

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

LEX.D  
6/11/56

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Form numbers in this area <u>D1-D33</u>	Area no. <u>D</u>
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Lexington

Name of area (if any) Munroe Tavern  
Historic District

3. General date or period 1700-1900

4. Is area uniform (explain):  
in style? No

in condition? Yes

in type of ownership? no-town, rental, private

in use? schools, house museums residence

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.

See attached Town Engineers Map. of Munroe Tavern District, March 1966

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant _____ MHC Photo no. _____
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6. Recorded by Eliz. W. Reinhardt

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Date 9/23/75

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**7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.**

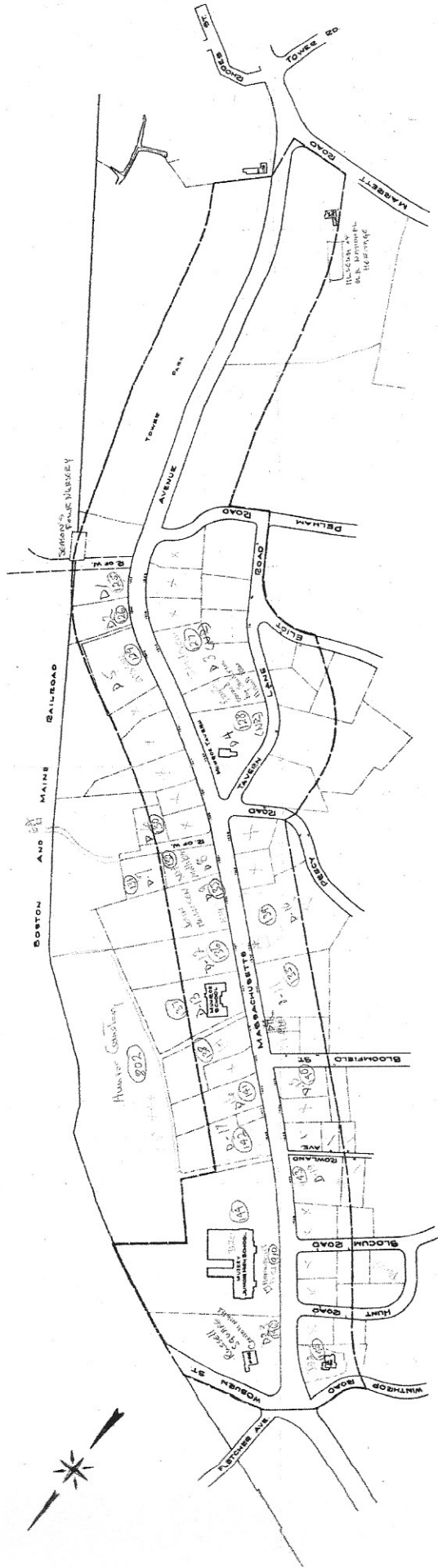
The Munroe Tavern historic district contains Lexington's oldest surviving structures (Sanderson House - D-3; Mason House D-5) both purportedly late 17th century, both much altered. On April 19, 1775, Earl Percy's relief force set up headquarters & a hospital at the Munroe Tavern. Percy deployed cannon on Munroe hill & further down the road on site of present Muzzey Jr. High School with which he covered the retreat of Capt. Smith's regulars. The retreating British burned houses along this stretch of road & killed crippled John Raymond as he defended Munroe Tavern having abandoned his own tavern now site of John Mulliken house.

This stretch of Mass. Ave. demonstrates Lexington's post. Revolutionary vitality (John Mulliken House - D9, 1795;) Nathaniel Mulliken house. D.8, 1799, moved to present location in 1890's; Sullivan Burbank Tufts house. D-14, 1808; Fitz-Burr Howland house-D-16, C.1810; Levi Mead - now D-17. 1795, with c 1830 addition). Later houses provide a case-book sampling of 19th & early 20th century vernacular styles.

**8. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.**

J. G. Hales Maps of Lexington - 1830  
 Chas. Hudson - History of Lexington  
 (Survey maps - 1853-1876)

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MUNROE TAVERN HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1"=200' MARCH 1968

JOHN J. QUINN, INC.  
 ENGINEERS

# INVENTORY FORM A CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

MUNROE TAVERN

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Area Letter Form Nos.

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## Munroe Tavern District Data Sheet of Inventoried Properties

THIS AREA FORM ONLY LISTS PROPERTIES FOR WHICH THERE IS AN MHC-APPROVED BUILDING FORM, IDENTIFIED BY NUMBER IN THE FAR RIGHT COLUMN. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF PROPERTIES IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS, CONTACT THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION.

Assessor's Map	Resource	Address	Style	Date	MHC #
39-54	Herbert Connors House	2 Bloomfield Street	Dutch Colonial	1926	1986
39-55	James Phillips House	10 Bloomfield Street	Dutch Colonial	1926	1987
39-8	House	3 Eliot Road	Colonial Revival	1928	2004
39-79	Stephen Robbins Homestead	1295 Massachusetts Avenue	Georgian	1716	125
39-78	Charles Barrett House	1299 Massachusetts Avenue	Georgian	c. 1750	126
39-76A	John Mason House	1303 Massachusetts Avenue	Georgian	c. 1715	129
39-3D	Sanderson House	1314 Massachusetts Avenue	Georgian	1689?	127
39-5	Munroe Tavern	1332 Massachusetts Avenue	Georgian/First Period?	1735	128
39-71	William H. Munroe-Capt. Colson House	1357 Massachusetts Avenue	Greek Revival	1853?	130
39-67	James S. Munroe House	1359 Massachusetts Avenue	Shingle Style	1893?	131
39-66	Nathaniel Mulliken – Warren Sherburne House	1361 Massachusetts Avenue	Georgian	After 1798	132
39-65A	John Mulliken House	1377 Massachusetts Avenue	Georgian	1795	133
39-63	Clifford Pierce House	1387 Massachusetts Avenue	Colonial Revival with some Shingle Style features	1911	136
39-62	Munroe Primary School - Munroe Junior High School	1403 Massachusetts Avenue	Craftsman	1904	137
39-52	John L. Norris House	1404 Massachusetts Avenue	Queen Anne	1889	135
39-61B	Col. Sullivan Burbank – Francis Tufts House	1415 Massachusetts Avenue	Federal	1808	138
39-58	John L. Norris-William H. Mason House	1430 Massachusetts Avenue	Italianate	c. 1875	140
39-60A	Samuel Russell House	1433 Massachusetts Avenue	Federal	1810-1820	141
48-278	Abel Chandler Grocery Store-Levi Read House	1445 Massachusetts Avenue	Federal/Greek Revival (ell)	c. 1795	142
40-40A	Benjamin Fitch House	1454 Massachusetts Avenue	Colonial Revival	1906	143
48-276	Muzzey Sr. – Jr. High School	1475 Massachusetts Avenue	Colonial Revival	1902	144

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48-14A/B/C	F. Foster Sherburne House	1508 Massachusetts Avenue	Colonial Revival	1891	145
39-15A	House	4 Percy Road	Craftsman	1916	2010
39-51B	Warren E. Sherburne House	11 Percy Road	Queen Anne	1893	134
48-277	Munroe Cemetery	Behind 1475 Mass. Avenue		1831	802
48-276	Granite Cannon Monument	1475 Massachusetts Avenue		1884	910
39-53	British Retreat Marker	1412 Massachusetts Avenue		1812	911
	Triangle Marker	Massachusetts Avenue, Woburn Street, Fletcher Road		1920	942