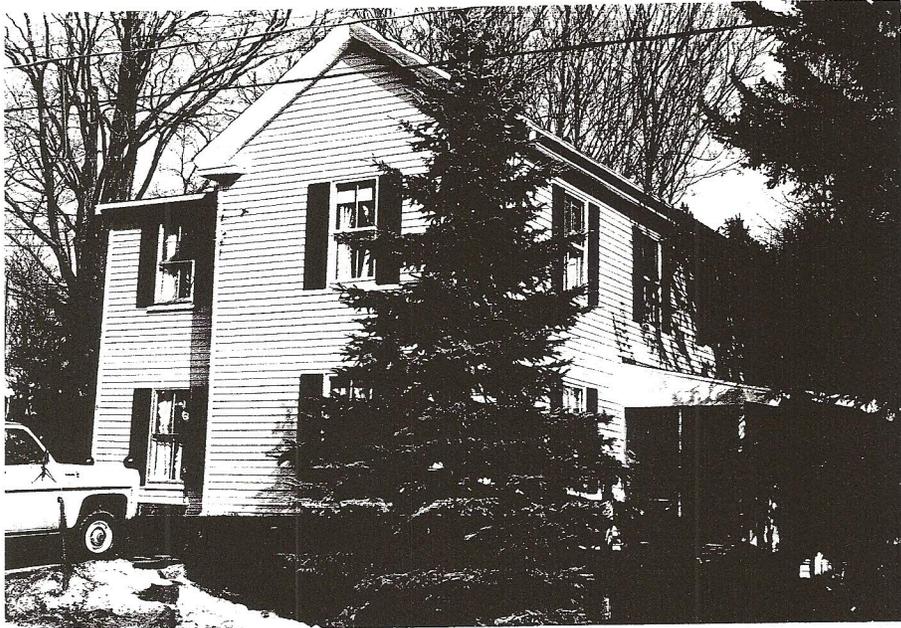


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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



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: Present residential

Original residential

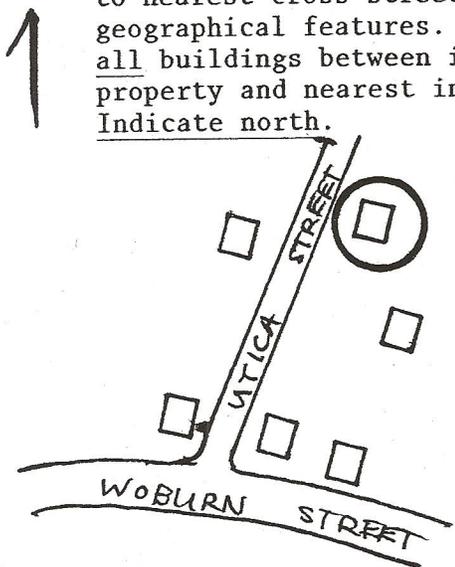
DESCRIPTION:

e c. 1870

Source 1876 map; Hudson 1913, II:263

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.



Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

from 1963 Massachusetts Avenue
Moved (next to St Brigid's) Date c. 1907

Approx. acreage 9980 ft.²

Setting On quiet side street near other
nineteenth century houses.

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

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 house has lost all its exterior finishes and its three-bay-long, one-room-wide, two-story-high profile gives no indication that it is in any way different from many nearby nineteenth century houses. This house was, however, built c. 1870 and moved to this location c. 1907.

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

This house was originally on Massachusetts Avenue just to the east of St. Brigid's Church. It was built by William Ham (1818-1891), a Lexington blacksmith whose shop was on the property, for his son William F. (1846-1908), also a blacksmith. On the basis of map evidence and William F. Ham's age, the house was probably constructed c. 1870. After his father's death, William F. Ham continued to occupy the house and blacksmith shop until about 1899; he then sold it to a Patrick J. Keenan, a wool dealer in Boston. The house still appears adjacent to St. Brigid's on the 1906 map, but on the 1908 map the house in that location has a completely different configuration, so presumably this house was moved to Utica Street between those two years in order to make way for the new house on Massachusetts Avenue.

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