

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: 71 Adams Street

Historic Name: E. H. Wright House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1860

Source: visual inspection

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder: unknown (E.H. Wright?)

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: asbestos shingles or alum. siding?

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Date? - siding

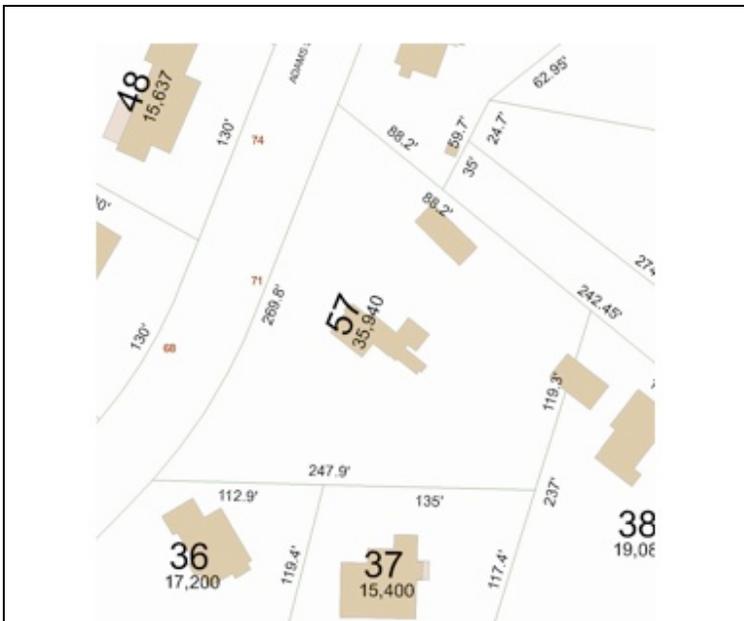
Condition: fair (due to siding)

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

Acreage: 0.83 acre

Setting: mixed residential on well-traveled road

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): May 2008

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

71 ADAMS 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 71 Adams Street is a modest 1 ½-story cottage which dates to the mid to late 19th century. Set on a mortared stone foundation, the house has a broad three-bay gablefront with projecting eaves. The walls are currently sheathed in a wide artificial siding and the roof is asphalt-shingled with an exterior brick chimney on the west side. The sidehall entry contains a vertical plank door with metal strap hinges. It is capped by a flat door hood supported by jigsaw brackets. Windows contain double-hung 6/6 sash and are fitted with exterior wood storm sash and shutters. The lipped lintels rest on two small bracket supports. Extending behind the main house block is a single story wing with greenhouse/sunroom.

To the northeast of the house is a detached single-story garage/shed which is sheathed in wood shingles. It is capped by an asphalt-shingled gable roof with close eaves. A shed with double-wide opening is attached to the north end of the building.

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.

Based on map data, this house was constructed between 1853 and 1875. There is no house on this site at the time of the 1853 map. The hill to the east is labeled as "Buck's Hill". The earliest known owner of this house is E.H. Wright who is shown as the owner on the 1875 map. According to the 1870 U.S. Census, E.H. Wright was a 59 year old house carpenter who was born in New Hampshire and lived with his wife Harriet and daughters Harriet and Emma. After her parents' deaths, Emma E. H. Wright continued to live here until her death on November 13, 1919. Miss Wright was a schoolteacher. Another (presumed) family member, George W. Wright, lived in a house just to the east with an East Street address.

This property was acquired by William Warner in 1956 and is still owned by the family today, over fifty years later.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1853, 1875, 1889, 1895, 1906 maps
Town Directories
U.S. Census, various years.