

FORM B - BUILDING

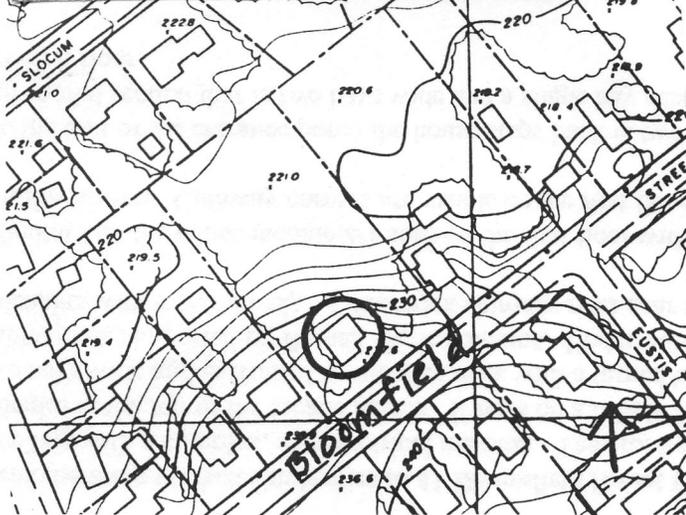
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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 47 Bloomfield Street

Historic Name J.M. Sampson House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1886-1889

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) 1994 - major rehab.

and addition

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 46,500 SF

Setting late 19th century residential neighborhood

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

BUILDING FORM (47 Bloomfield Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

Demonstrating marked similarities to **41 Bloomfield Street (MHC #483)**, the house at 47 Bloomfield Street is a 2 1/2-story dwelling with a complex, asymmetrical massing. The cross-gable building is sheathed in wood shingles with scalloped shingles at the top of the facade gables. It rests on a rubble foundation and is capped by an asphalt roof. The front gable is two bays wide and is fronted by an open deck with a turned balustrade. The line of the gable extends down to a projecting gable porch supported by Roman Doric columns. Underneath the porch the glass-and-panel front door is flanked by partial sidelights with lower panels. A tall brick chimney rises near the center of the front roof slope.

Windows on the house include 2/1 sash on the first floor with a more complex upper sash upstairs displaying a border on all but the bottom. Cutaway corners are visible on the first floor of the west gable.

To the east of the entrance porch the house steps back in two additional two-story stages which rest on a stone foundation - a hip-roofed section that is two bays wide and a single bay deep and a gable-roofed section on the end with cutaway corners on the first floor.

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.

Bloomfield Street was laid out in 1885. Information from historic maps indicates that this house was constructed sometime prior to 1889 when it is shown as being owned by J.M. Sampson. A brief mention in the *Lexington Minute-man* indicates that in 1885 Mr. Sampson bought two lots on Bloomfield Street (August 28, 1885). Five houses were being built on the street in March 1886 (*Minute-man*, March 19, 1886). Both the 1898 and 1906 maps show that the house was owned by George L. Goulding. Goulding moved to Lexington in 1891. Directories indicate that George Goulding was living on Bloomfield Street as early as 1894 and lived here until about 1918. He was employed by the Bay State Towel Company in Boston.

Note: The inventory form prepared for **41 Bloomfield Street (MHC# 483)** in 1984 which indicates that that house was constructed by J.M. Sampson and later occupied by George Goulding appears to be in error. It appears that the site of 41 Bloomfield Street was vacant in 1889. By 1906 the house was owned by R.W. Dickson.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.
Lexington Minute-man, 12/4/1885; 9/10/1886; 3/19/1886.
1889, 1906 Atlases.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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