

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	417

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



wn Lexington

dress 2 Stratham Road

storic Name Frank Childs House

e: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

ite c. 1895

Source Edwin B. Worthen

Style Colonial Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 50300 ft.²

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



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This carefully embellished and extensive Colonial Revival building was featured in an advertisement for asbestos roof shingles, probably at the time of its construction. The shingles remain on the roof; terra cotta coping covers the ridges of the hip roof. Decorative features of the house include: quoins; modillions at the eaves; window caps of Second Period configuration; an entrance portico with fluted columns, Ionic and Doric; a doorway with elliptical fanlight and sidelights; an oriel window and a rectangular porch

(see Continuation Sheet)

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 George W. Robinson's daughter, Edith, and her husband Frank Childs. Childs, who had lived in Lexington as a child, graduated from MIT. He worked in Boston and moved back to Lexington at the time of his marriage in 1895. He was a trustee of the Lexington Savings Bank.

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1894 Directory

1899 Directory

1906 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

(now enclosed) with elliptical arches; and a broad piazza with turned posts and ball finials. Dormer windows have arched tracery and flushboard finish.

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