

FORM B - BUILDING

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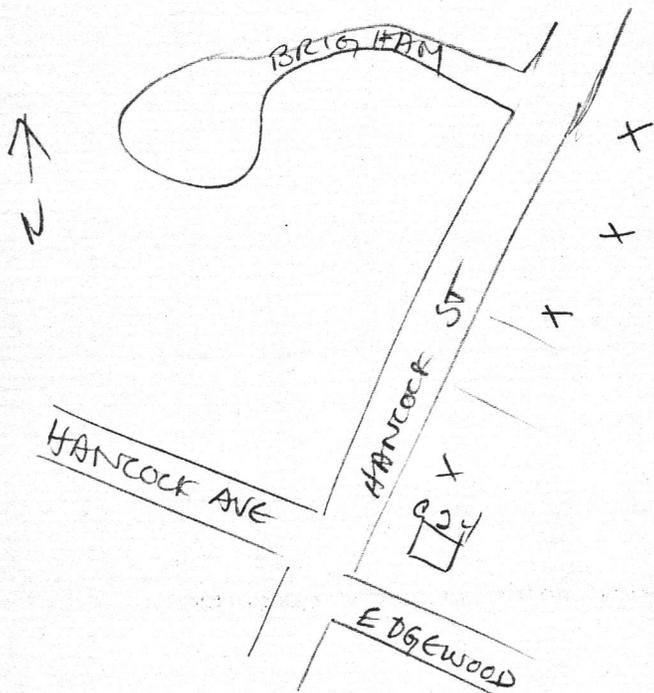
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City Lexington
 Address 31 Hancock St.
 Present use Residence
 Present owner Clement Diamond
 Description: 1840's
 Source Greek Revival or Italianate

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 _____
 MHC Photo no. _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) 1 story garage, hip roof with wing

Other features Granite foundation, 2 chimneys; Gable end faces Edgewood Road, corner posts,

lunette; large ell to E with one story shed

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 175'

Approximate distance of building from street
40'

6. Recorded by Sally T. Scott

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Date Sept. 9, 1975

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____
 Original use _____
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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'd: addition W side of house has Doric columned porch, dentil moulding on cornice; above this appears to be a remodeled ^{Sloping} porch with large screened-in windows. Elongated windows at 1st. floor level by front entrance. Entrance treatment plain, doors new. One story bay window on W. side.

Historical significance

Former home of Frank D. Brown (1889 map), a brother to architect Willard D. Brown. F.D. Brown was in the insurance business with his father, B.F. Brown.* This was also the home, prior to the Brown occupancy, of Mrs. Coleman and the Richards family. In the 1930s it was occupied by the Stucke family.

*The Benjamin F. Brown house and estate encompassed what is now 19 through 27 Hancock Street, extending all the way back to Meriam Street. It included both sides of what is now (1984) Edgewood Road. The house was torn down about 1930-1931 because the owner felt that the valuation and rear estate tax were excessive, and a prospective buyer could not be found.

(Source: oral history tapes, Mrs. Anita Dale Seymour and E.B. Worthen, Lexington Historical Society)

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