

FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number
63/49

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Boston N.

Area(s)

Form Number
1035

Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 10 Berwick Road

Historic Name Paul and Jane Lewis House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c.1910

Source Lexington Valuation Lists, Assessors' Records

Style/Form Craftsman/Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation stuccoed

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage (1991)

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 12,185 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

BUILDING FORM (10 Berwick Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

The house at 10 Berwick Road is a 2 1/2-story, 3 x 2-bay, clapboarded dwelling which is set on a stuccoed foundation. The building is capped by a hip roof with exposed rafters on the underside of the overhanging eaves. The center entrance contains a six-panel door flanked by partial sidelights (2 x 7 lights on each side). The hip-roofed entrance porch is supported by paired posts above a concrete stoop. On the either side of the entrance there is a set of three 6/1 windows with shutters. The second floor of the facade is punctuated by three individual 6/1 windows while a pedimented dormer is centered on the front roof slope. The west elevation is fronted by a single-story porch supported by paired square posts which are spanned by stick balusters above a wooden deck. A stuccoed chimney rises from the west roof slope.

A paved driveway extends along the east side of the house terminating at a single-car, gablefront garage which assessor's records indicate was 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.

The exact date of construction of this house is not known at this time, although it was constructed sometime between 1910 and 1915. Local assessors' records state it was built in 1910. The lot, Lot 54 of the Oakmount Park subdivision, was sold by G.C. Walton to Caroline A. Harrington in 1907. Harrington continued to own the vacant lot until about 1910. The ownership of the property and its status (vacant lot or building) is not known again until 1915. The earliest reference found for the property (which was known as 15 Berwick Road until about 1935) indicates that in 1915 it was owned by Paul Lewis of Cambridge. The 1916 Valuation List also lists Lewis as the owner and states his address as 30 State Street in Boston. The house was valued at \$5,000 and was constructed on Lot 54A of the Oakmount Park subdivision which was originally laid out in 1903 (Middlesex County South Plan Book 154, Plan 3). Lewis and his wife, Jane, apparently began occupying the house about 1918 and remained here until the mid 1930s. He was employed as a lawyer.

The property was owned by Frank and Marcia Wilkins from 1949 until 1993 when it was purchased by the present owners.

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.*