

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. K	Form no. 429
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in Lexington

address 6 Forest St.

name Edward Haven Goodnough House

present use _____

present owner Robert S. Prescott

description: _____

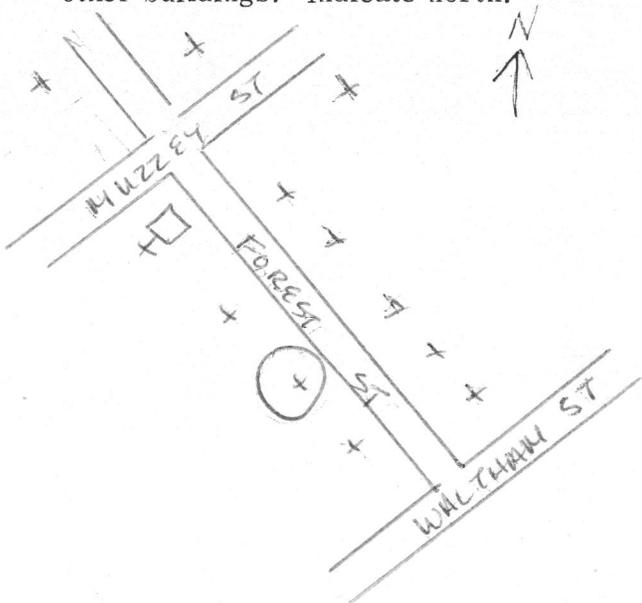
c. 1905

purpose map, genealogy research

source Mrs. Allen Smith

style "Shingle style-Dutch Colonial" Revival

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect Willard Brown?

Exterior wall fabric Grey aluminum clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) 2 car garage with shed on rt. end. gable tops door

Other features Fieldstone foundation 6 brick

steps to front door. Black iron rail on

steps. 3 story house

Altered See back Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 20716 ft.² Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 90'

Approximate distance of building from street

12'

Anne Grady,

6. Recorded by Elizabeth C. Whitman

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

April, 1984

Date May 20, 1976

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Door on right, Front porch enclosed. Lattice in arch around door. Bay window on left side. Roof comes to top of first floor and overhangs. 2 dormers on front with large gables connected as a shed dormer in center. This appears added. In rear back porch(es) with room above. (Room appears added) offset of second floor over first chimney at center behind ridge.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This building postdates all but one of its immediate neighbors on Forest Street by a quarter of a century or more. Its building date just before 1906 makes it a very early example of its Dutch Colonial style. The fact that the doorway is very similar to the doorway which Willard Brown designed for his own house at 20 Meriam Street in 1906 leads to the suspicion that Brown had a hand in the design of this house. Also of interest is the fact that a nearly identical house exists at 6 Middlebury Road and a similar one is found on Audubon Road.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The house was owned by Edward Haven Goodnough, a manager in Boston in 1906. Very likely he built the house shortly before that for, although born in New Jersey, he had moved to Lexington by the time his child was born in 1905.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Hudson, Charles. History of the Town of Lexington, revised and continued to 1912 by the Lexington Historical Society, Volume II, p. 244. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1913.

1906 atlas

1906 Directory.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
6 FOREST STREET

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On September 19, 1908 the *Lexington Minute-man* reported that Frank Damon, the principal of Lexington High School had purchased the Edward H. Goodnough House on Forest Street. (The 1908 directory reports that Goodnough had moved to New York.) Damon also does not seem to have occupied the house for long. By 1913 it was occupied by Daniel Lewis, an accountant who worked in Boston. Lewis was still living here in 1932.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Lexington directories, various dates.
Lexington Minute-Man, Sept. 19, 1908.

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