

FORM B - BUILDING

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



1 Lexington

Address 4 Eliot Road

Historic Name Francis W. Dean House

Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Year 1902

Source Hudson, II, pp. 166-167

Style Shingle Style

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

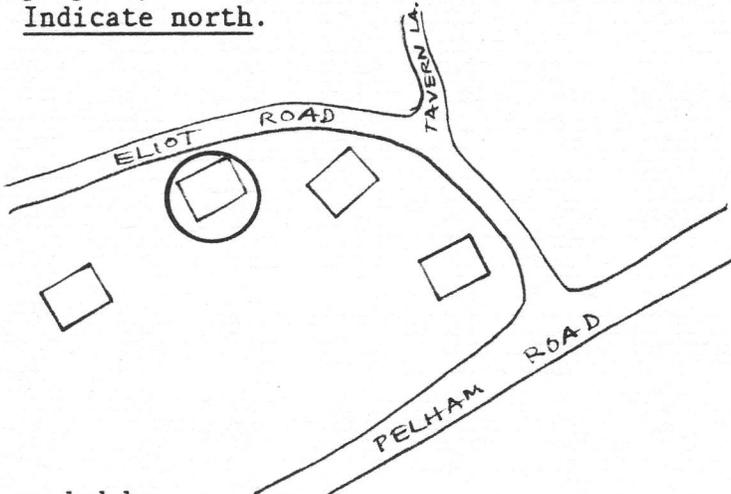
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Approx. acreage 23713 ft.²

Setting Munroe Hill development of primarily turn of the twentieth century substantial 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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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

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

This large gambrel-roofed dwelling achieves asymmetrical massing and shingle styling through the use of bay windows of different sizes (one with polygonal projecting roof), gables, dormers, and overall shingled finish. Decorative features include a stained glass window, an oculus window, diamond-paned windows, and round-headed windows in the gables.

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

Francis Winthrop Dean moved to Lexington in 1902, presumably as soon as his new house was completed. Eliot Road was developed slightly later than the rest of Munroe, its area being from 1895 to 1900 part of a nine-hole golf course, one of the earliest courses in the Commonwealth. Dean was a civil, mechanical and mill engineer. He immediately became active in town affairs serving on committees for the introduction of Metropolitan Water, the building of the Munroe School and the Cary Library, and the Sewer Commission.

Dean was still living here in 1932.

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