

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
C	107



City Lexington

Address 24 Hancock St.

Name David A. Tuttle House

Present use Home

Present owner _____

Description:

Date 1865

Source Tuttle List

Style Italianate

Architect Builder: David Ainsworth Tuttle

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) barn w/added garage

Other features Door- full length lights simple

framing w/ pediment over door with dentate

moulding. Brick foundation w/stone

Altered Doorway etc. Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street

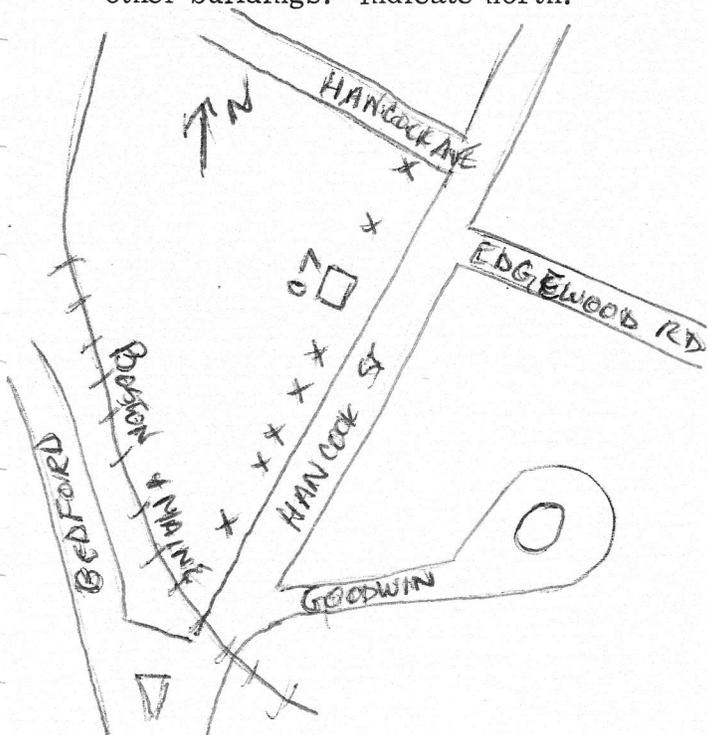
25'

6. Recorded by Muriel Williams

Organization Lex.Hist. Com.

Date Aug. 25, 1975

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



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) David A. Tuttle

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

cont. projecting at front below windows

2nd floor window keystone  6/6 ; shutters

1st " " 6/6 2 clapboard high, overhang, removed from front.

Brick foundation Tall windows. 1st. floor

Brackets under roof slope at right L to roof, simple *large brackets under front roof*

2 dormers, low pointed roof

paired chimneys near center

Historical significance

Built in 1865 by David Ainsworth Tuttle "for myself." (See list of houses built by Tuttle in the archives of the Lexington Historical Society.) Mr. Tuttle was still living here in 1904, and his daughter-in-law, Blanche Tenney Tuttle, was living here in 1930. About 1952 Leslie York bought the house from Tuttle heirs.

Incidentally, Blanche Tenney Tuttle was the adopted daughter of Benjamin F. Tenney (see 1536 Massachusetts Avenue form).

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON 24 HANCOCK STREET

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This was the home of David A. Tuttle, one of Lexington's most prolific late 19th century builders who also served as selectman in 1858 and 1859. His obituary appeared in the *Lexington Minute-man* on July 2, 1906 and read as follows:

David Ainsworth Tuttle died at his home on Hancock street, on July 2d, aged 86 years. Mr. Tuttle has been in feeble health for several years but a shock last week caused his somewhat sudden decease. He was a son of David Tuttle, a carpenter, who came to Lexington early in 1800, and Mr. Tuttle followed his father's trade in which he excelled as a reliable builder, whose honor and honesty was as true as his work. He built the old Town Hall afterwards the High school, which was one of the first structures he put up. Other first class buildings constructed by him was the Female Asylum on Concord Hill, Mrs. Brigham's estate, the residence of Charles F. Carter and many others. His latest work before he retired from business some years ago was the remodeling of the First Parish church. Mr. Tuttle married Susan S. Johnson, Dec. 30, 1846, who died August 23, 1894. There are two sons who survive their father – Messrs. H. Eugene and Herbert A. Mr. Tuttle was deeply interested in historic events of the town and was the source of much valuable information pertaining to such events. He was a fine example of the sterling qualities of the old time New Englander. He was a member of the Lexington Artillery Co. organized in 1784 and disbanded 1847. Some forty years ago he was for several years a Selectman of the town and took a personal interest in all the town's affairs almost to the last. The funeral was on Thursday afternoon, at quarter of three, at his home and the burial in the family lot. Music was furnished by a male quartet and the services were conducted by Rev. J.M. Wilson of the Unitarian Church.

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