

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA M	FORM NO. 468
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



City Lexington

Address 10 Winthrop Road

Historic Name Frank A.E. Watson House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date between 1898 and 1906 1901

Source map research

Style Shingle Style

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

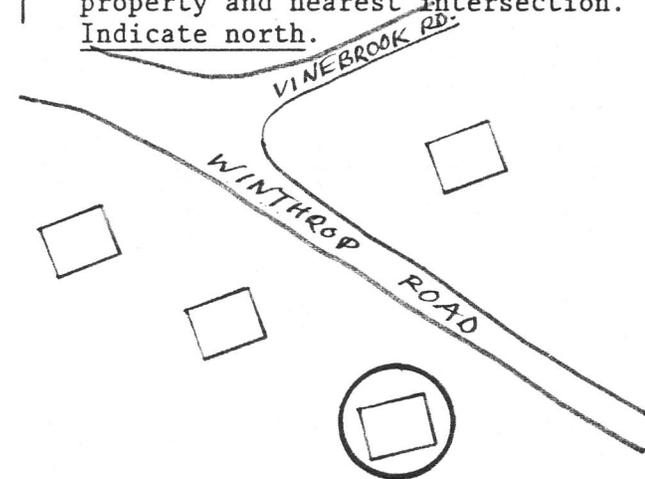
Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 18270 ft.²

Setting Residential street of substantial houses built at the turn of the twentieth century.

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.



Recorded by Anne Grady

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.)

One of Lexington's most unusual Shingle Style houses, this house's chief design feature is a steeply pitched roof which extends down over the second floor and terminates in flared eaves. The first floor is characterized by arched openings and curved shingled brackets. The overall finish is shingles. There is an eyebrow window above three dormers which also have steep roofs with flared eaves.

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 owned by A.E. Watson in 1906.

(originally # 4 until 1930s)

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

1898 atlas

1906 atlas

Minute Man, Feb. 7, 1903, June 1, 1901
Hudson, p. 724

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
10 WINTHROP RD.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On February 7, 1903 the *Lexington Minute-man* reported that:

Deeds have passed conveying title to the new estate fronting on Winthrop road, Lexington, consisting of a most attractive modern house of eleven rooms, owned by Mr. F.F. Sherburne, to Frank Watson, of Philadelphia. The whole property was valued at \$7,000, and the lot of land contains 16,000 square feet.

It appears that Sherburne constructed the house on a speculative basis. He lived at 1508 Massachusetts Avenue and was responsible for laying out Winthrop Road about 1893.

A short time after construction, the house was expanded. On April 23, 1904, the *Minute-man* noted that "The house on Winthrop road owned by Mrs. A.E. Watson, is having a second story added to the ell".

In 1910 the Watson household consisted of 39 year old Frank, a mechanical engineer, his wife Ethel, his mother Anna E. Watson, age 74, his sister Melissa and a servant. Members of the Watson family continued to occupy the house until about 1926.

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Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Minute-Man, Feb. 7, 1903; April 23, 1904.
U.S. Census Records, 1910.

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