

FORM B - BUILDING

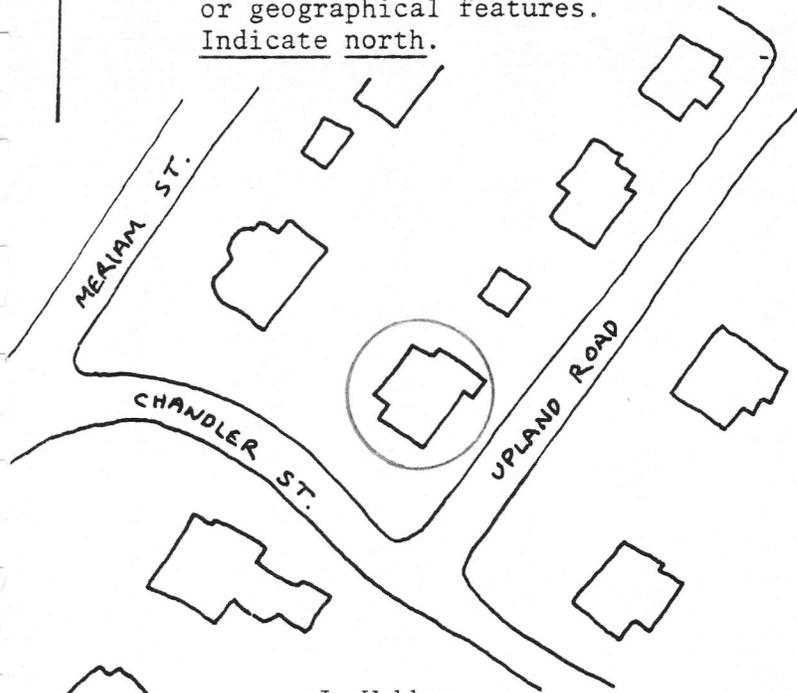
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
224 North Street, Boston, MA 02108



Lexington
s 4 Chandler Street
 ic Name Arthur Howe House
 riginal Residence
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 hip: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 riginal owner Charles Morey

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1895
 Source Family member
 Style Queen Anne
 Architect Abram C. Washburn, builder
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards, shingles
 Outbuildings Attached 1 car garage

 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Garage 1959

 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage .2 (10000)
 Setting Meriam Hill; residential
street of substantial late nineteenth
century houses.

Recorded by J. Webber
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 Organization Lexington Historical Comm.
 Date 4-16-76; March, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

10 room - originally painted dark red. Center front door. Wrap around porch from front to left side with front balustrade left side 3 story 4 sided tower w/peaked roof. Off white clapboard, black blinds shingles - 3 floor side eaves - rear second floor porch. 2 chimneys at ridge from second floor & rear second floor porch w/win finials

(See Continuation Sheet)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Arthur Howe b. 1875, m. Marion Goodings in 1900.

Charles E. Morey purchased the house from Washburn. C. ¹⁹¹⁸~~1907~~ Arthur Howe became the owner. The Howe family ~~still owns the house.~~

owned the house until 1990.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hudson's History of Lexington - Vol. II - pg. 311
Family Member

Lexington Minute Man, August 2, 1895, January 3, 1896.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Lexington	Form No: 395
Property Name: 4 Chandler Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This is a well-preserved example of the substantial, primarily Queen Anne style houses which typify Meriam Hill. Features include a hexagonal turret with polygonal peaked roof and finial, overhanging gable finished with a row of sawtooth shingles, and balustrades with patterned stick work. The house is the largest and perhaps the most elegant of the houses built speculatively by Abram C. Washburn, prolific local builder. Where Washburn got his house plans has not been determined. He may have purchased plans from available sources, or he may have made his own designs. His buildings usually include standard features, such as cross gables, overhanging gable ends, bay windows, and patterned shingling. As with many of the houses on Meriam Hill, this house's progress was chronicled in the local newspaper. References included:

A.C. Washburn is building a new house near the junction of Meriam and Chandler Streets. The frame is already up and the work in progress on the interior. The house is of pleasing design with a roomy tower on the western corner, from which there is a fine outlook and the rooms include a good sized hall, reception room, parlor, dining room and kitchen with four good sized sleeping rooms on the second floor and nicely furnished rooms in the roof. The house will be completed by fall, when its many advantages will find a ready purchaser.
(Lexington Minute Man, August 2, 1895)

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Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
4 CHANDLER ST.

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

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The original owner of this house was Charles E. Morey who purchased the house from builder A.C. Washburn in 1896. According to a listing in the 1899 directory, he was one of the many residents of Meriam Hill who commuted each day by train to work in Boston. In 1906 the house was sold to Rev. Herman DeForest, a retired Congregational pastor who had previously worked in Detroit, Westboro and Taunton. Rev. DeForest lived here until at least 1913.

About 1918 the house was purchased by Arthur Howe. He was employed as a financial manager of a dry goods store and lived here with his wife Marion and two daughters. The Howe family continued to own the house until 1990 when Elizabeth Howe sold it to Robert Martuza.

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Middlesex County Register of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.
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