



Lexington  
 15 Patriots Drive  
 Name Benjamin F. Brown Carriage House  
 Original carriage house  
 Present residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization  
                   Public  
 Original owner

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1885-1895  
 Source stylistic analysis  
 Style Queen Anne  
 Architect  
 Exterior wall fabric gray-purple wood clapb. & shingles; white trim  
 Outbuildings  
 Major alterations (with dates)  
 Moved Date  
 Approx. acreage .4 (17010')  
 Setting Residential street; houses of mixed date and size.

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

Round side tower w/bell-shaped top. 2½ stories, end gable.  
Irregular window placement. 6/1 double-hung sash.  
Stone foundation.

3rd floor front, triple 9/2 window in incised round arch.

This is one of three carriage houses on Meriam Hill that have been remodeled into dwellings. The building, with its tower with bell-shaped roof, half-timbered gable treatment, and subtle recessed arch below, was probably Lexington's most elaborate carriage house. Also noteworthy is the fact that the design did not match that of the Italianate main house in the least.

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

The carriage house or stable, an attached shed, hen house and dwelling were built by Benjamin Franklin Brown, an insurance agent in Boston. Brown's property had one of the highest assessments in Lexington in 1897, and an historic photograph shows an elegant estate. In 1924 Hallie Blake sold the structure to Wesley Wadman. Shortly thereafter, the rear portion of the building was separated, moved to its present location at 6 Wadman Circle, placed on a new foundation with basement, and remodeled as a dwelling. This carriage house itself was subsequently remodelled into a dwelling.

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