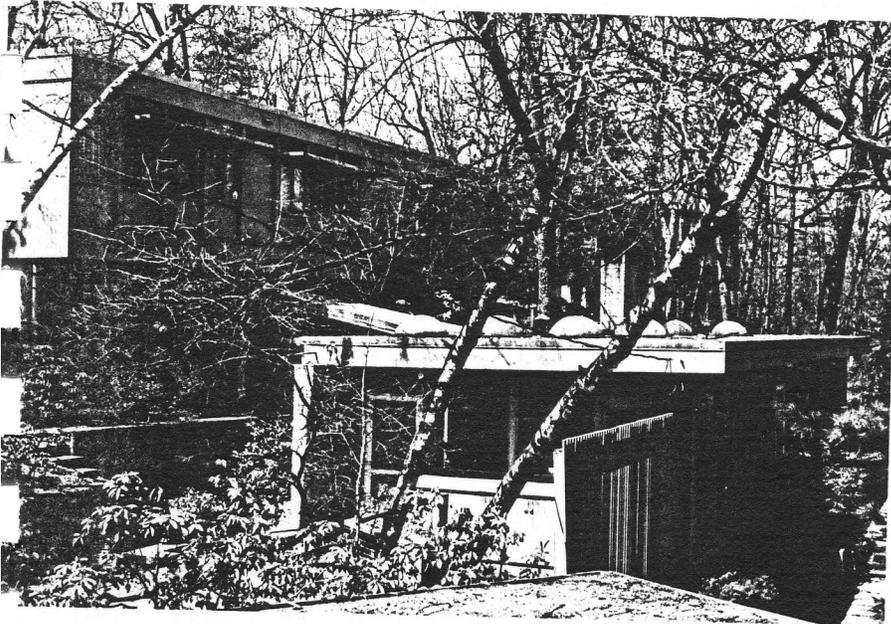


FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
R	529

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



Location Lexington

Address 17 Moon Hill Road

Historic Name Louis McMillan House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1948

Source _____

Style Contemporary

Louis A. McMillan

Architect (The Architects Collaborative)

cinder block (original)

Exterior wall fabric vertical wood siding

(additional)

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) second

floor added to bedroom wing

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 24920 ft.²

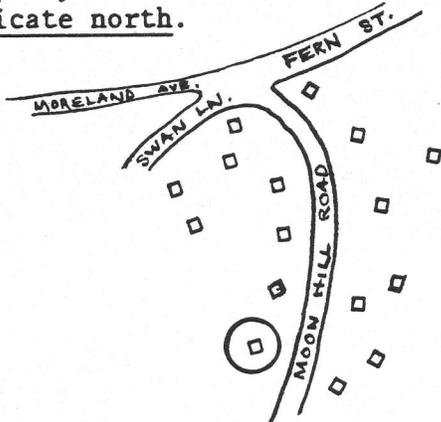
Setting On wooded hillside in community

of architect-designed contemporary homes;

set back from quiet street.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date February, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Like other houses in Moon Hill, this house was individually designed but shares with its neighbors elements of International Style, exterior finishes, and a plan determined by the configuration of the site as well as by the needs of the client (see Moon Hill area form). In this case, the sloping site and owner's preference for one-story living resulted in a bi-nuclear plan with the living/dining/kitchen area connected to the bedroom wing by a narrow, sloping glass-walled passage. This house was the first one in which plastic bubble skylights were used, here employed to light the kitchen, lower level storage space, and an interior bath. The living room featured a hooded fireplace made of white concrete built up on metal lath.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Built in 1948, this house was designed as his own residence by Louis McMillan, one of the original members of The Architects Collaborative (TAC) (see Moon Hill area form). Subsequent additions have altered the low lines of the original house.

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