

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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**Town/City:** Lexington

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

## Photograph



Left side and front (facade) elevations

**Address:** 416 Concord Avenue

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1920-30

**Source:** style

**Style/Form:** Bungalow

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: poured concrete

Wall/Trim: artificial siding and wood trim

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Detached garage

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

Artificial siding, replacement windows, enclosed front porch, side deck (L 20<sup>th</sup> – E 21<sup>st</sup> c)

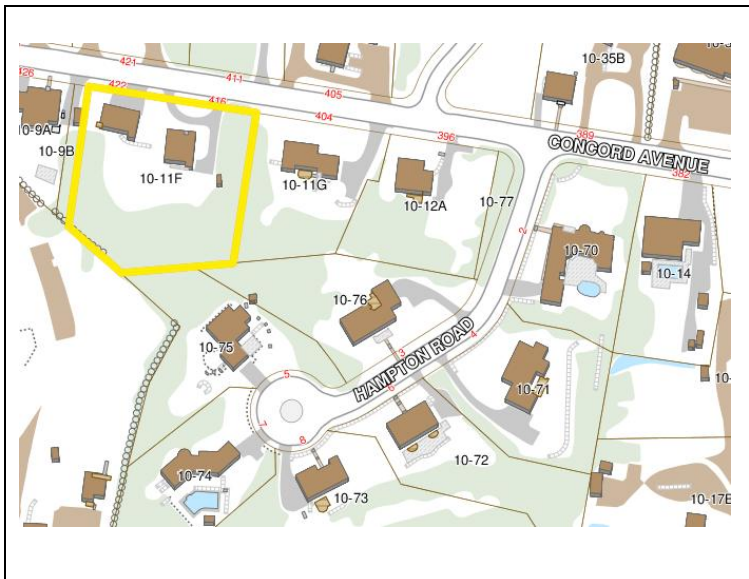
**Condition:** good

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

**Acreage:** 1.21

**Setting:** Located on busy thoroughfare through south Lexington, surrounded by widely spaced, mostly L 20<sup>th</sup> century residential buildings. Small commercial node nearby at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Waltham Street. Mead Meadow Farm is located to the SW of this property.

## 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.*

416 Concord Avenue occupies a large lot on the south side of a busy thoroughfare through south Lexington. The vicinity includes mostly late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential buildings, widely spaced and with generous setbacks. A small commercial node is located nearby to the east, at the intersection of Waltham Street. Mead Meadow Farm abuts the property to the south. The large lot slopes gently down to the back (south) of the property. A deep front setback contains a semi-circular paved drive, which extends back to a straight paved driveway on the west side of the house. Ground cover, plantings, and mulch cover the front yard, while the side and back yards are maintained in lawn with scattered trees and shrubs.

The rectangular volume of the house rises 1 ½ stories above a poured concrete foundation to a side-gabled roof. The raised basement (fully exposed at the rear) is enclosed by a poured concrete foundation. Walls are clad with artificial siding and wood trim, consisting of narrow corner boards and frieze boards around the walls and simple band moldings at the windows. Windows typically exhibit double-hung replacement sash, with some single-light casement windows on the front and west side. The house has two chimneys: an exterior brick chimney on the east exterior wall and a small interior chimney set off-center at the ridge line.

The façade (north) elevation contains a Colonial Revival center entrance with a panelled wood door, narrow reeded pilasters, half-height sidelights, and a concrete stairway. Bands of casement windows flank the doorway on the first floor. Above, a nearly full-length shed dormer contains a single center window flanked by paired windows, all double-hung.

The asymmetrical east elevation includes an exterior chimney towards the front, two single double-hung windows on the first floor, paired double-hung windows centered in the half-story, and a one-bay garage at the rear of the basement level. The west elevation is also asymmetrical, comprised of casement windows at the first floor, paired double-hung windows at the half-story, and a single door at the back of the first floor that accesses a contemporary wood deck with square wood balusters.

A large, front-gable garage with three vehicle bays is located to the west of the house, with a similar setback from the street and a wide paved surface in front. The garage has a poured concrete foundation and artificial siding and trim. On its façade (north) elevation, the structure's asymmetrical gable-end encompasses two individual bays on the east and a wider opening on the west. All three openings have shallow shed-roofed hoods and wood and glass paneled doors. A small 8/1 replacement window is offset in the gable peak, surmounted by a very small hoisting beam. Side elevations of the garage each have an original or early 8/1 double-hung wood sash centered on the wall. The east elevation, facing the house, also has two modern doorways: one toward the front of the wall and the other in a small pitched-roof addition at the rear of the main block.

416 Concord Avenue is well-maintained, but has lost historic integrity from the application of artificial siding, the enclosure of the front porch, and altered fenestration on the west elevation. The property is notable for its survival in an area of much later development, with its large lot, characteristic Bungalow form and exterior chimney, and unusually large garage.

## 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.*

Concord Avenue was established in 1806 as the Concord Turnpike, one of the radial highways connecting Boston with outlying communities. Waltham Street, located not far to the east of this property, was laid out by the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, providing access between Lexington's village center and more remote parts of the town, as well as to the adjacent town of Waltham. The sparse development that occurred along Concord Avenue in the 19<sup>th</sup> century tended to cluster near the intersection of these two

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important roads. Commercial dairy and produce farms became important in this part of Lexington during the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Between 1900 and 1906, a streetcar line was extended down Waltham Street, encouraging new residential development along its route.

416 Concord Avenue represents Lexington's evolution as a residential suburb in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. A large parcel of undeveloped land at the southwest quadrant of Concord Avenue and Waltham Street is identified as belonging to S. L. Wright as early as 1875 and through at least 1906; the Wright house is depicted to the south of 416 Concord Avenue, along Waltham Street. Stephen L. Wright, a farmer, is identified in the 1899 directory as having a house on Waltham Street, near Concord Ave. Born in Ireland, Stephen and his wife Catharine were the parents of four children.

The occupants of this particular house are somewhat uncertain, as street numbers are not given in many sources and houses appear to have been re-numbered in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is assumed for this report that the present building is the house numbered 404 in the directories from 1935 through 1965. The first known occupants of this property, then, were Thomas E. Mahoney (no information presently known) and Anthony and Margaret Martos. Anthony Martos, the son of Portuguese immigrants, was employed as a chauffeur for a publisher (1930); Anthony and Margaret lived here with their three young sons. Subsequent occupants included Ervin S. Cruikshank, a superintendent, and his wife Louise (1945); Norman A. Daigle, a factory worker, and his wife Winifred V. (1955); and Norman Daigle, identified as an attendant, and Lodoviana Daigle, a secretary (1965).

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## SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



Front (facade) elevation



Garage: Left side and front (facade) elevations