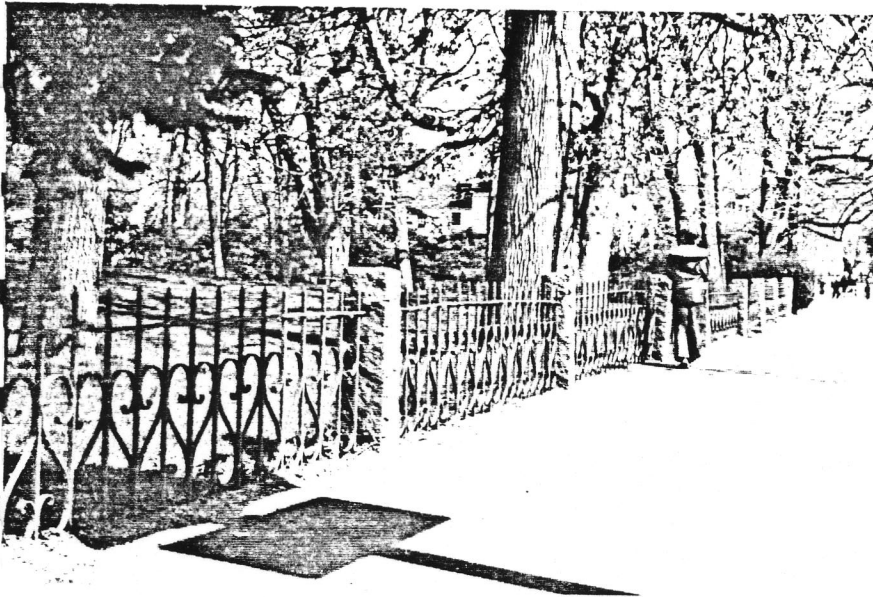


FORM F - STRUCTURE

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

In Area no.	Form no.
E	213 901



City Lexington

Address 669 Mass. Ave.

Present use _____

Present owner ANTHONY CATALDO

Type of structure (check one)

- gate
- kiln
- lighthouse
- pound
- powder house
- street
- tower
- tunnel
- wall
- windmill
- other fence

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



5. Description

Date C. 1850

Source _____

Construction material granite post, wrought iron

Dimensions 250'

Setting directly on sidewalk

Condition excellent

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

Organization Lex. Hist. Com.

Date 7/75

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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Robbins family

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Historical significance.

Fence marks site of old Stephen Robbins homestead (1716) which originally stood here. House was moved to 1295 Mass. Ave. by Helen Potter in 1940's . (Munroe district. D-1).

Eli Robbins, grandson of Stephen Robbins, lived here in 1830's & operated fur processing business. He is credited with having built along Main St. (now Mass. Ave.) providing houses for the +100 workers he employed. It has been suggested that this building on Robbins part explains the high concentration of 5 bay wide, center entrance houses along this portion of Mass. Ave. west to Maple St.

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

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