

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	450



m Lexington

ress 87 Waltham Street

ne Hammon Reed House

sent use _____

sent owner Robert. Richard Spencer

cription: _____

e c. 1870-1875

Source map research

le Mansard

Architect David A. Tuttle, builder

Exterior wall fabric White clapboard -1 barn or carriage house

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Granite foundation -1 story front porch with doric columns & balusters

Altered Renovated Date 1984

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 18120 ft.² Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 90'

Approximate distance of building from street

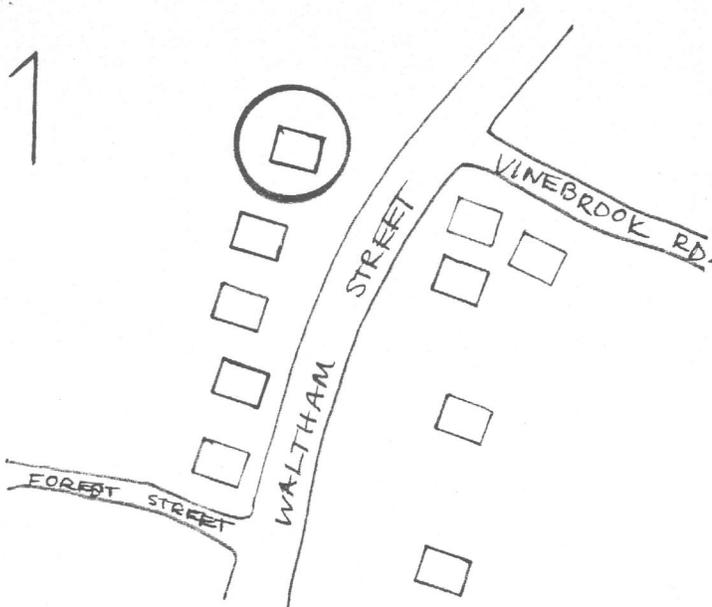
81'

6. Recorded by Grady, Mimno, Leader; Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April 8, 1976; April, 1984

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Hammon Reed

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	<u>x</u>	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Granite steps in front.

Double door w carving

Corner detail w elegant "twisted rope" carving.

Curving mansard -slate roof brackets.
later ell to back.

The building was built by Hammon Reed (b. 1829, d. 1911), a real estate dealer who had an office in Boston. A member of an old Lexington family, Reed served as overseer of the poor, chairman of the selectmen, chairman of the school committee and justice of the peace. He was a member of the first board of trustees of the Lexington Savings Bank.

In 1886 Hammon Reed moved from Waltham St.
to Forest St. (Minute-Man, May 21, 1886)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Hudson, Charles. History of the Town of Lexington, revised and continued to 1912 by the Lexington Historical Society, Volume II, p. 568. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1913.

David Tuttle's list of houses he built. Lexington Historical Society archives.

(see Continuation Sheet)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Lexington	Form No: 450
Property Name: 87 Waltham Street	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of Lexington's first Mansard Style houses. Although the building is deteriorated, all of its original features remain: the slate roof with rows of hexagonal slates, the brackets at the eaves, the columned porch, the projecting window caps, and the rope moldings at the corners. In 1983 the owners requested a zoning change so that the building might be used for commercial purposes (it is just at the edge of the central business district). The petition was denied, but evidently the owners intend to save it, for in April 1984 staging was put up and repairs begun.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1875 atlas
1889 atlas
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1887 Directory
1894 Directory
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