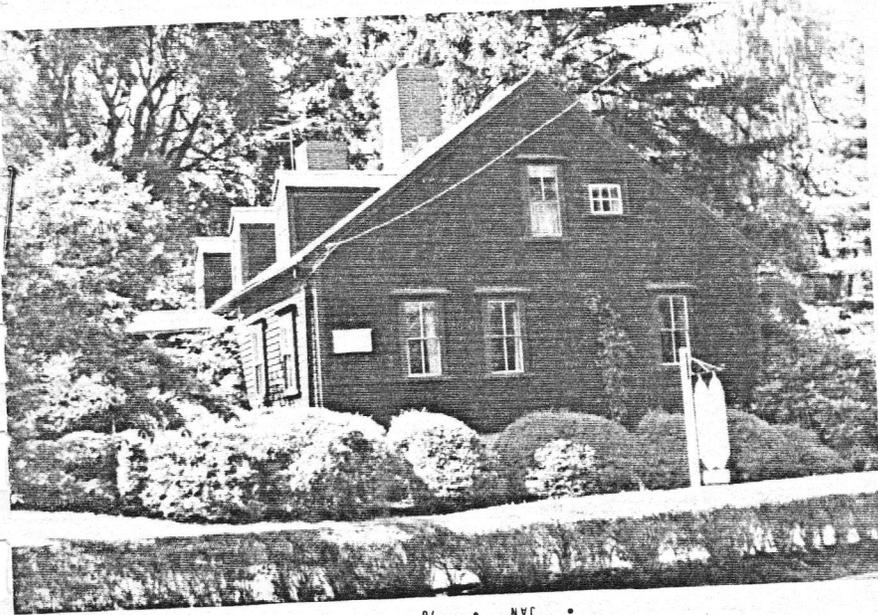


FORM B - BUILDING

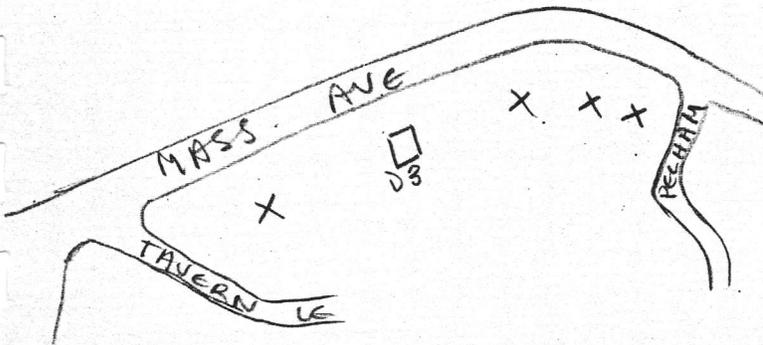
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



City Lexington
 Address 1314 Mass. Ave.
Sanderson House
 Present use Museum
 Present owner Lexington Minutemen
 Description:
1689 claimed; at least pre 1749
 Source Canavan Papers, Lex. Library
Middlesex Registry of Deeds
Georgian

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



Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric Shingle (brown) shed extension
 Outbuildings (describe) garage attached
 Other features Twin Central Chimneys, granite slab & mill stone. front step 3 gabled (6 over 6 windows (1 over 1) 6 across front
 Altered porch in front wing on west end Date _____
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:
 Less than one acre x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 180'
 Approximate distance of building from street 30'

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe
 Organization Lex. Hist. Com.
 Date July, 1975

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 USGS Quadrant _____
 MHC Photo no. _____

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates c. 1820 - wheelwright's shop in basement

(Downing - Wheelwright)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

During Revolution, house was occupied by Samuel Sanderson, married to Mary Munroe of same family which owned & ran the Munroe Tavern, immediately to the NW of Sanderson house. (cf form D-4) The Munroe Tavern was occupied by Earl Percy Commander of the British relief force sent to escort Smith's beleaguered men back to Boston. Percy used the Tavern primarily as a hospital & sent the wounded men to the Sanderson house for attention. Molly Munroe Sanderson was so vehement in her objections to his presence that he feared to eat the food she offered, anticipating being poisoned. The British killed her cow during the retreat. Her husband Samuel (of somewhat lesser local fame) fought with the Minutemen. She lived to be 104, dying in 1852.

(Oldest part of house - 4 bays nearest street - judging by roof framing. Pictures in Lex. Hist. Soc.; Private collection. E. W. Reinhardt)

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

Caravan Papers - Lexington Library

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