

ORM 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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Photograph



Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Upper Meriam Hill

Address: 10 Round Hill Road

Historic Name: Joseph & Marion Leonard House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: 1913

Source: *Lexington Minute-man*, Sept. 6, 1913

Style/Form: Craftsman Colonial

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: stucco, wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: good

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

Acreage: 1.67 acres

Setting: mixed residential neighborhood

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): January 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

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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 back from the road, the house at 10 Round Hill Road is a 2 ½-story, side-gabled, stucco dwelling indicative of the Craftsman style with a five-bay façade typical of Colonial prototypes. The center entrance contains a glass-and-panel door framed by sidelights and capped by a flat door hood supported by brackets. The door hood also acts a platform for a second floor balcony which fronts a multi-light window with sidelights. The window openings on either side of the entrance consist of paired 8/1 sash with shutters. The projecting eaves of the gable roof are adorned by exposed rafters. The roof was apparently originally sheathed in red shingles but has been replaced by asphalt shingles. A single-story sun porch spans one end of the house.

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 property corresponds to Lot 152 of the Oakmount Park subdivision, laid out in 1903 (Plan Book 145, Plan 3). The land on what was then called Marriott Street was sold by Ella George to Marion Leonard, wife of Joseph (Book 3387, Page 378). A brief mention relative to the construction of the house appeared in the *Minute-man* on September 6, 1913:

The exterior is nearly completed and the interior plastered of a house building by Winthrop contractors for Mr. J.C. Leonard, formerly of West Medford, now of Brighton. The estimated cost of the house is about twelve thousand. The house is on a driveway leading from upper Merriam street and in the near neighborhood of the Arthur Whitney estate and the old Muzzey house. It sits on the slope of Granny Hill, amidst a fine grove of pine, cedars and spruce. It is a cement structure with red asbestos and cement shingles. It is a twelve room house with two baths on the second floor and one other for the use of the maids. It will have every convenience and be handsomely finished throughout.

According to the 1920 Census, Joseph N. Leonard was then 41 years old and living on Round Hill Road with his wife, Marion, young daughter and son, a servant and the servant's daughter. He was the treasurer of a ventilation company. There is no listing for Leonard in the 1922 town directory. The next owner may have been Robert Whitney, son of Arthur Whitney, who is listed in local directories as living on Round Hill Road in 1930 and 1942.

The property has been owned by Richard Filipowski since 1962 (Book 11341, Page 122).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Minute-man, September 6, 1913
Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, MA
Town Directories
U.S. Census, various years.