

FORM B - BUILDING

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

OCT 75

In Area no.	Form no.
E	220



town Lexington

address 794-796 Mass. Ave.

name Sylvanus Smith House

present use Private residence

present owner 794 Maria Interante

~~796 Oscar S. Shimlich~~
description:

date 1834

Source Deed Research

style Federal / Greek Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric _____

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features five bay wide, 1 room deep,

center entrance: granite foundation. Door

with sidelights

Altered porch ell sheds added Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street

10' - 15'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

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) Sylvanus Smith?

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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)

Single flat pilasters & entablature. Window architrave top detail 
Square post porch to left, runs width of main block & two story ell rear. One story ell with chimney attached rear of higher ell. Right side has two story shed roof addition.

According to E B Worthen, one half of this two family house was occupied by A. Bradford Smith (1829-1910) and his wife Sarah. (About)

He was the son of Elias Smith and of a long line of Smiths who had lived in the south part of Lexington ("Kite End") since the early settlement of town.
Tracing the Past, p. 49

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