875 and 1889 map

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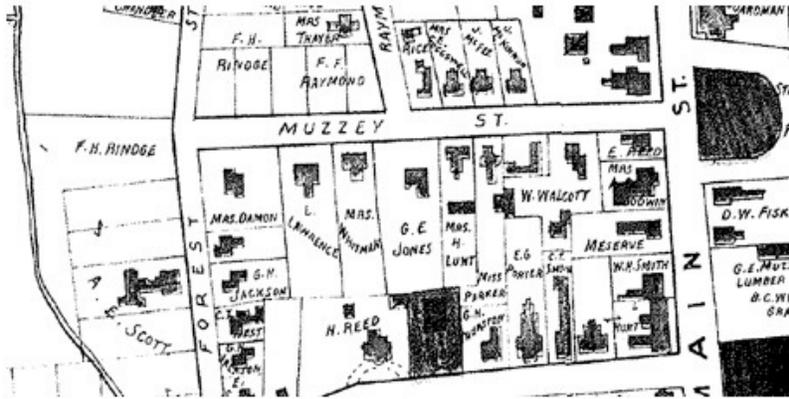
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1889 map