

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA V	FORM NO. 573
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



City Lexington

Address 990 Waltham Street

Historic Name O'Brien House

Present residential (two-family)

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Year c. 1895

Source 1898 map

Style Workers Cottage Italianate

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) two-story

shed roof addition at back; now a two-

family house

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5.0 A.

Setting Near major street; set in woods

removed from other houses.

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.)

The late nineteenth century farmhouse, set at the beginning of a disused road into Waltham (see Ricci's Lane area form), appears to have begun as a two-bay-long, one-room-wide, one-and-a-third-story-high cottage to which a large two-story shed roof ell was added. This house is now a two-family house.

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 first appears on the 1898 map, at which time it was owned by Martin O'Brien, a farmer. O'Brien still owned the house in 1906 and was one of a number of Irish living near Waltham Street south of Concord Avenue, one of the areas of Lexington to which the Irish had moved by the end of the nineteenth century (see Woburn Street area form).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1898 map

1906 map

1899 Directory

1906 Directory