

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town:** Lexington

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

## Photograph



**Address:** 15 Manley Court

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** c.1906

**Source:** maps

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
garage

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Date? – south and rear additions, vinyl siding

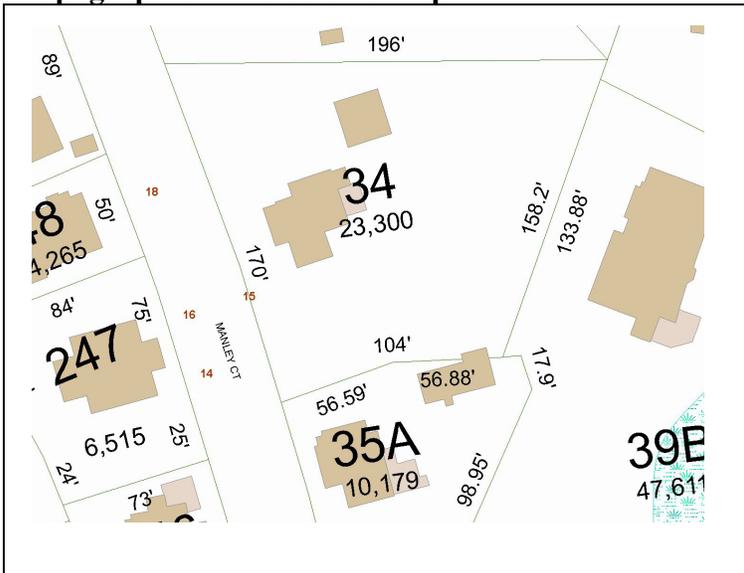
**Condition:** fair (due to siding)

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.54 acre

**Setting:** mixed residential neighborhood

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Lexington Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): January 2010

**INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET**

LEXINGTON

15 Manley Court

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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.*

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

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

Set on a low hill, 15 Manley Court is a 1 ½-story, cross-gabled dwelling which rests on a mortared stone foundation. It is sheathed in vinyl siding and asphalt shingles cover the gable roof which overhangs without returns. A single-story porch supported by turned posts fronts the two-bay wide façade. The sidehall entrance has a glass-and-panel door. Window openings contain wooden 2/1 sash. A single-story addition projects from the south wall, set on a concrete block foundation. A smaller addition is also located to the rear.

**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.*

It appears that this house was built about 1906 for George Lynah, the shipper for a cloth store. There is nothing on the site at the time of the 1898 map. The 1906 map shows a building which is not labeled, perhaps suggesting the house was under construction. The 1906 directory states that Lynah was then living at 56 Vine Street but Census records indicate he was living at 15 Manley by 1910. George and Hannah Lynah were still living here in 1932. By 1942 the house was occupied by Cyril Wood. Deeds indicate that Edward and Velma Rhoda acquired the property in 1940 and continued to own it until 1985.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.  
Town Directories  
U.S. Census, various years.  
1898, 1906 maps