

FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 9 Berwick Road

Historic Name Harry Stone House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1915

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival/Craftsman

Architect/Builder Abram C. Washburn?

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 13,000 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

BUILDING FORM (9 Berwick Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

Incorporating elements of both the Colonial Revival and Craftsman styles, 9 Berwick Road is a 2 1/2-story, side-gabled dwelling sheathed in wide clapboards and set above a rubble foundation. The asphalt-shingled gable roof displays exposed rafters on the lateral eaves with jigsaw brackets at the base of the eaves on the gable ends. The offcenter entrance contains a glass-and-panel door and is sheltered by a pedimented porch with dentils, supported by Roman Doric columns. On one side of the entrance there is a 8/1 sash while on the other there is a hip-roofed, rectangular bay window with a set of three 6/6 windows on the front. The upper level of the facade features a central 6/1 sash, flanked by two pairs of 6/1 sash. All of the windows are fitted with louvered blinds. Rising from the front roof slope there are three pedimented dormers containing 6/1 sash.

Spanning the west end of the house is a two-story sunporch capped by a hip roof with exposed rafters. The porch is enclosed by glazed casement windows, 3 x 5-light panels on the first floor with 2 x 5-light above. The east gable end is punctuated by windows of various configurations including 8/1, 6/1 and small hinged 2 x 2 windows.

A paved driveway extends along the east end of the house, terminating at a side-gabled garage with a wide overhead door facing the road. The driveway is flanked by a stone wall with a brick top course, a feature which is also seen next door at 11 **Berwick Road.**

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 9 Berwick Road (known as 14 Berwick Road until about 1935) was constructed in 1915 on parts of Lots 64 and 65 of the Oakmount Park subdivision, totalling about 13,000 square feet. Valuation Lists indicate that in 1913 the two lots were owned by two different parties. In 1915 Lot 64 (12,040 SF) was owned by Rosie Schlesinger and Lot 65 (16,140 SF) was owned by local contractor Abram C. Washburn. Assessment records for the following year indicate that Washburn was the owner of the two houses that had been constructed on the two lots. Soon thereafter Washburn apparently sold the two houses. Harry Stone is first listed in the Town Valuation Lists in 1917 when he is assessed for a house valued at \$6500 and a garage valued at \$900. Directories indicate that Harry Stone was employed as a president and manager of an unidentified company.

By 1940 the house at 9 Berwick Road was owned and occupied by Clarence and Sarah Walker; he was the treasurer of the Lexington Trust Company. In 1957 the Walkers transferred ownership of the property to Colby and Bernice Kelly who continued to own it until 1970. The present owners purchased the property in 1974.

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.*