

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

Scanned Record Cover Page

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



The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) has converted this paper record to digital format as part of ongoing projects to scan records of the Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth and National Register of Historic Places nominations for Massachusetts. Efforts are ongoing and not all inventory or National Register records related to this resource may be available in digital format at this time.

The MACRIS database and scanned files are highly dynamic; new information is added daily and both database records and related scanned files may be updated as new information is incorporated into MHC files. Users should note that there may be a considerable lag time between the receipt of new or updated records by MHC and the appearance of related information in MACRIS. Users should also note that not all source materials for the MACRIS database are made available as scanned images. Users may consult the records, files and maps available in MHC's public research area at its offices at the State Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, open M-F, 9-5.

Users of this digital material acknowledge that they have read and understood the MACRIS Information and Disclaimer (<http://mhc-macris.net/macrisdisclaimer.htm>)

Data available via the MACRIS web interface, and associated scanned files are for information purposes only. THE ACT OF CHECKING THIS DATABASE AND ASSOCIATED SCANNED FILES DOES NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTING A DEVELOPER AND/OR A PROPOSED PROJECT THAT WILL REQUIRE A PERMIT, LICENSE OR FUNDING FROM ANY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY YOU MUST SUBMIT A PROJECT NOTIFICATION FORM TO MHC FOR MHC'S REVIEW AND COMMENT. You can obtain a copy of a PNF through the MHC web site (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc) under the subject heading "MHC Forms."

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125
www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc

This file was accessed on: Friday, October 23, 2020 at 11:40 AM

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

J9

CONCORD

C; BJ

354, 355

CONCORD

Neighborhood or village)
East Quarter

831 and 851/855

Area Lexington Road

Use residential

Construction Dates or Period ca. 1885-1920's

Condition

good

Intrusions and Alterations

none

Acreage ca. 5 acres

Recorded by A. Forbes

Organization for Concord Histor. Comm.

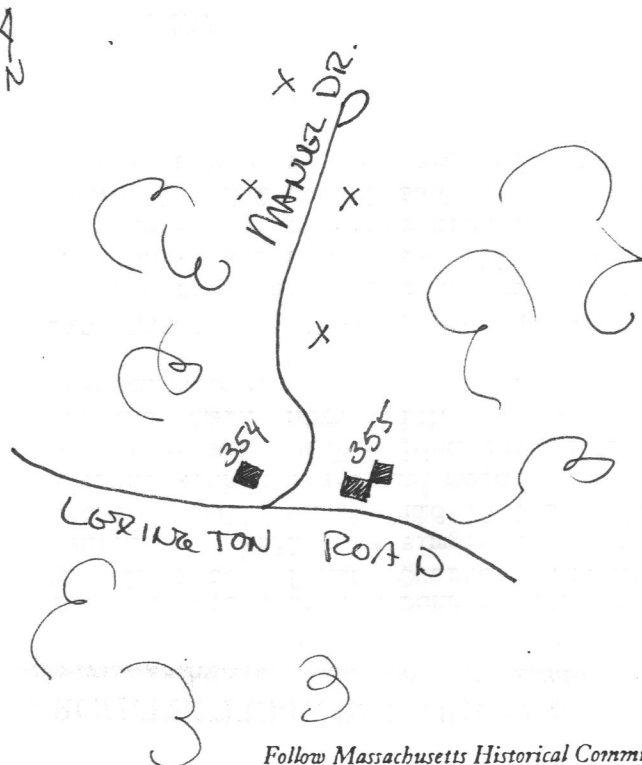
Date (month/day/year) June, 1992



831 Lexington Road (CON. 354)

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.



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 properties at the bend of Lexington Road east of Merriam's Corner still retain the character of East Quarter farmsteads of the late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth centuries. #831 is a simple 2 1/2-story three-bay, twin ridge-chimney house, probably built in the mid-1880's. Its eaves are unboxed, and the house corners are adorned with a 3/4-round molding instead of cornerboards. The windows are 6-over-6-sash, with molded surrounds. The house retains what appears to be its original main entry, with a 4-paneled door with full-length divided sidelights and transom above.

#851/855 is a 1 1/2-story shingled, 3-bay cottage of ca. 1915-20, its lines today altered by a large shed dormer across the facade. The foundation of the main house is rubble; a 1-story east ell connects with a 2-story barn standing on a high base of rough-faced concrete block. The windows here are 6-over-1-sash in the house; 8-over-1 and 2-over-1-sash in the barn. There is a large-light glass-and-panel door at the main entry, and exposed rafter ends at the unboxed eaves.

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 Keyes (writing in 1885), #831 was apparently the house that was being built at that time to replace a very old house that Micajah Rice had occupied prior to 1850. It may subsequently have been owned by C.W. Whitney. Between 1885 and 1916 it was owned by a family named Kendall, the express agent Richard Woodsome (shown here in 1906), and F.L. Gile. In 1919 it was purchased by the Polander family. Another old house, later replaced by a mid-nineteenth-century house (also gone) formerly stood to the west of this one.

#851/855, today called "Twin Ash Farm," is significant as a surviving early-twentieth-century farmstead, complete with fields to the rear, and a well-preserved roadside stand. Today it is owned by the National Park Service.

*According to research at Minute Man Park, however, this is the George Minot House of 1865

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps, atlases: 1906.

Keyes/Tolman. "Houses in Concord." 1885; rev. 1915 and 1920's.

Town Directories and tax lists.

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

CON. BT

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

CONCORD

831, 851/855
Lexington Road

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Area(s) Form No.
C; BT 354, 355

AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #/ Parcel #	Address	description	date	condition
354 J9-4229-6	831 Lexington Road	vernacular Italianate/Greek Revival Clapboard; brick foundation. - owned by M.M.W.P.	ca. 1865	good
355 J9-4230	851/855 Lexington Road	Craftsman cottage Wood shingle; rubble and concrete-block foundation. Drop-sided roadside stand with porch across facade	ca. 1915-20	fair



851 Lexington Road (CON. 355)

AREA [BJ]
P1 - EAST QUARTER d
MERRIAM

USGS - CONCORD
SECTION - D

354 - 831 LEXINGTON RD (ALSO AREA C:

NH L/NRDIS - 10/15/66)

355 - 851 - 855 LEXINGTON RD (ALSO AREA C:

NH L/NRDIS - 10/15/66)