

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.173
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Brown, Benjamin W. - Maker, Lewis House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	585 Lexington Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Merriam's Corner
<b>Local No:</b>	I9-4180
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1900
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Victorian Eclectic
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.DS: American Mile Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Local Historic District (03/06/1961)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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## FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

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80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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neighborhood or village)

Merriam's Corner

585 Lexington Road

Name Maker House/Brown rental  
House

present dwelling

original dwelling

construction late 19th century

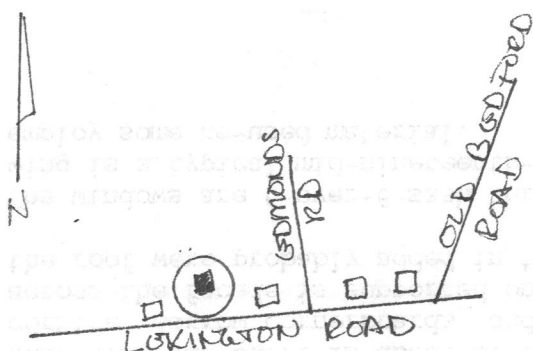
maps; assessor's records

style eclectic

Builder unknown

## Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



## Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone and rubble

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

## Major Alterations (with dates)

~~Dormers on main house and wings; hood at east entry; some window change.~~  
(See also page 2.)

Condition fair/good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage one acre

## Setting

In residential district of 18th- and 19th-century houses east of town center, with modern houses interspersed. Banked above road; stone foundation to rear.

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization research by Tedd Osgood  
for Concord Hist. Commission

Date (month/day/year) 6/92; rev. 3/93

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This little house stands on the property where at least one other house was located, and it is possible that it includes parts, at least, of an earlier structure. It is T-shaped in plan, consisting of a 1 1/2-story, three-bay "gable-end" cottage projecting forward from two 1 1/2-story side wings of later vintage than the house. The original house is said to have had only two rooms until 1915, when the east wing was added. The west wing was built in about 1938. The front, gable-ended section has a simple, unboxed cornice, narrow cornerboards, and a single-light glass-and-panel door. The veranda across the facade is supported on square posts. The shed dormers on either side of the roof were probably added in the first part of this century.

The windows are 6-over-6-sash throughout. A two-light glass-and-panel door on the east wing is a typical mid-nineteenth-century type, indicating that part of the wing may employ some re-used material.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Some confusion exists as to the origin of this little house. It was probably built some time in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. It may be the house that Keyes, writing in 1885, attributes to "an Irishman named Grimes," or, if older than it looks, could possibly be the "old house with a basement story once owned ... by a widow Cunningham." The fact that one house in about this location was demolished after 1898 adds to the confusion. In any case, the original part of the house is clearly shown on the highway map of 1898, when it belonged to carpenter **Lewis Maker**, who lived here for many years before building #555 Lexington Road in about 1902. He apparently sold the property to **Benjamin W. Brown**, who owned it as a rental house. (Cf. # 248 Elm Street.)

In 1915 Benjamin Brown's widow, L. Cora Brown, sold the house to **Maria Flannery**, wife of contractor John Flannery. Maria died in 1919 and John in 1923, and in 1930 their son, **Steven Flannery**, a mason, took title to the house. Steven Flannery lived here for many years, and added the west wing in 1938-40.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps, atlases: 1889 (?), 1898 highway plan (courtesy of MMNHP,) 1906 atlas.  
Keyes/Tolman. "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.  
Town Directories and tax lists.  
Interviews with neighbors and family members, February and March, 1992.

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