

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



City Lexington

Address 24 Percy Road

Historic Name William E. Page House

(Page-Sherburne House)

Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Year 1896

Source Lexington Minute Man, June 14, 1895

Style Shingle Style

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

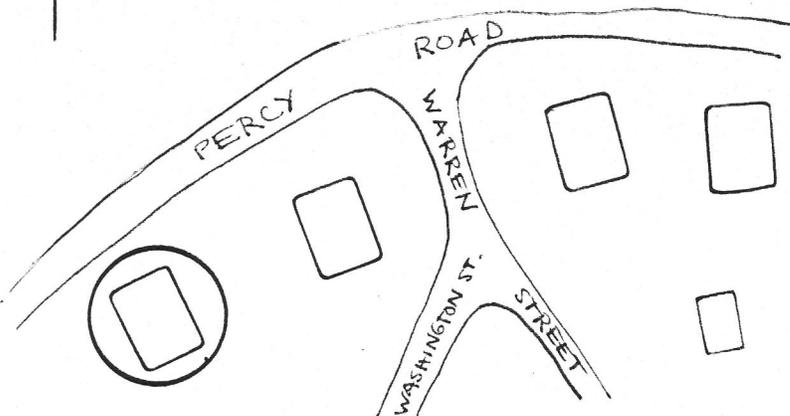
Approx. acreage 13545 ft.²

Setting Munroe Hill; residential street

developed primarily in the late 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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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

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

One of several substantial Shingle Style houses on Munroe Hill, this is an L-shaped house with steel dormered roof and large polygonal turret. The shape of the turret is echoed in the polygonal porch at the right hand end of the facade and in the three-sided enclosed entry porch.

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

The building was owned in 1906 by Jane N. Page.

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

Lexington Minute Man, June 14, 1895.

1906 atlas

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
24 PERCY ROAD

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was built for William E. Page about 1895. The *Lexington Minute-Man* of June 14, 1895 reports that:

A gentleman by the name of Page has purchased a house lot next to the promises occupied by Mr. Edwin Read on Mt. Vernon Street, on which he proposes to build.

Page apparently only occupied the house for a short time. He is listed in the 1899 and 1902 directories but is gone by 1906. There also does not appear to be a listing for Page at the time of the 1900 Census.

On November 16, 1901, the *Minute-Man* reported that the "W.E. Page house on Mt. Vernon has been leased to the Whitneys of Brookline, the family including Mrs. Whitney, Miss Whitney and Mrs. Hay. It was Mrs. Hay's husband who was instantly killed in the railroad accident on one of the cape trains last summer, only a month after the couple were married".

Beginning about 1910, the house at 24 Percy Road was occupied for many years by Reuben B. Sherburne, son of Warren Sherburne who built and lived at 11 Percy Road. Reuben's two brothers also lived in the neighborhood - F.F. Sherburne at 1508 Massachusetts Avenue and Warren R. Sherburne at 15 Percy Road. Reuben Sherburne worked in insurance and real estate in Boston. His widow was still living here in 1942.

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Lexington Directories, various dates.
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