

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	577

Barn = 614



Location Lexington
 Address 609 Waltham Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Present residential
 Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1890s
 Source 1889 map, 1906 map

Style Shingle Style
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric shingles
 Outbuildings barn

Major alterations (with dates) _____

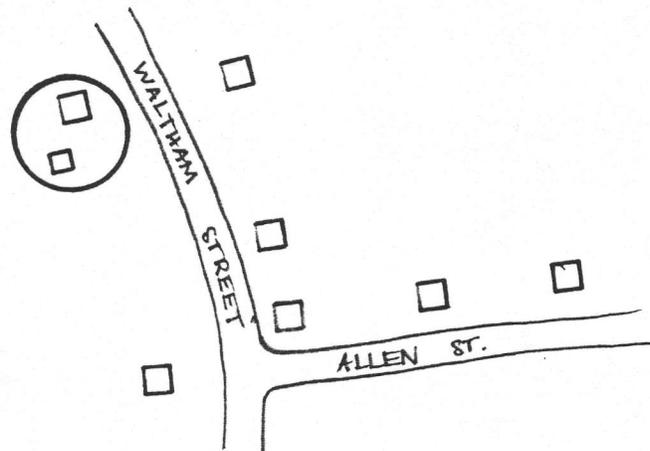
Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 39700 ft.²

Setting On a street with considerable traffic but only scattered houses; backs onto large area of open farmland.

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

This Shingle Style house is the only one of its style in the section of Lexington south of Marrett Road and west of Waltham Street. The large fieldstones used in the foundation are repeated in the porch piers and arch; the porch has an eyelid-type roof. The gambrel-roofed cross gable has an unusual sawtooth-like detail applied over the bay window; sash windows are generally six/one. The barn associated with the house retains what appears to be its original shingles.

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 first appears on the 1906 map and that, plus the fact that the other Shingle Style houses in Lexington were built in the 1890s, suggests the latter as a probable date of construction. In 1906 it was owned by the Messerlis, who were farmers.



BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (n

1889 map

1906 map