

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Lexington	Form No: 428
Property Name: 5 Forest Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This building very likely began as a Mansard roof cottage similar to its neighbors. A reference in the Lexington Minute Man indicates that owner C.T. West added a second story in the 1890s. Noteworthy features include the vase-shaped turned porch posts and blusters which repeat on a smaller scale the shape of the posts. This is one of the few properties in the area to retain a barn.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Unlike its neighbors, which were built as rental properties, this house was occupied by its owner, Charles T. West. In the 1887 Directory, West is listed as having an "insurance office at the coal yards," but from 1894 on he was also an undertaker with an office on Massachusetts Avenue.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1876 map
- 1889 map
- 1898 map
- 1906 map
- 1887 Directory
- 1894 Directory
- 1899 Directory
- 1906 Directory

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