

FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)  
*The Manor*

Address 7 Dexter Road

Historic Name Albert & Helen Emmons House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1926

Source Directories, List of Persons

Style/Form Tudor Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation undetermined

Wall/Trim brick

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) date? - enclosure of open porch at south end of facade

Condition good

Moved  no  yes Date

Acreage 9450 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) January 2000

## BUILDING FORM (7 Dexter Road)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This two-story brick Tudor Revival house is unusual for its symmetry and for its roof form which can be described as a broad clipped gable or hip-on-gable. The tapestry brick veneer incorporates decorative patterns including a herringbone pattern adjacent to the entrance, decorative squares centered between the first and second floor openings, brick sills and a brick water table. The center five-sided, projecting open entry porch with arched entry resembles a guardhouse and is flanked on each side by a set of three 6/6 windows. The second floor facade windows consist of pairs of 6/6 sash with a smaller window centered over the entrance. The garage door on the north end of the facade is capped by transom lights and is balanced on the other end of the facade by what appears to have been an open porch, now filled with clapboards and a pair of windows. Punctuating the side slopes of the steeply-pitched, asphalt roof are wood-shingled hip dormers, one containing a single window while the other contains four 3/3 windows with vertical panes.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe 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.*

Dexter Road was laid out in the early 1920s by a developer known as the Lexington Building Trust (the plan is dated 1923). By 1926 there were four houses on the street. The house at 7 Dexter Road was constructed in 1926 for Albert W. and Helen Emmons. The Town Valuation List published April 1, 1926 indicates that the house was then unfinished and the Emmons were living in Watertown. Directories list Albert Emmons' occupation as credit manager and later lawyer. The Emmons continued to live here until about 1938 when they moved to Kennebunk, Maine. It appears that the Emmons rented the house out for several years but had sold it by 1945. Later occupants included Alvin and Maynard Fernald and Edna Skelton in 1950. Peter Oppenheim purchased the property in 1963 and remained here until 1971. The present owners, Jane and Peter Franks, purchased the property in 1974.

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