

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 30 Grove Street

Historic Name Stroh-Cosgrove House

Uses: Present Multi-Family Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c.1895

Source Lexington Valuation Lists, directories

Style/Form

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation not visible

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) 1987 - garage addition;

c.1915 - front porch

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 34,950 SF

Setting mixed residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

The house at 30 Grove Street is a 2 1/2-story, side-gabled dwelling which is sheathed in clapboards and capped by an asphalt-shingled roof with cornice returns on the gable ends. The three-bay facade is fronted by a hipped-roof, single-story, Craftsman-style porch with columns consisting of sets of three 2 x 4s with horizontal members at the mid section. The geometric balusters are set above an airspace enclosed by vertical boards. A centrally located pedimented projection enlarges the porch in front of the entrance. The center entrance contains a wooden door with 3 x 2-panes over three vertical panels. The 2/2 windows are set into molded surrounds, those on the first floor are somewhat longer. An exterior brick chimney rises along the south gable end.

Extending behind the main house is a two-story ell with a modern deck fronting the upper level. Behind the ell is a large two-story addition constructed c.1970. It rests on a concrete foundation and is lit by 1/1 windows. There are three overhead garage doors on the south side of the addition.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe 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.

The exact date of construction of this house is not known at this time. It is not depicted on the 1875 Map of Lexington. The 1906 Atlas indicates that the property, consisting of four buildings, was then owned by Olive Stroh (wife of Frederick Stroh). Directories indicate that the Stroh family lived here from about 1895 to 1913.

The house has been owned by the Cosgrove family since about 1918. The 1920 Valuation List indicates that William J. Cosgrove paid taxes on a house, barn and two acres of land. The house was remodeled into a two-family dwelling about 1936. In 1987 the old three-car garage was torn down and replaced by a new building.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.
1875 map of Lexington.
1906 Atlas.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*