

FORM B - BUILDING

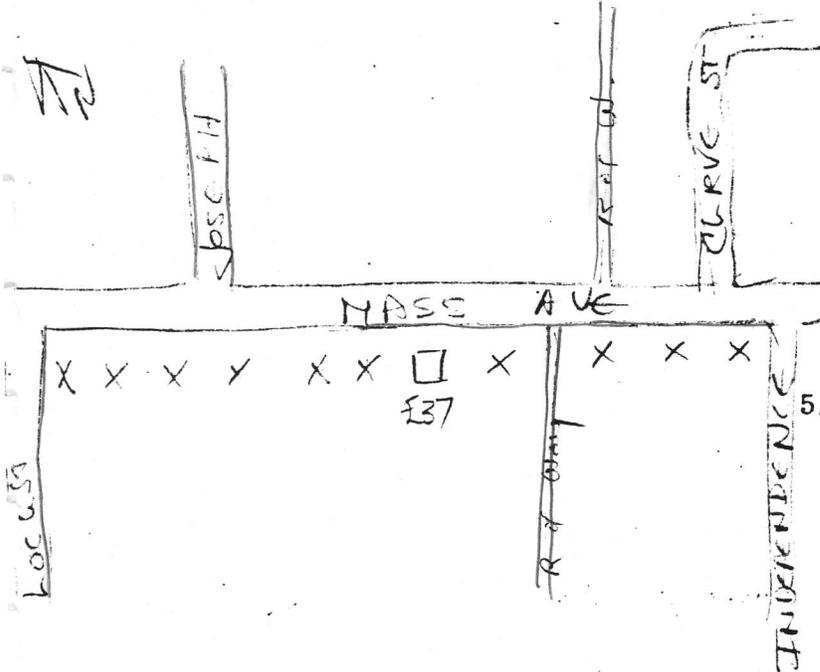
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. E	Form no. 237
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City Lexington  
Address 922 Mass. Ave  
Colburn-Gossom House  
Present use residence  
Present owner Mrs. Mabel Bellinger  
Description:  
C. 1840  
Source Deed Research  
Federal

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



Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features five bay wide, one room deep, granite foundation, addition to rear.

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street  
10' - 15'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

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Date 7/75

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

7. Original owner (if known) Eliza Lakin Colburn

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

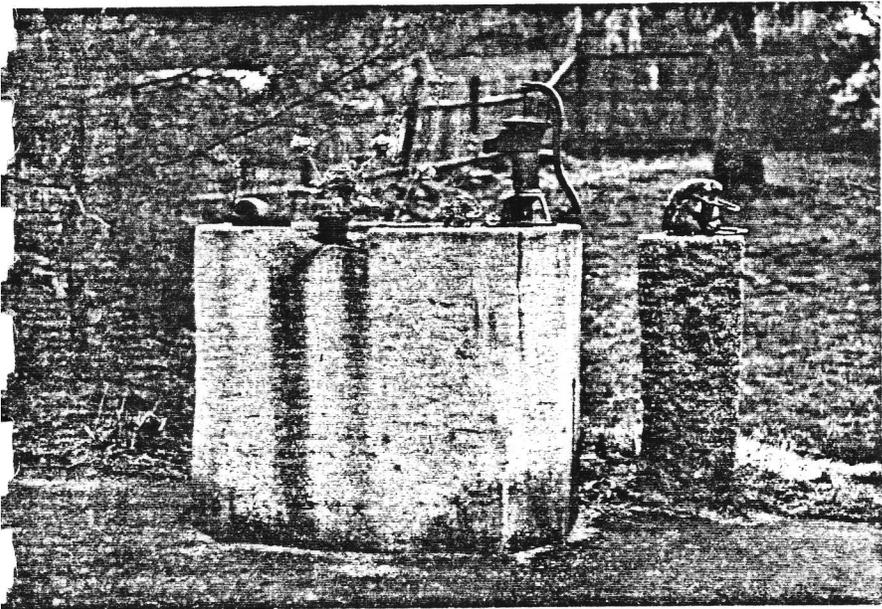
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

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

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
922 MASS. AVENUE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The original owner of this house was reportedly Eliza Lakin Colburn. On the 1853 map it appears that this property is labeled as being owned by L. Pierce or H. Pierce while the house across the street is labeled "Lakin". This appears to be an error on the map.

The 1898 map indicates that the owner was then H. Bowers. By 1894 directories indicate that milk dealer Lewis Gossom was living here as was his son Arthur, also in the milk business. In 1901 the *Minute-man* reported that Lewis Gossom had purchased the house and land which he had rented for many years from H. Bowers of Somerville (*Minute-Man*, Nov. 23, 1901). Although Lewis Gossom died in 1904, his widow, Sarah, was still living here in 1932.

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