

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.BH
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Lexington Road Area III
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	East Concord Center
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	
<b>Use(s):</b>	Residential District
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture; Community Planning
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	



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CONCORD

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1063, 1064



CONCORD

neighborhood or village)

east Concord Center

area 503, 533 Lexington Road

residential

Construction Dates or Period early 19th and  
20th centuries

Condition

fair

Major Intrusions and Alterations

window, door replacement; brick  
added; west-end additions at #533.

Acreage

ca. 1.6 acres

Recorded by

A. Forbes

Organization

for Concord Histor. Comm.

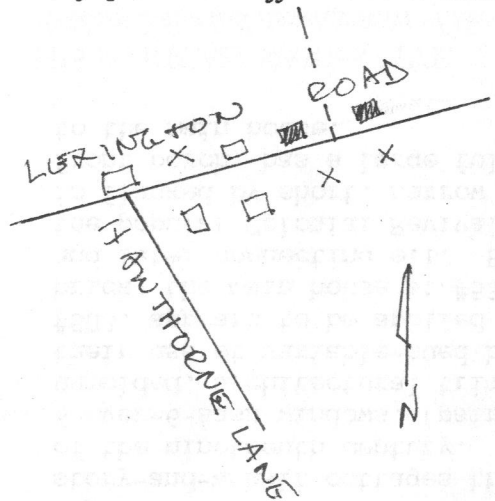
Date (month/day/year)

6/92; rev. 3/93

533 Lexington Road (CON. 1064)

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.



503 Lexington Road (CON. 1063)

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

## AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.*

Two small houses just east of the "grapevine cottage" are Colonial Revival replacements, or in the case of #503, probably a remodeling, of the type of small story-and-a-half cottages that stood along this section of Lexington Road for much of the nineteenth century. Both are gambrel-roofed 1 1/2-story five-bay houses with 6-over-6-sash windows, (paired at #533,) small roof dormers, and very plain, largely unmolded, architectural trim. They are unusual for the mid-Lexington Road area in their use of variable-hued brick, which, in spite of the Flemish bond arrangement at #503, appears to be applied as a veneer in both buildings. #503 is clad entirely in brick; the main house at #533 is wood clapboard, with brick used in the west garage and later connecting ell. Both houses have six-panel doors; the one at #503 employs the popular Colonial Revival "bull's eye" panes in the top panels; the one at #533 is flanked by short, narrow sidelights. #533, which formerly had a facade-width front porch, has a large full-height rear wing with a gambrel roof aligned parallel to the main house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☒ *see continuation sheet*

*Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this area relates to the historical development of the community.*

Further research, including an examination of deeds, will be necessary to determine the evolution of these two properties. Although their very similar Colonial Revival appearance would indicate an early twentieth century construction date for both houses, their history is more complex than that. #533 Lexington Road is apparently the house that Tolman, writing in his additions to Keyes "Houses in Concord" in 1919, says is the "new house built by a Mrs. Lahey" to replace an older cottage that had belonged to Edward Connors, one of Concord's earlier Irish immigrants, since before the middle of the nineteenth century. The Connors House may have been the one shown on maps under the name of "J. Watts" as early as 1830, and "Mrs. Perkins" as late as 1898. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: 1830, 1852, 1856, ca. 1871, 1875, 1889, 1906; Highway plan of 1898, (courtesy of MMNHP;) 1927 Sanborn map.  
Keyes/Tolman.  
Town Directories and Assessor's records.

☐ Recommended as a National Register District. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*



## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD503, 533 Lexington Road

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form Nos.

BH 1063, 1064

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

Historical maps indicate that both the Connors house and one to its west on the site of #503 were part of the line of houses on the north side of Lexington Road that stretched east to Merriam's Corner from Hawthorne Lane by the middle of the nineteenth century. The western of the two houses first appears on the map of 1830 under the name of "N. Dow," and from 1852 through 1889 Ephraim Bull of 491 Lexington Road is shown as the owner. (Assessor's records list Evan Dow as the owner of a house in 1837, and by 1848 Ephraim Bull is listed as the owner of "the Dow house" as well as his own residence.) On the highway plan of 1898 #503 is shown, again along with the Bull cottage, as belonging to Mrs. Daniel Lothrop of "the Wayside," who acquired Mr. Bull's real estate after his death in 1895. Given the absence of a clear reference to it by Keyes and Tolman, the question then remains--is #503 a replacement house as well, or a remodeling of an old building, possibly by Mrs. Lothrop, who had the Bull cottage altered to Colonial Revival-type restoration, as well? If it is the latter, could this small building be the "good-sized two-story house" Keyes says was first used by Mr. Bull as his goldbeater's shop, and that Tolman says was torn down? (See also #520 Lexington Road.)

In any case, the atlas of 1906 shows both houses under the name of "M. Leahey," although Assessor's records do not corroborate this. This owner would be farmer Michael Leahey, who lived and farmed on Lexington Road from the latter part of the nineteenth century through the early twentieth. By 1919 #533 belonged to farmer Thomas Hogan and his wife, who were here for many years, and called the property "Tinvane Farm." In 1927 it is shown with several outbuildings, including a henhouse and an electric cider mill, and Mrs. Hogan was operating a fruit and vegetable store here. Like that of her next-door neighbor, Mary Tuttle, at 561 Lexington Road, Mrs. Hogan's store stood in front of the house, adjacent to the street.

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AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	description	approximate date
1063 19-4125	503 Lexington Road	- 1 1/2-story brick cottage with gambrel roof, Colonial Revival updating.	early 19th C.
1064 19-4177	533 Lexington Road	- 1 1/2-story clapboard and brick gambrel-roofed cottage; Colonial Revival.	early 20th C.

MHC INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MHC Inventory scanning project, 2008-2012

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