

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In Area no.	Form no.
E	212



City Lexington

Address 676-8 Mass. Ave.

Name Brown - Butterfield House

Present use Private

Present owner Fuery, Francis A.

Description:

c. 1835 (not on Hales 1830 map)

Area _____

Style Federal

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features 5 bay wide, room deep center

entrance ; granite foundation. Door

supposedly by Isaac Melvin.

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street 30'

6. Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lex. Hist. Com.

Date 7/75

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



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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Brown
 Original use _____
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Ed Worthen says this is a Brown house (cf E 10) (not on Hales 1830 map. window detail like Brigham house, P.P. Pierce house- both also after 1830.) Door with fluted columnettes, sidelights; recessed side panels carved, inverse curve corners, wooden fanlight effect over door. Surround at facade has fluted pilasters with Ionic capitols. Flattened arch over w. wooden keystone. Ell to rear right, also granite. Abandoned granite doorstep by main block next to ell (with wrought iron footscrapers) Later porch to left. Two chimneys at rear eave line, windows 6 x 6; triple windows center over door, and both stories end to street.

Mid. 19th c. owned + occupied by Sydney Butterfield, farmer + cattle dealer (b. 1828 / d. 1894). His widow Julia lived here with her son Charles + daughter Maria who married J. Fred Hutchinson (Worthen, p. 56)

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

E.B. Worthen, Tracing the Past in Lexington, Mass., 1998, p. 56