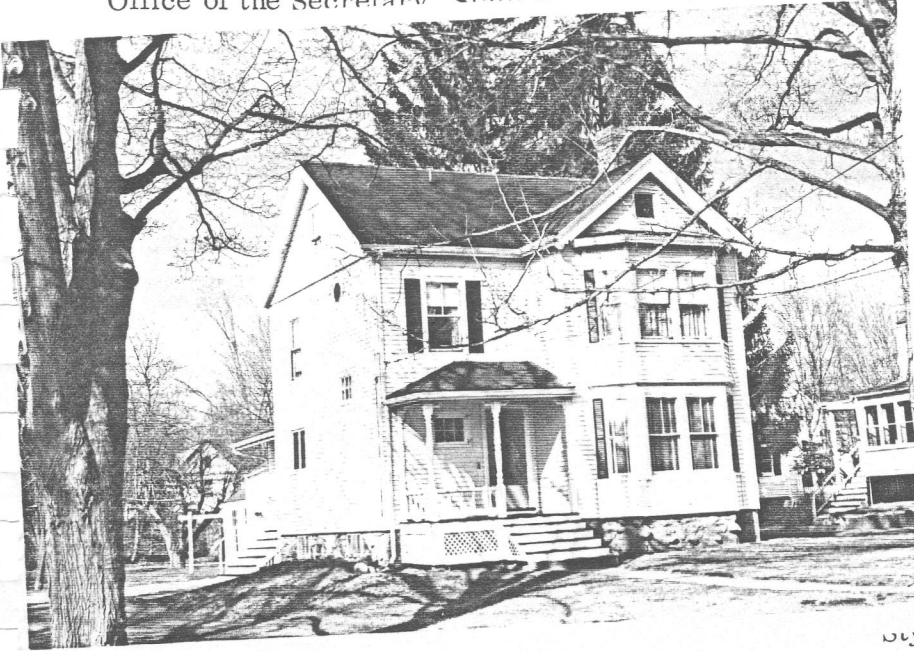


FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary State House



Location Lexington, MA

Address 38 Forest Street

Name William Glenn House

Present use Dwelling

Present owner George W. Glenn

Description:

Date c. 1885 1888

Source Minute man, Aug 17, 1888

Style Queen Anne

Architect William Glenn, builder.

Exterior wall fabric White clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) 2 connected sheds on back of house

Other features Queen Anne turned posts on porch. Fieldstone foundation. Cross gable extending forward from main block with 3 sided bay.

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 18600 ft² Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 90'

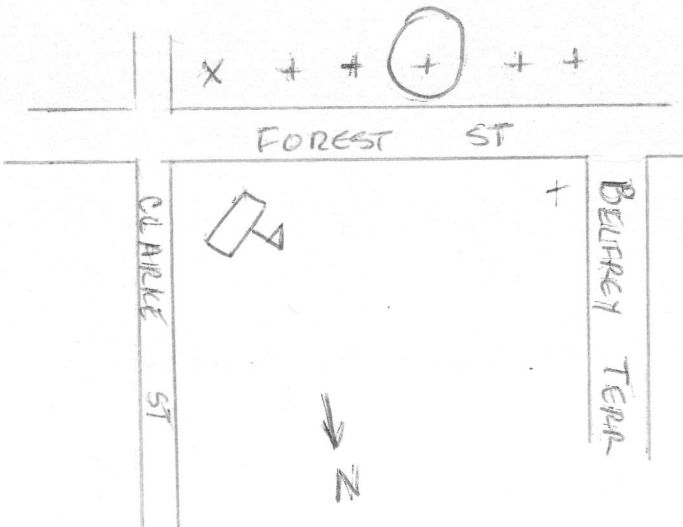
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by Anne Grady, Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William F. Glenn

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This house, ~~built by local carpenter Abram C. Washburn,~~ is a typical Vernacular cross-gable design with bay window and porch with turned posts.

This building remains in the family of the man who lived here in the 1880s. William Fish Glenn was born in ~~Ireland~~ in 1851. He became a resident of Lexington in 1871 and was a carpenter by trade, although the 1894 Directory indicates he also worked as a clerk. His grandson, who occupied the house in the twentieth century, was a meat dealer and the small building at the rear, now part of the residence, was originally a slaughterhouse.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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1894 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
38 FOREST STREET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

A brief mention in the *Lexington Minute-man* on August 17, 1888 noted that "Mr. William F. Glenn is building himself a house on Forest Street". William Fish Glenn was born in Nova Scotia in 1851 and came to Lexington in 1871. He was a carpenter and a Free Mason. Glenn died between 1918 and 1922 but his widow Clara continued to occupy the house into the 1930s.

The house remained in the Glenn family until 1993.

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