

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



City Lexington

Address 20 Oakland Street

Historic Name Herbert F. Wellington

Use House

Present residential

Original residential

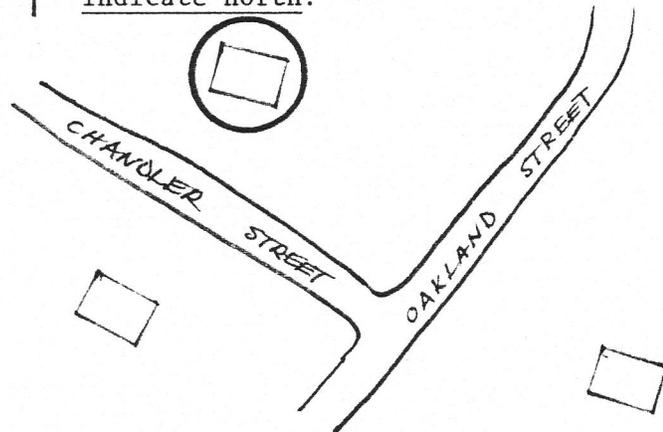
DESCRIPTION:

Year 1887

Source David A. Tuttle manuscript

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.



Style Shingle Style/Queen Anne

Architect David A. Tuttle, builder

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings carriage house

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Approx. acreage .5 A. (23924 ft.<sup>2</sup>)

Setting Street of substantial late

nineteenth century residences on ample

lots; this lot has a specimen beech tree.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

One of the best preserved of the Meriam Hill houses, this house has a number of interesting touches: the curving in of the wall on either side of the angled windows in the facade gable; the use of patterned shingles (rows of staggered butt or rounded shingles alternating with plain ones); a round-headed window on the second level; and a Chippendale balustrade on the porch. All of the exterior finishes of the house and carriage house appear to be original.

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

The house was built by Herbert L. Wellington, a salesman with Jones, McDuffee and Stratton of Boston. The house remained in the Wellington family until after 1906.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

David A. Tuttle list of houses built by D.A. Tuttle, 1904. Lexington Historical Society collection.

1889 atlas

1906 atlas

1887 Directory

1894 Directory

1899 Directory

1906 Directory

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
20 OAKLAND ST.

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

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was one of several constructed on Meriam Hill in 1887 (see also 12, 14, and 16 Oakland Street). David W. Muzzey sold the land to Herbert Wellington in May (*Minute-man*, May 27, 1887). By July, construction of the barn was well underway (*Minute-man*, July 15, 1887). On July 22, 1887, the paper reported that: "The cellar for Mr. Herbert Wellington's house, on Oakland street, is about ready for the masons to commence their stonework. His lot is located at the extreme end of the street, on the left hand side, and from this position can be had a fine view, commanding an outlook on Arlington Heights and surrounding hills".

In 1907 Herbert Wellington sold the property at 20 Oakland Street to Stillman Randolph Kelley and moved into a house on Concord hill. S. Randolph Kelley died in 1911 at the age of 32 but his widow, Edith was still living here in 1942.

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Lexington Directories, various dates.  
*Lexington Minute-Man*, May 27, 1887; July 15, 1887; July 22, 1887.  
U.S. Census Records, 1900-1930.

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