

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



wn Lexington

dress 78 Woburn Street

storic Name Russell-Raymond Shop

e: Present residence

Original shoemaker's shop

DESCRIPTION:

te c. 1800?

Source Edwin Worthen to Eugene Viano

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

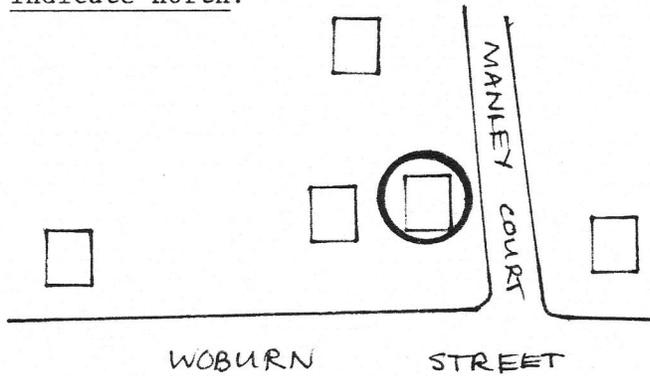
from apx. 1690
 Moved Massachusetts Avenue Date after 1906

Approx. acreage 0.1 acre

Setting On busy street close to other
 modest nineteenth century 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.)

This house, three bays long, two wide, with a narrow center brick chimney, a fieldstone foundation, and a door hood supported by scrolled brackets, is similar to many of the late nineteenth century houses in the Woburn Street area. In this case, however, the house may have been built in the early nineteenth century as a shoemaker's shop and remodeled into a house; it was moved to this location from elsewhere in Lexington.

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 on the lot where Decelle's is located today. The property was owned in the eighteenth century by Jonathan Smith whose son-in-law, Joshua Russell, built a house on it in 1792. Russell was a shoemaker and also had a shoemaker's shop near the house. About 1855 the property was acquired by Freeborn F. Raymond and, according to the former archivist of the Lexington Historical Society, at that time contained another house near the "Russell" house; this second house may have been the original shop remodeled into a residence (Edwin Worthen to Eugene J. Viano, February 7, 1941). The "Russell" house was occupied c. 1892 by Dr. Henry C. Valentine and owned at first by his father-in-law Warren Sherburne, but the adjoining house, the former shoemaker's shop, seems to have continued to have been owned by Raymond. It was moved to Manley Court sometime probably between 1906 and 1908, for the 1906 map shows an empty lot on the corner of Manley Court and Woburn Street and in the 1908 atlas the house on the Massachusetts Avenue lot has a different configuration from the one there previously.

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

Edwin Worthen to Eugene J. Viano, February 7, 1941. Letter on file in the Worthen Collection, Cary Memorial Library, Lexington, Massachusetts.

1876 map

1889 map

1898 map

1906 map

1908 Sanborn atlas