

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA F	FORM NO. 363
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



1 Lexington

Address 31-33 Cottage Street

Historic Name William Stevens Ell

Present residential (two-family)

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

c. 1850

Source 1830, 1853 maps

Style \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

from south corner of Massachusetts Ave.  
Moved and Wallis Court Date 1889-1895

Approx. acreage 4106 ft.<sup>2</sup>

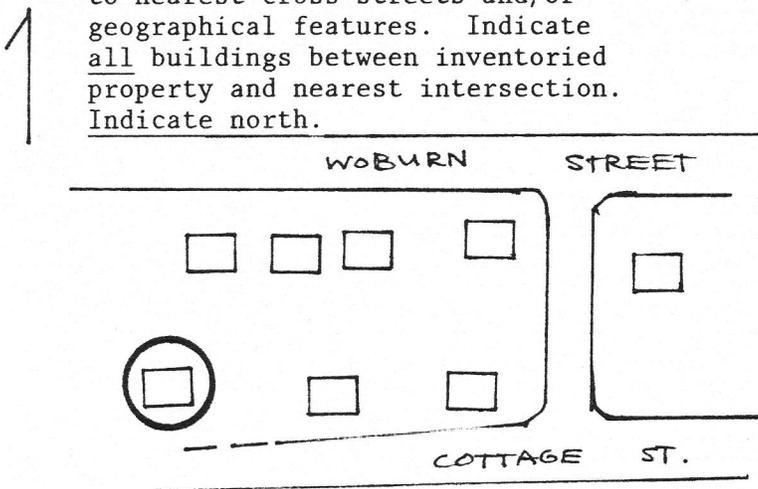
Setting On dead end of quiet back

street; near other nineteenth century

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.



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

Set in a neighborhood of nineteenth century houses, this house has lost all its exterior finishes and has been converted to a double house. Only its three-bay-long, two-room-wide profile gives any indication that it was once the ell of a mid-nineteenth century house. It was originally located near Lexington Center and moved to this site in the late nineteenth century.

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 was originally on the south corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Wallis Court. It belonged to William Stevens, a clerk in the Customs House in Boston, who moved to Lexington in 1845, suggesting a possible date of construction. The house appears on the 1853 map and is shown on the 1876 map with a long rear ell. By 1889 the property was owned by Lewis Hunt, a hardware merchant who owned a great deal of real estate in Lexington. Sometime between that year and 1895 he moved the main section of the house to 29 Cottage Street and the ell to this location on Cottage Street and built a new house on the Massachusetts Avenue site. On Cottage Street this house was presumably rented, for Hunt is still shown as the owner on the 1906 map.

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1853 map

1876 map

1889 map

1898 map

1906 map

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
31 COTTAGE STREET

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On October 30, 1896 the *Lexington Minute-man* contained what appears to be a reference to this house:

The house owned by the Lewis Hunt estate has been removed from the corner of Wallace Court and Mass. avenue to a location on Woburn street, not far from the railroad crossing.

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