

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	445

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



City Lexington

Address 24 Clarke Street

Historic Name Redman House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

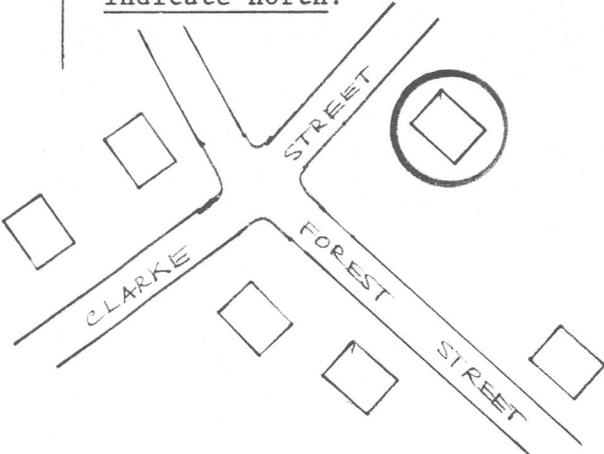
DESCRIPTION:

Date 1886

Source Lexington Minute Man, May 21, 1886

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Queen Anne Shingle Style Vernacular

Architect Abraham C. Washburn, builder

Exterior wall fabric clapboards, shingles

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 19501 ft.²

Setting Across from the former Hancock

School; in an area developed in the late

nineteenth century.

Recorded by Anne Grady, Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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

This house has the picturesque massing and patterned shingle finish characteristic of Queen Anne and Shingle Style Vernacular houses in Lexington. Other features include deep brackets at the overhanging second story on the right hand side. The house was built, the newspaper tells us, by Abram C. Washburn, one of Lexington's most prominent local contractors, very probably on speculation. A house of nearly identical form was built by Washburn at the south corner of Bloomfield Street and Highland Avenue.

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

In 1890 Allston Monroe Redman, who worked in Boston, moved to this house with his family. A diary kept by his daughter, Edith, during their early years in Lexington is in the possession of the Lexington Historical Society. It is an account of the activities of Miss Redman when she was in her early twenties, but makes passing reference to the house.

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Hudson, Charles. History of the Town of Lexington, revised and continued to 1912 by the Lexington Historical Society, Volume II, p. 556. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1913.

Lexington Minute Man, May 21, 1886; Feb 7, 1890

Diary of Edith Redman. Lexington Historical Society archives.