

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.BI
Historic Name:	Lexington Road Area IV
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Merriam's Corner
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Other Commercial; Other Residential
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

I9-4178

CONCORD

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1865, 1866

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CONCORD

neighborhood or village) _____

Merriam's Corner

Area 555 and 561 Lexington
Road

Use residential

Construction Dates or Period ca. 1895-8

Condition _____

good

Intrusions and Alterations _____

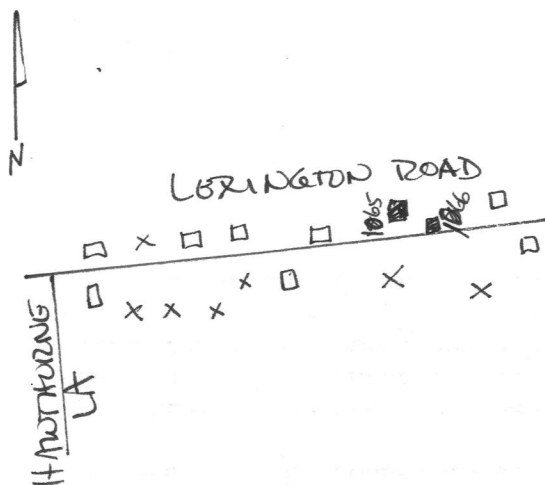
none

Acreage ca. 1.2 acres

Recorded by A. Forbes
research by Tedd Osgood
Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.

Date (month/day/year) June, 1992

Sketch Map 555 and 561 Lexington Road
(CON. 1065 and CON. 1066)
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.



AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

In spite of the loss of at least four outbuildings, the three buildings remaining on this lot give one of the best impressions of what Lexington Road, as well as other main roads leading out from Concord center, must have been like early in this century. Here a vernacular 2 1/2-story, shingled gable-end house sits on a slight rise above the road, an early hip-roofed "drop-sided" garage to its east, and southeast of the house, abutting the road, is a small clapboarded shop/farmstand.

The house has several features found on buildings constructed throughout Concord at the turn of the century, including 2-over-1-sash windows, single-light glass-and-panel doors, and a hip-roofed veranda that wraps around from the facade to a tall bay projecting from the east side of the house. (The short turned posts and shingled balustrade may be later replacements.) (Cont.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

According to owners' records, and corroborated by map evidence, this house was built some time in the late 1890's by a member of the Maker family, possibly Andrew Maker. Maps and directories indicate that at least for a short time the owner is likely to have been **Lewis Maker**, a carpenter. The house was subsequently owned by **Freelan and Mary Tuttle**, who apparently moved here from a house further down Lexington Road east of Merriam's Corner. Freelan Tuttle was a farmer, and also involved in the trucking business. Mary Tuttle, who survived him, had a "variety" on Lexington Road from ca. 1909 through at least 1920, and the building at #561 is presumably her store. In 1947 the property was purchased by the **McPhillips** family, formerly of #601 Lexington Road.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: 1906; Sanborns from 1927.
 Keyes/Tolman. "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.
 Town Directories and tax lists.
 Interview with owner, 3/20 and 4/1/92.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD555-561 Lexington Road

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.

BI 1065, 1066

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

The shop at #561 is a unique building type in Concord. A small 1-story square building with a northwest entry ell, its roof is obscured by a clapboarded parapet, from which it projects on two sides to cover a glass-and-panel door in the entry ell, and to shelter an open veranda. The roof supports are simple square posts. Small 3-over-3-sash windows appear in the ell, and large 2-over-2-sash display windows on the facade. An exterior chimney on the east side is a later addition.

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	AREA DATA SHEET description	date	condition
1065 I9-4178	555 Lexington Road	vernac. Victorian gable-end house Wood shingle.	ca. 1895-8	good
1066 I9-4178	561 Lexington Road	utilitarian store	early 20th C.	good



555 Lexington Road (CON. 1065)

MHC INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MHC Inventory scanning project, 2008-2012

MACRIS No. CON. BI

AREA BI

A - MERRIAM'S CORNER
USGS - CONCORD
SECTION - C

1065 - 555 LEXINGTON RD (ALSO DS - LHD 3/6/61)

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