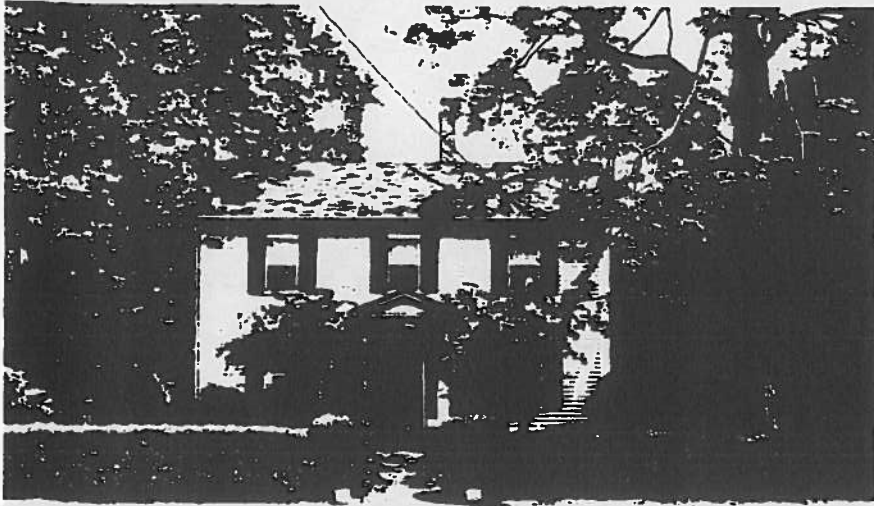


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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



1 Belmont

Address 190 Lexington Street

Historic Name _____

Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Period c.1855-1860

Source Style and Atlas Maps

Style Transitional Greek Revival-Italianate

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings -

Major alterations (with dates) _____

rear ell, date unknown

Moved - Date -

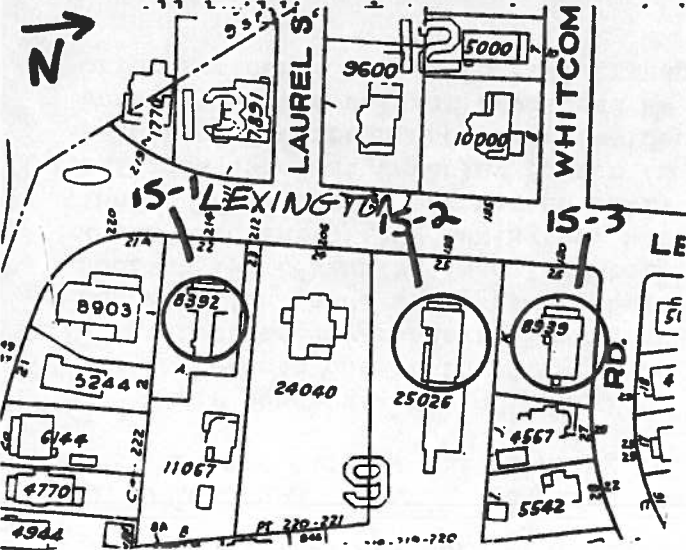
Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Lexington Street near Belmont

Street, evergreen tree setting.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate



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

No. 190 Lexington is very nearly identical to its neighbor at No. 198 Lexington, indicating a possibility that these two houses were built as a pair. This house is a three-bay, central entry, two-story gable-roofed structure with a pair of chimneys in a central location. Its style is transitional Greek Revival-Italianate since it displays features of both. The central portico is pedimented and supported on square and attenuated Doric posts; the doorway contains Greek Revival sidelights and transom, and is flanked by Doric pilasters. The house has its original clapboards and cornerboards. Windows are more Italianate, with two over two sash and a raised lintel.

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 one of the group of houses built at this end of Lexington Street and represents one of the first successful sales of land by the Waverley Land Company, a real estate development firm which attempted to market Waverley as a residential suburb. The house was probably built between 1855 and 1860, as was the house next door at 198 Lexington (See Inventory Form #1-2). Nathaniel T. Bartlett is the first known occupant of 190 Lexington, having lived there in 1874 and possibly as early as 1867. Lexington Street was an early Waverley thoroughfare which connected the railroad depot at Waverley Square to Watertown. When developed, this land was still a part of Watertown and early residents were most likely employed in that community. Waverley Square was not developed as a commercial center at this time, but it did offer residents access to rail transportation at the very least.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Belmont	Form No: 15-3
Property Name: 190 Lexington St.	

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

Architectural Significance:

Large wooden brackets appear under the eaves, further indicating an Italiante influence.

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