

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. B	Form no. 84
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City Lexington

Address 10 Bedford St.

Name Christopher Ryan House

Present use Residence

Present owner _____

Description: _____

Construction c. 1900 1901

Source Minute Man, July 27, 1901

Style Colonial Revival

Builder A.C. Washburn
Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Chimney, center of steep pitched hip roof; cent & N side, hooded dormers, porch w columns, moderately

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: _____

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 60'

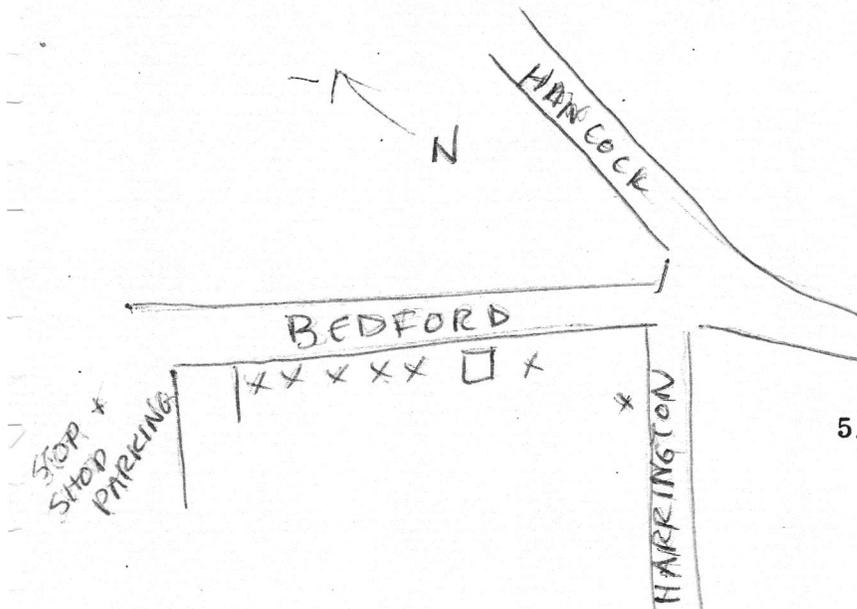
Approximate distance of building from street
25'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

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Date 8/27/75

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

7. Original owner (if known) Christopher Ryan

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Descrip cont: interesting stick work, pilasters at inner corners of porch. South side w/3 sided bay two stories, strongly defined pediment. gable over.

Historical significance

This house was owned by Christopher S. Ryan in the early 1900s and lived in by his daughter, Helen, until about 1974. Few interior alterations over the years; fewer exterior alterations.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

Christopher Ryan was the manager of Remington Typewriter Co. in Boston (1915 directory).

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
10 BEDFORD ST.

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was constructed in 1901 for Christopher S. Ryan (b.1873), son of John Ryan who lived at 23 Bedford Street.

The *Minute-man* included this brief mention of its construction on July 27, 1901:

A new house on the left hand side of Bedford street, not far from its junction with Elm avenue, is near completion. A.C. Washburn being the contractor, but in his absence foreman Timothy O'Connor has the work in charge. The house is the property of Mr. Christopher S. Ryan, and is to be a commodious and attractive place, in fact quite an ideal home for a congenial couple.

Christopher Ryan was the manager of Remington Typewriter Co. in Boston. Christopher and Helena Ryan were still living here in 1932; by 1942 Mrs. Ryan was here alone.

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