

FORM B - BUILDING

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



City Lexington

Address 49 Parker Street

Historic Name Augustus Wellington House

Present Use residential

Original Use residential

DESCRIPTION:

Year 1840

Source David Tuttle's list

Style Greek Revival

Architect David A. Tuttle, Builder

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

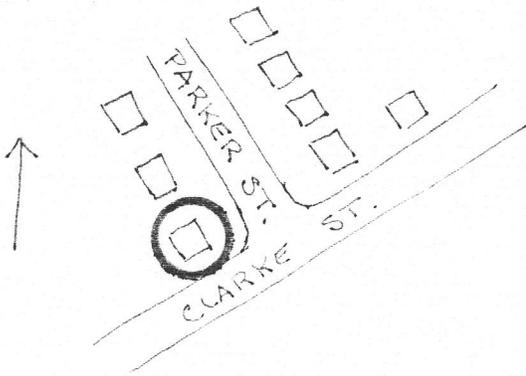
Moved from Massachusetts Avenue (site of Hancock Church) Date 1892

Approx. acreage 16052 ft.²

Setting Adjacent to the high school playground; on a residential street developed in the second half of the nineteenth century.

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

This substantial Greek Revival structure, although covered with aluminum siding, retains its original design including corner boards, broad frieze, pedimented gable, porch with chamfered posts, and simple Greek Revival frontispiece drawn from Asher Benjamin's Practice of Architecture (1833). This is the first of many houses in Lexington to be built by David A. Tuttle. By 1894 he had completed 39 houses in town.

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

David Tuttle built the house for his own occupancy, but before 1853 he sold it to Augustus Wellington. Wellington, son of Nehemiah Wellington on Marrett Road (see 419 Marrett Road form) and a relative of the Wellingtons on Concord Avenue (see 177 Concord Avenue form), was, like his cousins in South Lexington, in the milk business and was apparently a very popular person in town.

This house originally stood on Massachusetts Avenue on the site of the present Hancock Church; it was moved to Parker Street in 1892 so that the church could be built. In 1898 and 1906 it was occupied by Elbridge W. Glass, who was in the teaming business.

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David A. Tuttle's list of houses he built, 1904. Lexington Historical Society archives.

1853 map

1898 map

1906 map