



Spring Street (next to 187 Spring Street)

Theodore Parker Birthplace

l Owner Parker Family

Owner Warren W. Fox (owner of 187 Spring Street)

nstructed 1865

icated November 17, 1865

Smith, A.B., "Kite End," 1891.

of Date Proc. Lex. Hist. Soc. II(1900):103

r or Sculptor \_\_\_\_\_

al or group responsible for monument than owner \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved\* Altered \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None \_\_\_\_\_

MONUMENT endangered by: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other \_\_\_\_\_

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: Birth Place of Theodore Parker 1810

DESCRIPTION\*\*

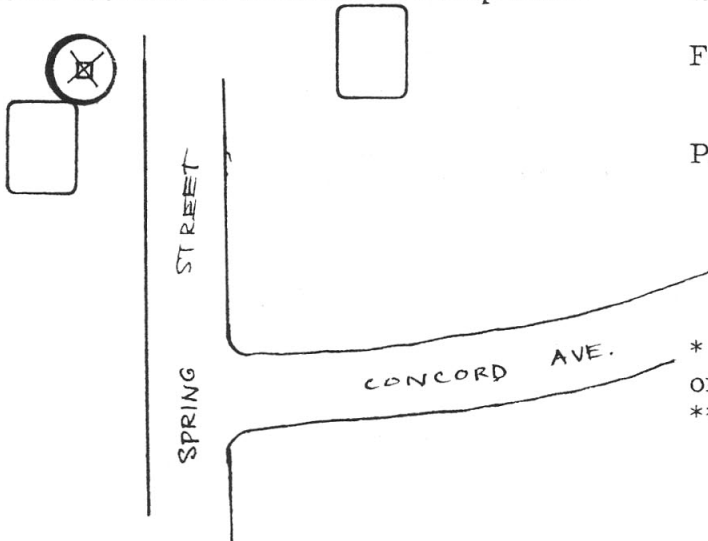
Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material \_\_\_\_\_

Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other \_\_\_\_\_

Setting (surroundings) Front lawn of residence; on busy street across from other residences.

Size (approximate) 3-feet by 3-feet by 4-feet

Indicate location of monument on map below



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For Lexington Historical Commission  
(Name of Organization)

Photo 1984-2-34 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

\* If the monument has been moved, indicate the original location on the reverse side.

\*\* Describe the monument on the reverse side.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION C SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DEF 'N OF MONUMENT

The monument is a simple marker with the inscription cited on the obverse of this form carved in relief on the face.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

Theodore Parker (1810-1860) is one of Lexington's most famous residents, though he only lived there during his youth. He became nationally famous as a Unitarian minister and transcendentalist, a social reformer, and an abolitionist. This monument marks the site of the first Parker homestead, built about 1710 and taken down in 1843; at least part of the foundation (perhaps the chimney footings) is about three feet beneath ground surface under or near this monument (see 187 Spring Street and Parker Homestead Historic Archeologic Site forms).

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

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