

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 28 Oakmount Circle

Historic Name Frank & Dorothy Sheldon House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1929

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Tudor Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation undetermined

Wall/Trim brick

Roof slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 99,896 SF

Setting secluded early 20th century residential

neighborhood opposite Granny Pond



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

BUILDING FORM (28 Oakmount Circle)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Situated across the road from Granny Pond, 28 Oakmount Circle is a long, rambling brick Tudor Revival dwelling with a slight angle in the plan, giving it a slight "V" of a footprint. The house is capped by a hipped, slate roof which is flared at the ends and provide an overhang. The surface of the brick veneer is enlivened by an occasional projecting brick. Near the center of the angled facade is a projecting entrance porch with half timbering in its front gable and projecting rafters. The entrance contains a vertical board door. To the left, an exterior brick chimney breaks through the roof. To the right of the entrance is a steeply-pitched asymmetrical gable. The top of the gable has a rough stucco covering with half timbering and is supported by four brackets. The gable is punctuated by random vertical windows containing 2 x 3-lights and capped by flat arch brick lintels. Most of the remaining windows consist of multi-light casements. Those on the first floor are capped by transom lights and flat arch brick lintels. Rising from the roof are several hip dormers with half-timbered sides.

At the right end of the house a brick wall extends from the front corner and is crowned by a wrought iron arch. At the left end of the house the second story overhangs the first slightly and is supported by four brackets. The upper story is decorated by false half timbering. An open deck extends outward from the elevation, set above a lower level two-car garage.

The house is fronted by a large semicircular drive. Along the street a low stone wall encloses an area filled with pine trees, oaks and rhododendrons.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This large brick mansion was constructed in 1929 for Frank Sheldon, a plumber, and his wife Dorothy. In 1929 the town Valuation List indicates that the Sheldons were assessed for the land only (lots 125 & 136 and part of 124 of the Oakmount Park subdivision) but the following year their assessment included the addition of a house valued at \$55,000. Mrs. Sheldon apparently sold the house in 1936 to Sydney and Beatrice Palmer, who conveyed it to Gloria and Louis Lerner prior to 1950. The Lerner sold the property to Harold and Celia Lebow in the 1960s and Celia Lebow Talkov sold it to Daniel and Patricia Grieff in 1983.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*