

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02108

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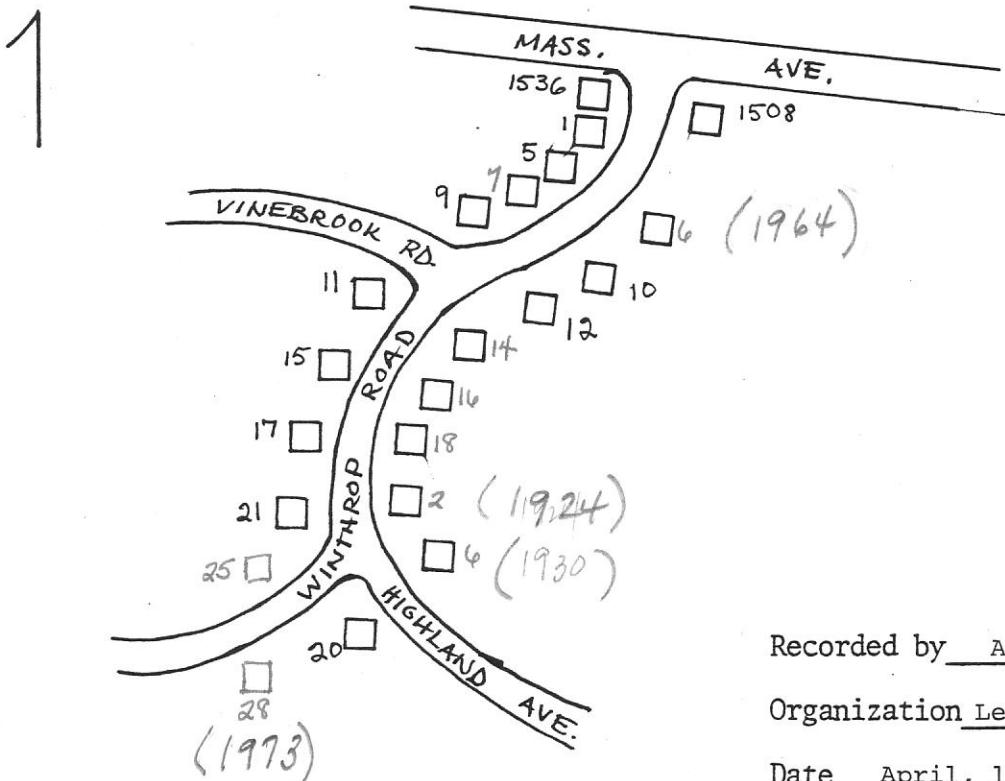


Lexington

f area (if any) Winthrop Road

l date or period 1890-1910

Sketch map. Draw a general 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) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

Winthrop Road rises gently from Massachusetts Avenue and, making a slight curve, joins Highland Avenue as though it was a continuation of that street. The actual westerly end of Winthrop Road, put in later in the twentieth century, is a road which turns to the west at the beginning of Highland Avenue.

There are over a dozen substantial houses in late nineteenth century and early twentieth century picturesque styles on the portion of Winthrop Road laid out in 1894. The house at 10 Winthrop Road is one of the most interesting Shingle Style dwellings in Lexington. The house at 1508 Massachusetts Avenue is an elegant composition of curved bays and expansive porches accented with dormers with semicircular pediments. It was probably designed by the same architect (Samuel D. Kelley) who designed two other buildings for the Sherburne family (one is at 276 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston; the other at 11 Percy Road, Lexington, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places). Houses at 1,

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

The land in the area of Winthrop Road was the part of the farm of Benjamin Merriam in the eighteenth century. Merriam's house, since moved to Woburn Street, was entered by the retreating British on April 19, 1775 and he suffered losses of £223. In the nineteenth century, the land passed to John Viles. Viles' daughter, Mary, inherited the property. She married Benjamin F. Tenney, a stockbroker, in 1860, and in 1893 they had David Tuttle, local contractor, build them the house at 1536 Massachusetts Avenue. Their daughter, Maud, married Frank Foster Sherburne, a member of the firm of Eastabrook and Company and a trustee of the Lexington Savings Bank. Sherburne's family had been summer residents of Lexington for a number of years, and about this time other members of the family took up permanent residence in the Percy Road area.

F.F. Sherburne and his wife built a large house adjacent to her parents' at 1508 Massachusetts Avenue in 1891. The local paper noted on August 3, 1894, "Mr. F.F. Sherburne has opened up a street on the old Viles place recently purchased by him, which enters Main Street between his and Tenney's house. He proposed to connect the street to Highland Avenue. The land opened up by this street is high and offers unusual advantages for building lots." The street was evidently intended to be on a lesser scale a haven for commuters similar to the Munroe Hill and Meriam Hill neighborhoods, and the same kind of substantial homes were built here. Construction did not proceed very quickly. By 1898 only four houses had been built. By 1906, however, most of the beginning of the street was built up.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Lexington	Form No: M
Property Name: Winthrop Road	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

5, 9, and 17 Winthrop Road, built before 1898, are in the Lexington tradition of Shingle Style vernacular structures with Queen Anne elements.

Both of Lexington's most prominent local late nineteenth century builders built houses here: David Tuttle, 1508 and 1536 Massachusetts Avenue; and Abram C. Washburn, 9 Winthrop Road. (All three were very likely built from architect's designs.)

At least four houses were designed by Willard Brown, Lexington's highly original local early twentieth century architect. Brown's houses here exhibit his Arts and Crafts/Shingle Style leanings (#20), and his early twentieth century rational/prairie style (#11, 15), as well as his Colonial Revival Style design (one of the houses between #12 and #18).

Although mid-twentieth century houses have been built on several lots, the architectural integrity of the area remains substantial.

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1852 map

1875 atlas

1889 atlas

1906 atlas

1887 Directory

1894 Directory

1899 Directory

1906 Directory

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Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
WINTHROP ROAD

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

Area(s) Form No.

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## DATA SHEET AREA M WINTHROP ROAD

MHC #	Address	Name	Style	Architect/Builder (if known)	Date
145	1508 Mass. Ave.	F. Foster Sherburne House	Colonial Revival	David A. Tuttle/ S.D. Kelley?	1891
2	1536 Mass. Ave.	Benjamin F. Tenney House	Colonial Revival		1893
1	1 Winthrop Road		Italianate/Colonial Revival		c.1880 (moved here in 1920s)
466	5 Winthrop Road	Walter R. Champney House	Shingle Style		1894
	7 Winthrop Road	Herbert L. Norris House	Colonial Revival		1904
467	9 Winthrop Road	Walter Luke House	Colonial Revival	Abram C. Washburn	1894
468	10 Winthrop Road	A.E. Watson House	Shingle Style		1900
469	11 Winthrop Road	Henry Piper House	Colonial Revival/Craftsman	Willard D. Brown?	1905
470	12 Winthrop Road	Frederic Galloupe House	Colonial Revival		1894
	14 Winthrop Road	Oscar Patch House	Colonial Revival		1903
471	15 Winthrop Road	J. Chester Hutchinson House	Colonial Revival/Craftsman	Willard D. Brown T.H. O'Connor, bldr.	1905
	16 Winthrop Road	James Clahane House		Abram C. Washburn	1907
472	17 Winthrop Road	Walter Wheeler Rowse House	Shingle Style/Queen Anne	Hawkins & Mitchell, bldrs.	1895-6
	18 Winthrop Road	Frank Locke House	Colonial Revival		1906
473	20 Winthrop Road	Harold Lamont House	Craftsman	Willard D. Brown	1915
474	21 Winthrop Road	Arthur F. Turner House	English Revival		1900
	25 Winthrop Road	William Smith House	Colonial Revival		1906

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