

FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number
49/156

USGS Quad
Boston N.

Area(s)

Form Number
1029



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 16 Belfry Terrace

Historic Name Chester & Florence Cook House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1935

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival/Tudor Revival

Architect/Builder William R. Greeley

Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) 1991 - rear addition

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 13,368 SF

Setting small residential circle off Forest Street with 19th
and early 20th century dwellings



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) July 2000

BUILDING FORM (16 Belfry Terrace)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

An unusual, 20th century expression of the Colonial Revival style, 16 Belfry Terrace is a 1 1/2-story side-gabled dwelling with a steeply pitched, asymmetrical gable, reminiscent of the Tudor Revival style, projecting from the north end of the east-facing facade. The house is set above a concrete foundation with a lower level garage. The building is sheathed in wood shingles and capped by an asphalt-shingled roof with a painted brick chimney rising from the ridge of both the main block and front projection. Located near the junction of the two masses, the main entrance contains a six-panel door which is capped by a five-light transom and flanked by full-length blinds. There are two individual 6/6 windows next to the entrance and two small gable dormers with horizontal flushboard on the front and shingles sheathing the sides. Each of the dormers contains a pair of casement windows. Extending behind the main house is a two-story addition constructed in 1991.

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.

This house was constructed in 1935 for Chester and Florence Cook on land which they purchased from architect William R. Greeley who lived in the property to the rear, at 1948 Mass. Ave. Correspondence from Roland Greeley to local architectural historian, Anne Grady, indicates that Greeley designed the house. Belfry Terrace was initially laid out ~~about 1930~~. By 1934 all of the houses had been constructed on Belfry Terrace, except #16. Belfry Terrace was extended in 1935. The Lexington Valuation List indicates that Florence Cook owned 21 Hancock Street in 1935. The Valuation List for the following year assess Chester and Florence Cook for a house valued at \$7500 on Belfry Terrace. Directories indicate that Chester Cook was employed as a piano teacher and a musician.

Florence Cook sold the property to John and Marianne Pearson in 1968. The present owners purchased the property in 1998.

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in 1915 as an extension of
Forest Street. (See
6 Belfry Terrace, MHC # 682 +
15 Belfry Terrace, MHC # 683.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Greeley, Roland to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984. Correspondence in possession of Anne A. Grady, Lexington, Mass.
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.*