

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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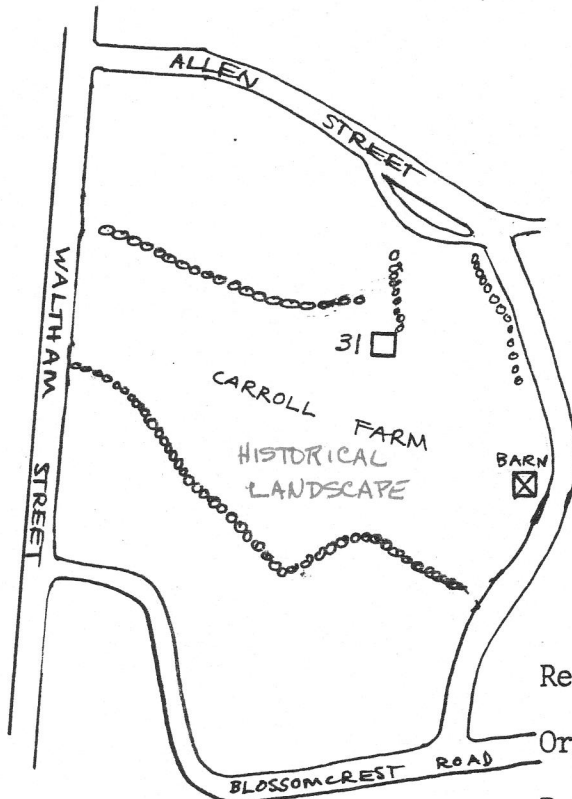
Lexington

of area (if any) Carroll Farm

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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).

The Carroll Farm is significant as one of the few areas of open farmland remaining in Lexington. Although it is no longer farmed as such, aside from the raising of a few head of cattle, its open fields enhance the rural character of this part of Lexington, particularly Allen Street (see Allen Street area form). Furthermore, the large three-by-five bay barn directly across from 56 Allen Street has a bridal joint at the ridge pole and thus, as one of the few remaining early nineteenth century barns in Lexington, is architecturally significant in its own right.

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

The land now comprising the Carroll Farm, whose farmhouse is at 31 Allen Street, was originally associated with the Munroe-Roberts/^{Frost} farmhouse at 56 Allen Street (see form). It is plausible that the barn may have been built about the same time as this latter house, tentatively dated at 1811, although the barn does not have the same profile as one nearby that was definitely built in 1816 (see 92 Blossomcrest Street form). The Carrolls bought the field and barn from Moses H. Roberts at least 60 years ago and the barn, which now houses cows, has a sign on the west gable end reading "CARROLL BROS." and is known as the Carroll barn.



BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES