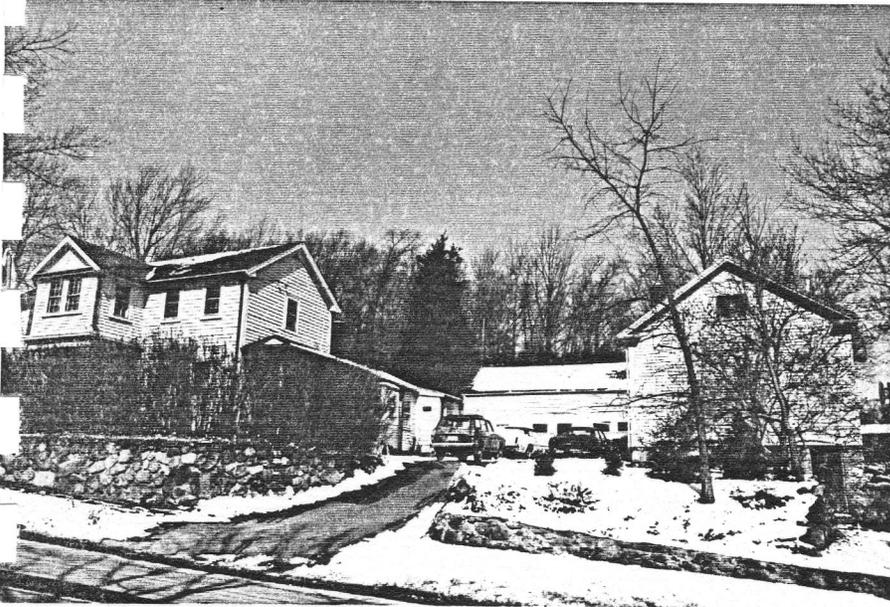


FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



City Lexington

Address 311 Concord Avenue

Historic Name Childs-Cashman House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1830

Source 1830 map

Style Federal

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings barn; studio (1920s)

Major alterations (with dates) west bay window with balustraded roof; entry portico and projecting gable; east porch; north ell with oriel window

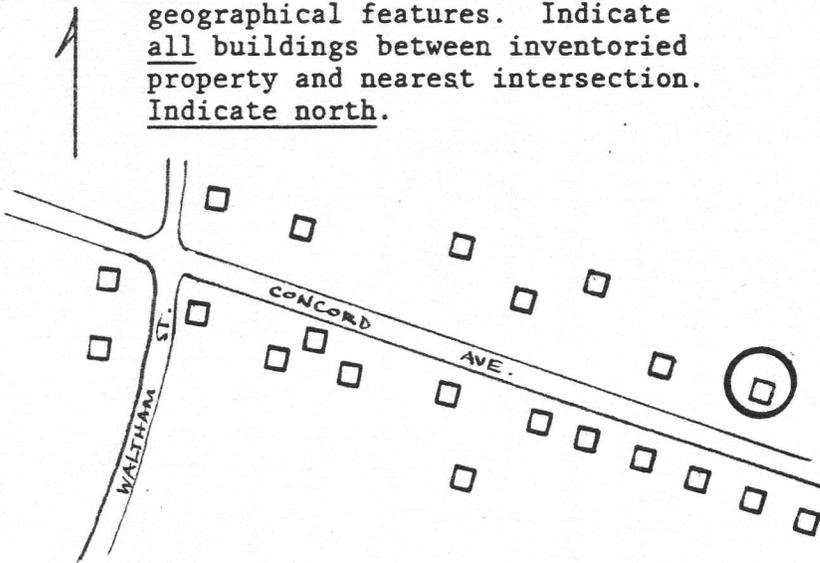
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Approx. acreage 31416 ft.²

Setting Close to street with continual traffic; near similar Federal farmhouse and 1950s and 1960s houses.

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.



Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

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

Although this Federal Vernacular farmhouse and its outbuildings have been altered over the years, they retain a sense of the historic farmstead. The original house is a small version of the typical five-bay wide, one-bay deep Federal farmhouse; the three-bay stable at the rear has butted rafters, suggesting it was constructed at a later date than the house; and the artist's studio on a fieldstone foundation on the east side of the property was built in the 1920s.

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

This house appears to be on the 1830 map, but, because it is right under the "e" of the word "Turnpike," it is not absolutely clear. On the 1852 map the owner is Isaac Childs. In 1835 he had married a daughter of Ebenezer Smith, the shoemaker who lived in the house at 389 Concord Avenue and the owner of the land north of both this house and the one at 321 Concord Avenue; this suggests 1835 as a possible date for the construction of the house. Isaac Childs moved to Waltham about 1862 and on the 1876 map the house was owned by Michael Cashman, who remained the owner for the rest of the century. In the 1887 Directory Michael Cashman is listed as a farmer; in the 1906 Directory as a farm hand.

This house has had a number of additions over the years: the projecting gable over an entry portico with Tuscan columns; a five-sided bay window on the west end with a balustrade on the roof; a porch on the east end with Tuscan columns and a railing similar to the balustrade on the west; and a long ell on the north side with a three-sided oriel window. All the above additions have fieldstone foundations except for an additional room at the north end of the ell which is on cement.

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1830 map

1852 map

1876 map

1889 map

1906 map

1887 Directory

1906 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Lexington	Form No: 557
Property Name: 311 Concord Avenue	

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



Staple to Inventory form at bottom