

FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 2151 Massachusetts Avenue

Historic Name Turner and Laura Kelley House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1920

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

two-car garage

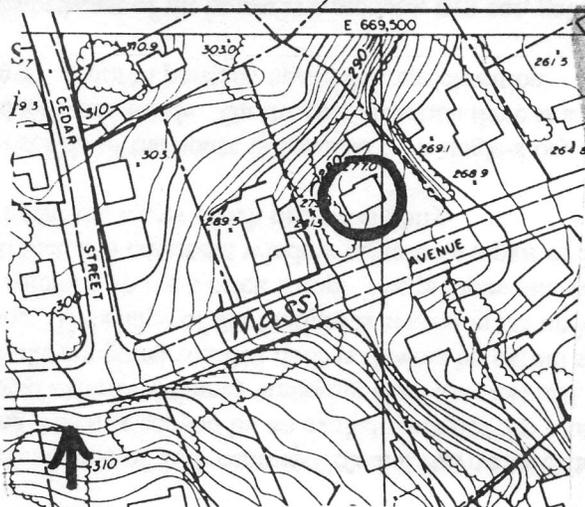
Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreeage 24,332 SF

Setting mixed residential on busy main road



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) April 2000

BUILDING FORM (2151 Mass. Ave.)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

A good example of 20th century Colonial Revival architecture, 2151 Massachusetts Avenue is a two-story, clapboarded dwelling which is capped by an asphalt-shingled hip roof. A painted brick chimney emerges near the west ridge with an additional exterior chimney emerging from the west end. The house rests on a brick foundation. Centered on the five-bay facade, the six panel wooden door is flanked by partial sidelights and capped by a semi-elliptical, divided fanlight with central keystone. The shape of the fanlight is echoed in the underside of the gabled porch which is supported by a pair of Roman Doric columns above a brick stoop. The predominant window is a 8/12 doublehung sash set in a molded surround. Above the entrance is a casement window containing a pair of 3 x 4 panels. The tops of the second story windows extend to a plain frieze under the eaves which project slightly.

The west side of the house is spanned by a single-story open porch supported by four Roman Doric columns. A multi-light glass door leads inside. On the east elevation there is a rectangular bay window capped by a hip roof and additional casement windows. A porch partially spans the rear elevation.

To the northeast of the house is a modern, two-car, gablefront garage. The building is clapboarded with a shingled roof and 6/6 windows on the side elevations.

Two large maples are located in the front yard.

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.

(See 21 Hastings Rd., MHC # 685 +
2139 Mass Ave. MHC # 686)

This house was constructed for Turner and Laura Kelley in 1920. The 1920 Lexington Valuation List indicates that in that year Laura Kelley of 82 Bedford Street was assessed for "Lots B & C of the Kimball land". The following year she was assessed for a house valued at \$8,000 at 617 Mass. Avenue (the house was renumbered 2151 Mass. Ave. about 1930). The garage was apparently constructed several years later. Directories indicate that Turner Kelley was employed as a broker. The Kelleys continued to live here until the 1940s. Later owners included Florence and Thomas Connors in the early 1950s and George and Ruth Nonnemaker c.1960.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
Lexington

Property Address
2151 Mass. Ave.
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220 Morrissey Boulevard
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