

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA 0	FORM NO. 505
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ASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



City Lexington
Address 23 Eliot Road
Historic Name Charles Follen Garrison House

Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION:
Date c. 1900 1899
Source Minute Man, Feb 10, 1899
directories

Style Colonial Revival
Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric shingles
Outbuildings _____

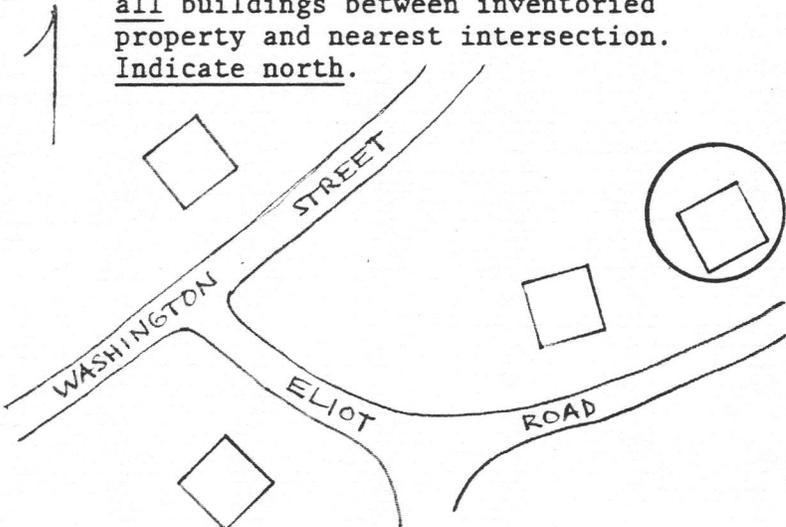
Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____
Approx. acreage 9896 ft.²

Setting Munroe Hill; residential street developed primarily at the turn of the twentieth century.

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 Anne Grady
Organization Lexington Historical Commission
Date March, 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This large house with L-shaped plan is typical of the substantial houses being built on Munroe Hill at the turn of the twentieth century. The house is fairly accurate to its colonial sources except in the shed dormers.

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

The house was built by Charles Follen Garrison, an electrical engineer in Boston. The son of abolitionist, William Lloyd Garrison, Charles was named for Charles Follen, the minister of the East Lexington Church who like Charles' father spoke out against slavery and who died in 1840. Two brothers of Charles had houses on Munroe Hill by the early twentieth century.

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1906 atlas

1899 Directory

1906 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
23 ELIOT ROAD

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Additional information confirms that this house was constructed in 1899 for Charles Follen Garrison (b. 1868) and his wife Margaret on land purchased from the Lexington Land Company. A brief mention in the *Lexington Minute-Man* on February 10, 1899 noted that two or three houses were to be built in the Mt. Vernon district in the spring including houses for Dr. Chas. P. Briggs (see 27 Eliot Road) and Charles Garrison. The Garrisons moved out of town prior to 1910. Stanley Eldridge, a wholesale grocer in Boston, was living here by 1915 and was still here in 1932.

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