

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

51/14C 2223

Town/City: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



Front (façade) and right side elevations

Address: 19 Grandview Avenue

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1875-90

Source: architectural features

Style/Form: no style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: fieldstone

Wall/Trim: artificial siding and trim

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

none visible from street

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Front sun porch (E 20th c), artificial siding (L 20th c), possibly rear addition (20th c)

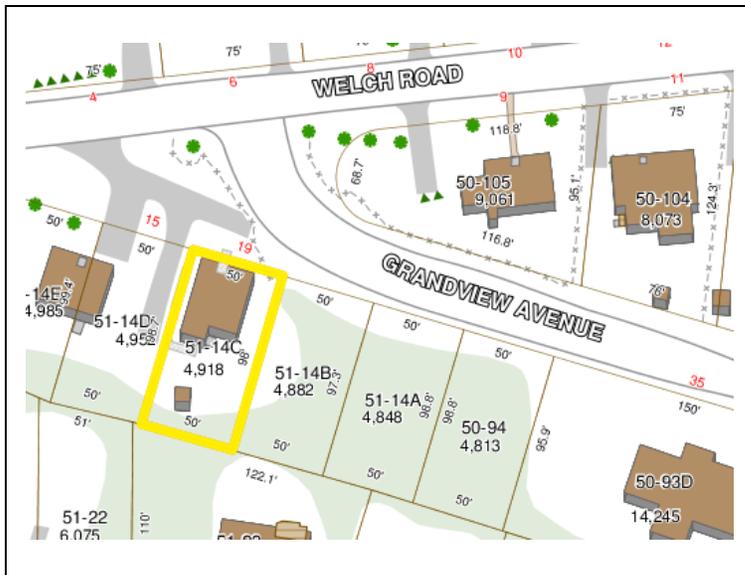
Condition: fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

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Setting: Residential side street in a neighborhood consisting mainly of L 20th century suburban houses with regular setbacks, small scale, and a limited palette of styles and forms.

Locus Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): September 2015

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19 GRANDVIEW AVE.

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

19 Grandview Avenue occupies a small lot that slopes up gently from the street to the house and is maintained chiefly in lawn. The building is parallel with Grandview Avenue, although the beginning of that road has been bent away from its first three houses to meet Welch Road at a 90 degree angle. As a result, 19 Grandview has gained a deeper front setback and a paved parking area where Grandview Avenue once ran in front. A modern, dry-laid fieldstone wall defines the present Grandview Avenue frontage. A paved driveway extends along the right side of the property, and a walkway lined with paving stones leads from this driveway to the front entrance. The building consists of a 1 ½ story main block with a compact rear appendage.

Square-shaped, the main block rises from a fieldstone foundation to a steeply pitched, side gable roof with no returns. Walls are clad with artificial siding and trim. Windows typically have 2/2 double hung sash with flat casings and artificial trim. The front façade has a full-length screened porch across the first floor, composed of a hip roof, center entrance, and banded window openings. Inside, on the main block, a single-leaf, center door is flanked by a single 2/2 window on each side. The porch has a fieldstone foundation and fieldstone cheek walls flanking its poured concrete steps.

The symmetrical left side elevation has two widely spaced windows on each floor. The right side elevation has one double-hung window and a triplet of casement windows on the first floor and two windows in the gabled half story. A two-story, cross-gabled ell projects from the back of this elevation. It appears to have a fieldstone foundation, indicating (if so) that at least the first floor of the ell may be early construction. A modern wood deck with square balusters at the railings is visible on the remaining part of the back elevation.

19 Grandview Avenue has lost historic integrity through the application of artificial siding and trim. It survives as an uncommon example of pre-suburban housing in an outlying area of Lexington, surrounded now by mostly mid-20th century ranches, capes, and Colonial Revival homes. The house is notable for its simple massing, unusually high and steep roof, and full-length front porch.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss 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.

19 Grandview Avenue is located southeast of the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and School Street, in an historically agricultural section of Lexington. Massachusetts Avenue was established in the 17th century as part of an early highway from Cambridge to Concord. Development of the section of the road west of Lincoln Street and the town center was sparse, however, until the beginning of the 20th century. School Street was laid out and had its eponymous school building by 1830.

Grandview Avenue first appears in the town directories between 1906 and 1918. No road or building is shown here on the historic maps through 1906, although the form of the building suggests a late 19th century date. The first known occupants of 19 Grandview Avenue, in 1922, are thought to be Patrick J. Gilligan, a fireman, and his wife Catherine A (both born in Ireland). The 1930 census identifies Patrick and Catherine living on Grandview Avenue with three young children. The Gilligans continued to reside here until at least 1945, by which time Mr. Gilligan was retired. Subsequent occupants included David C. Cameron, employed in sales, and his wife Katherine, a teacher (1955, 1965). They were accompanied here in 1965 by Marcia J. Cameron, a student, and septuagenarian Emma Ryckarbs (sic).

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Further research is recommended to establish a construction date, potential agricultural associations of the property in the late 19th century, and occupants before 1922.

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SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



Front (façade) elevation, with Grandview Avenue at the left