

FORM B - BUILDING

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



Town Lexington

Address 10 Stratham Road

Historic Name Misses Robinson House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1894

Source Lexington Minute Man, Aug. 3, 1894

Style Colonial Revival

Architect A.C. Washburn, builder

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

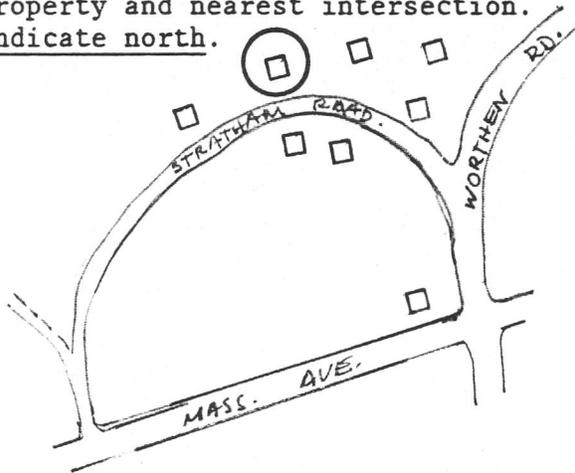
Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 36800 ft.²

Setting A prominent site on the southern slope of Robinson Hill, overlooking the town center.

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.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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

This is a carefully-detailed : _____ Colonial Revival house. Features include modillions at the eaves, a doorway with leaded glass side- and transom lights, a porch with dentil course, Etruscan columns and balustrade, an oriel with wooden tracery, and several bay windows. A very similar design was built by the same builder, Abrah^m C. Washburn, at 3 Upland Road a year later.

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 the unmarried daughters of George W. Robinson, Boston merchant and prominent local citizen, a year after his death. Local tradition states that the Misses Robinson did not like the house at 14 Stratham Road which Robinson had built previously for them, and so constructed this house.

Miss Frances M. Robinson, who died in 1934 at 98 years of age,

was a directory of the Boston Society for the Care of Girls, and a life member of the Lexington Fellowship of Charities - later known as the Public Health Association. She was, in addition, one of the incorporators of the Lexington Home for Aged People.

Miss Sarah Robinson, her younger sister, served on the school committee and was the second woman ever to be elected to it. She was also a member of the committee which revised and updated Hudson's history of Lexington for the publication of the new edition.

Both of these ladies were devoted to their church and to the well-being of others in Lexington. Those interests were reflected in their generous bequests.

(Worthen, Lexington Minute Man, November 13, 1969)

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1889 atlas

1898 atlas

1906 atlas

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
10 STRATHAM ROAD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On August 3, 1894, the *Lexington Minute-man* included a brief mention concerning the construction of this house:

A.C. Washburn, carpenter and builder, is about to erect a house for the occupancy of the Misses Robinson on the estate of the late Geo. W. Robinson, at the foot of Concord hill, opposite Hastings park.

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