

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

40/105    2192

**Town/City:** Lexington

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):

## Photograph



Front (facade) and right side elevations

**Address:** 80 Bloomfield Street

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1918-27

**Source:** Sanborn maps

**Style/Form:** Bungalow

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: concrete block

Wall/Trim: wood shingles and trim

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

None

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Dormers, rear addition, front doorway, garages (E 21<sup>st</sup> c?)

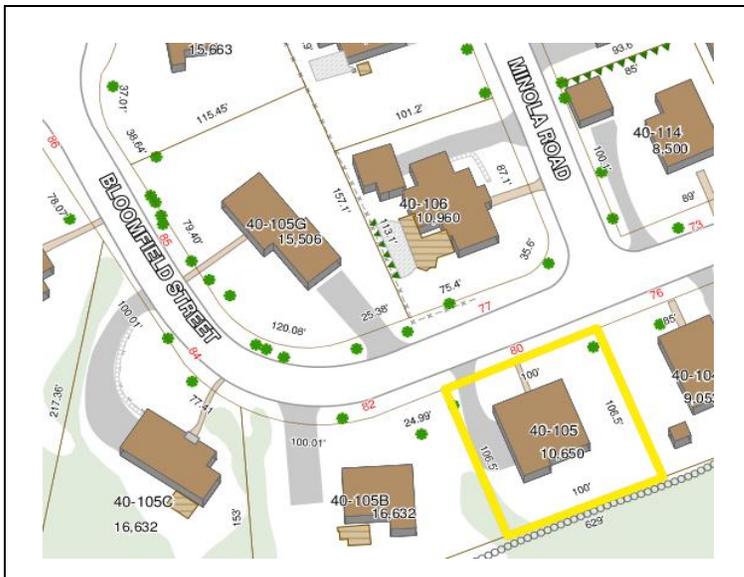
**Condition:** excellent

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 0.24

**Setting:** Set on an extension of Bloomfield Street across Highland Avenue, in a secluded subdivision of predominantly mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century houses.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Wendy Frontiero

**Organization:** Lexington Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): September 2015

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

80 Bloomfield Street occupies a small, mostly flat lot, with large setbacks on the front and left side. Maintained chiefly in lawn, the land dips down at the back right side to accommodate a paved driveway and garages in the exposed basement. A fieldstone wall and trees border the back property line, while two unusually large, mature street trees mark the front corners of the property. A poured concrete retaining wall separates the driveway and front yard, and concrete pavers line a straight walk between the street and the front entrance. The building consists of a 1 ½ story main block and a two story hip-roofed addition across the back.

The roughly three by three bay, square main block rises from a textured concrete block foundation to a low hip roof with full-story hip roofed dormers on the front and sides. Walls are sheathed with wood shingles and trimmed by a narrow fascia with bed molding. Windows are typically 6/1 double hung sash with plain flat casings. Windows on the dormers are paired. No chimneys are visible. Centered on the three-bay façade is a wide, recessed entrance containing a modern paneled wood door and full height sidelights; its entrance porch and steps have modern wood railings with square balusters. A tri-partite window unit is centered in each of the outer bays. The assessors' records show the recessed entrance containing a center single-leaf doorway flanked by a noncontiguous window on each side; a very low, shed roofed dormer with two small horizontal windows is centered on the front slope of the roof.

The left side elevation comprises two widely spaced, full-height windows flanking a small window set slightly off-center. The right side elevation contains irregular fenestration, including two single-bay garage openings with shallow hip roofed hoods and a single-leaf door in the fully-exposed basement, single and paired windows of various sizes, and a small rectangular bay window at the main floor level. Extending across much of the back of the main block is a full two-story, hip roofed addition detailed similarly to the main block. A single-leaf door on its left elevation is offset beneath a plain, shed roofed hood.

80 Bloomfield Street is an early building in a predominantly much later 20<sup>th</sup> century residential subdivision. Although considerably renovated and expanded (see attached assessors photo), it still retains the spirit of its original Bungalow form in its horizontal massing and façade organization. The house is also notable for its uncommon, textured block foundation.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss 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.*

80 Bloomfield Street represents the early expansion of modest, affordable suburban housing in Lexington's town center. The original part of Bloomfield Street, on the opposite side of Highland Avenue, is an area of large, stylish, and expensive houses, most of which were built in the 1880s and 90s for prominent members of the community. The street was extended across Highland Avenue between 1906 and 1918, although it contained only two houses (today's #73 and 76) in the latter year. 80 Bloomfield Street appears on the Sanborn maps between 1918 and 1927. In the latter year, it is depicted as U-shaped, with two rear wings extending from the main block. Greenhouses are depicted at the end of this short section of Bloomfield Street in 1918 and 1920, indicating continuing agricultural uses in the neighborhood.

The first known resident of 80 Bloomfield Street was Arnold W. Lunt, a teacher in the junior high school, and his wife Emily, who moved here between 1932 and 1935. Subsequent occupants included Keith L. MacLean, who was in the Navy in 1945 and an electrician by 1955, and his wife Anna, a registered nurse. The MacLeans occupied the house at least through 1955; they were followed by James. O. Maxner (occupation unknown) and his wife Dorothy by 1965.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES**



Left side and front (facade) elevations



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Current assessors' photograph: Front (façade) elevation