

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

689

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 2219 Massachusetts Ave.

Historic Name Stone Store

Uses: Present Commercial (store)

Original Commercial

Date of Construction 1906

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Fieldstone

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

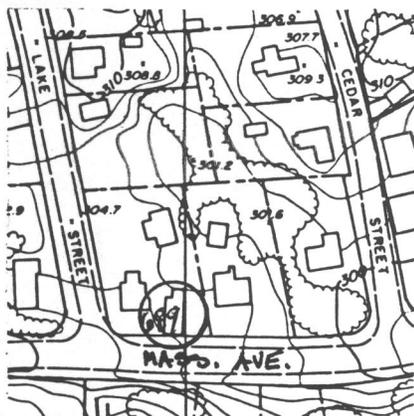
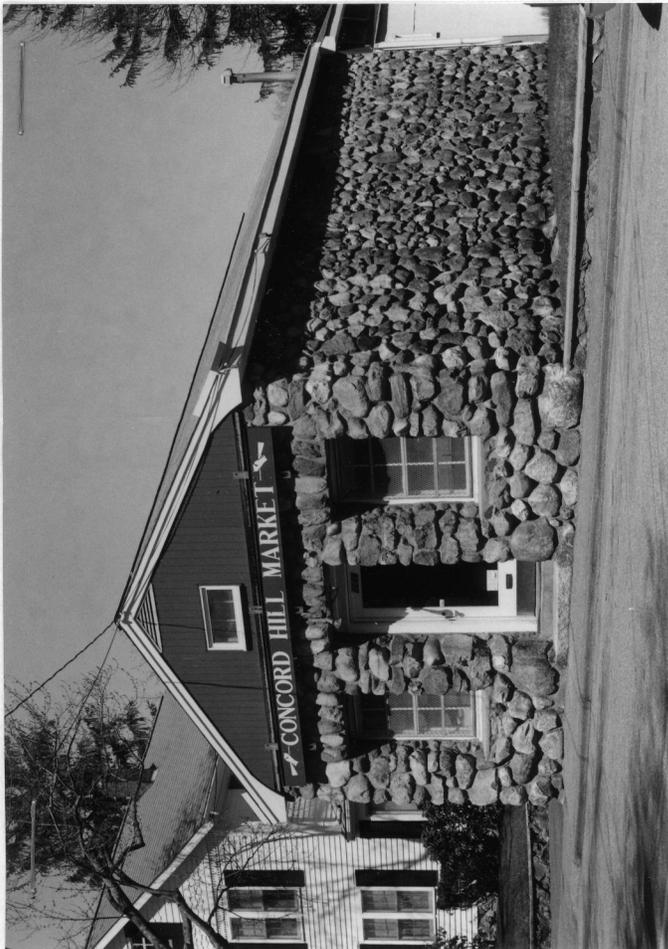
Rear addition (date unknown)

Condition Good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 0.3 A.

Setting Very close to a heavily-trafficked street in a residential neighborhood of late 19th- and early 20th-century houses



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) March 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

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

2219 Massachusetts Ave. is called the "stone store" for good reason, for it is constructed entirely of fieldstone—the only building of its kind in Lexington. The building is rectangular, one story, has three bays in front and an undetermined number on the side (there is only one window opening), and is front-gabled with a low-pitched roof. On the front are openings in the stonework for a center entrance with a window on either side and there is one window on the west elevation near the front corner. At the rear is an addition clad with vertical wood siding.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

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.

Although the Stone Store is reputed to have been built in 1880, it was actually built in 1906 by Nellie T. and Thomas H. Breslin, who that year had purchased the house and lot on the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Lake St. and then erected this building next to the house. This building was presumably originally built as a store, although until 1922 Thomas Breslin is listed in *Lexington Directory's* as a clerk in G. W. Spaulding's store in Lexington Center. After 1922, however, Breslin seems to have operated a grocery in this location.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Lexington Directory. 1906, 1908–09, 1913, 1916, 1918, 1922.

Lexington Valuation Lists. 1889–1907.

Middlesex Registry of Deeds. Deeds. Cambridge, MA. 1883: 391; 3261: 538.

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