

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: 33 York Street

Historic Name: Henry Robinson House

Uses: Present: residential

 Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1915

Source: deeds

Style/Form: Craftsman Colonial

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: fieldstone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations *(with dates)*:

c.1990 – large addition to east, widow's walk on roof

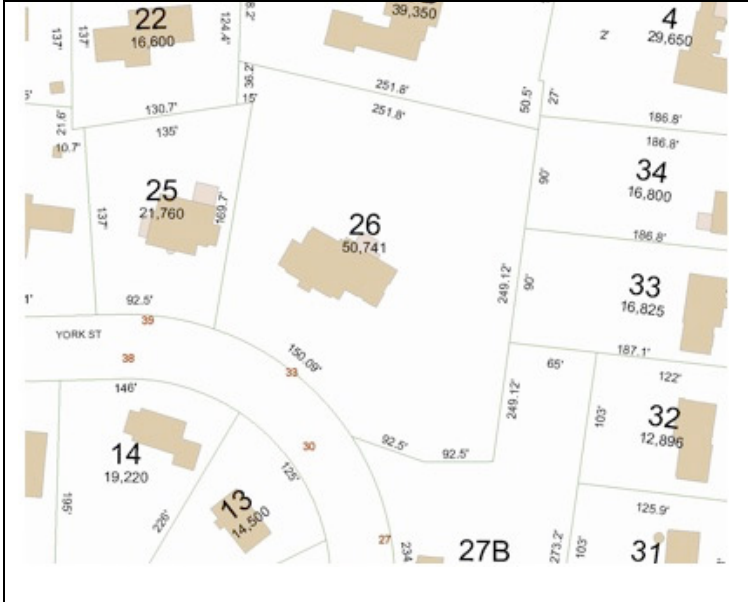
Condition: good

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

Acreage: 1.16 acres

Setting: mixed residential neighborhood

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date *(month / year)*: Feb. 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

33 York 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.

The house at 33 York Street is a fairly well-preserved example of the Craftsman Colonial style of architecture which found great popularity in Lexington in the early 20th century. Set above a rubble foundation, the two-story hip-roofed structure is sheathed in wood shingles with a belt course wrapping around the entire structure between the two stories. The widely overhanging eaves are open with exposed rafters. Centered on the three-bay façade, the main entrance contains a glass and panel door framed by sidelights and sheltered by a hip-roofed porch which is supported by two pairs of Doric columns. On either side of the entrance there is a set of three 6/1 windows. The second story of the façade is punctuated by three individual 6/1 windows. Both the roof balustrade and front dormer appear to be later additions. There is a single-story, flat-roofed open porch spanning the west end, supported by Doric columns. On the east end of the house is a large but compatible two-story, hip-roofed addition of recent construction with two garage doors on the lower level and two pairs of 6/1 windows above.

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 sits on Lots A & B of the Oakmount Park subdivision (July 21, 1914). The land was sold by Trustee Charles Bruce to Henry Robinson in August 1914 (Book 3907, Page 29). Robinson continued to own the property until 1926 when it was sold to Ashton Little (Book 4987, Page 397). Little sold the property to Howard and Helen Robbins in April 1929. He worked as an attorney in Boston. Later owners included William and Peter Paxton who sold the property to Elizabeth and Edward Haines in 1968. The Haines owned the house until 1989.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1906 map
Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.
Town Directories
U.S. Census, various years.