

FORM B - BUILDING

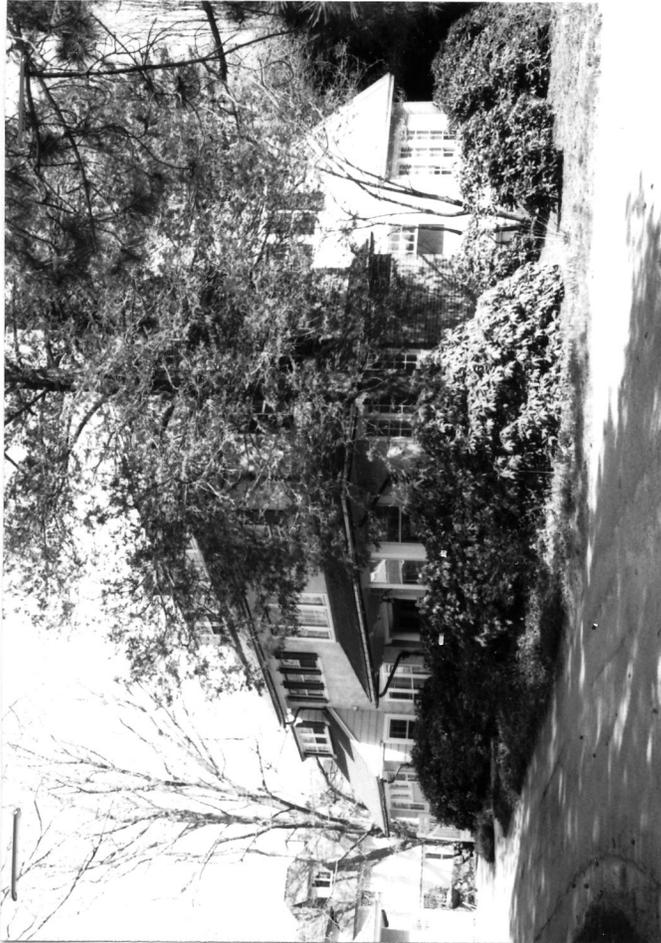
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Area(s)

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1021, 1022

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 33 Adams Street

Historic Name George and Ruth Graves House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1925

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Craftsman

Architect/Builder unknown

Willard Brown?

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim stucco/wood

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

historic garage (MHC #1022)

Major Alterations (with dates) 1985 - enclosure of
side porch

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 14,671 SF

Setting corner lot, mixed early 20th century residential
neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

BUILDING FORM (33 Adams Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Located at the corner of Adams and Woodland Streets, 33 Adams Street (MHC #1021) is an eclectic early 20th century dwelling that exhibits a Craftsman-style influence with elements of the Colonial Revival. The 2 1/2-story, textured stucco dwelling is oriented with its asymmetrical gable end facing Woodland Street. The lower end of the gable is supported by a single Roman Doric column. The main, three-bay facade faces Adams Street and displays a recessed center entrance flanked by a pair of Roman Doric columns. Overhanging the first floor, a hip roof wraps around the house from the exterior brick chimney on the gable end to the entrance, where it is supported by large brackets (a feature which is reminiscent of 75 Outlook Drive (MHC #1108), designed by Willard Brown). The wooden front door incorporates upper lights over a lower panel. An angled window is located next to the door. Adjacent to the entrance and sheltered by the overhang there is a three-sided bay window while casement windows are located next to the chimney. The second story of the facade features a central tripartite window consisting of a 8/12 window flanked by 4/6 sash. On one side of the tripartite window there is a set of three 6/1 windows; on the other there is an individual 8/1 sash. Rising from the front roof slope is a shingled shed dormer containing three pairs of 6/6 windows. Paneled shutters with cutout decoration flank many of the window openings which also include 8/1 and multilight casements. At the north end of the house there is a narrow, wood-shingled 1 1/2-story section with a front wall which steps out from the adjacent facade.

A paved driveway extends in front of the house, terminating at a wood shingled garage (MHC #1022) resting on a rubble foundation. The front gable is stuccoed over a pent roof. The double doors on the gable end display 4 x 2-lights over four vertical panels. A ventilator is centered on the roof. A two to three foot high stone wall extends along the Adams Street lot line. Pine trees screen the house from the street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe 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 house at 33 Adams Street was constructed in 1925 for George and Ruth Graves. George Graves had purchased the lot in 1922 from Melissa Hunt. In 1925 Graves was assessed for just the lot (Lot 16 on the 1903 Plan of Oakmount Park). The following year the assessment includes a house valued at \$12,000 and garage at \$1500. In the late 1920s and early 1930s George Grave's occupation is listed as sales manager. Beginning in 1945 George Graves (then 55) is described as an architect. Mr. and Mrs. Graves continued to occupy the house until the early 1970s.

By 1977 the property had been transferred to Dean and Jane Curtin. The present owner, David Miller, acquired the property in 1984.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*