

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



n Lexington

ress 28 Sherman Street

toric Name C.G. Fletcher Cottage

: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

e c. 1890

Source map research

Style Queen Anne

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

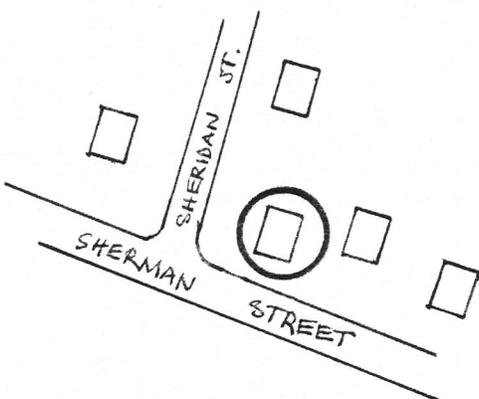
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Approx. acreage 11047 ft.²

Setting Residential street of relatively modest houses built at the turn of the twentieth 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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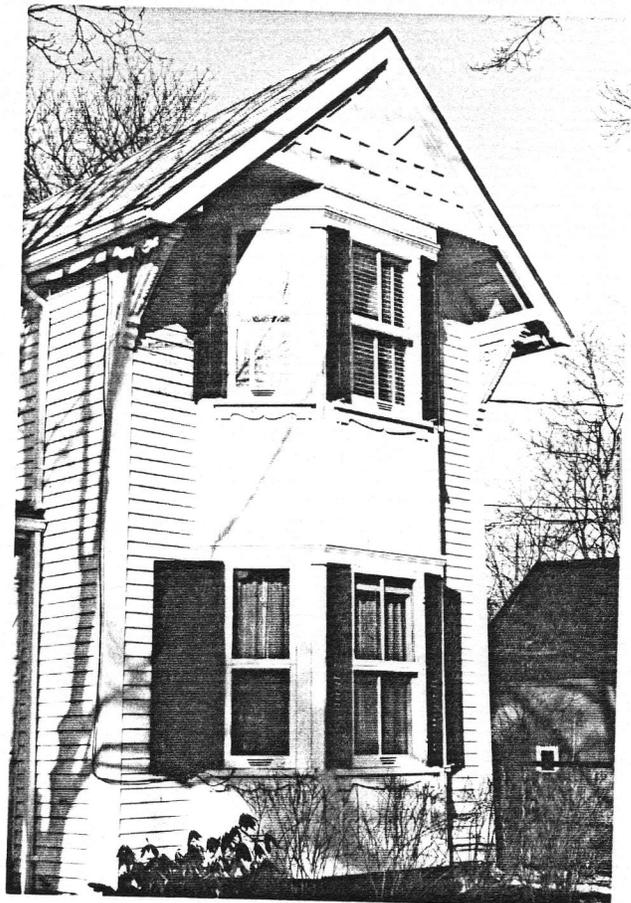
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This unusual cottage with L-shaped plan and entrance on a diagonal at the junction of the two legs of the L, is one of the most charmingly embellished late nineteenth century buildings in Lexington. The two-story bay window on the Sherman Street side is the focus of decoration where diagonal boarded panels, brackets with rope molded trim, and gable with stickwork are found.

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 Charles G. Fletcher, a horse dealer, who before 1889 subdivided his property along the current Fletcher Street, Sheridan Street and Sherman Street, and began to build rental housing. By 1898 he had built 11 houses and still owned all but one of them. Although not documented, Fletcher may have seen the income opportunity of providing housing for the workers at George B. Grant's Lexington Gear Works (now the Jefferson Union Company) further east on Fletcher Street.



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