

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington  
Place (neighborhood or village) East Lexington

Address 31 Maple Street

Historic Name Edward L. & Cora Tyler House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1901

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved  no  yes Date

Acreage 21,014 SF

Setting row of 19th to early 20th century houses on a heavily-trafficked street



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

## BUILDING FORM (31 Maple Street)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

Largely obscured by large pine trees, 31 Maple Street is an early 20th century gablefront dwelling which displays elements of the Colonial Revival style. The 2 1/2-story, clapboarded building rests on a rubble foundation and is outlined by cornerboards displaying recessed panels. The cornice returns in the front gable are spanned by a wide molding and the eaves are flared slightly. A single-story porch spans the gablefront, supported by Roman Doric columns which are paired at the center with clusters of three at the front corners. The columns are spanned by a turned balustrade above a wooden deck. Sheltered by the porch, the glass-and-raised panel door is flanked by leaded glass, geometric sidelights. On one side of the door there is a small leaded glass window while on the other there is a three-sided bay window containing 6/1 sash. The upper story of the facade has two pairs of 6/1 windows with an additional pair lighting the attic.

A 2 1/2-story gable projects slightly from the west elevation and is trimmed with the same cornerboards visible on the main block. A three-sided bay window is located on the first floor with a pair of 6/1 windows above. An exterior brick chimney (a later alteration) is also visible on this side. Remaining fenestration consists primarily of 6/1 sash. A sun porch is located at the rear.

A driveway extends to the west of the house.

### 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.*

This house was constructed in 1901 for Edward L. Tyler (b.1872), son of Henry H. Tyler. According to the town history, Edward Tyler married Cora Prescott in 1901. [Edward's father, Henry Tyler lived at **27 Maple Street (MHC#652)** while brother Arthur Tyler lived at **29 Maple Street (MHC#653)**].

Like his father before him, Edward Tyler was a milk dealer. Later directories (c.1930) list him as working in real estate and as operating a tourists' residence (c.1936). The property was sold by Edward L. Tyler, Jr. in 1959 to John and Marilu Barnaby who lived here until about 1970.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Hudson, Charles. *History of the Town of Lexington*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1913.
- Lexington Assessors Records.
- Lexington Directories, various dates.
- Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

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