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Title: Lincoln Buildings Surveys - Massachusetts Historical Commission

Creator: Lincoln Historical Commission

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Scope and Content:

The Lincoln Historical Commission has compiled the Massachusetts Historical Commission's "Form A: Area" and "Form B: Building" since the early 1960s until present. These inventory forms describe Lincoln historical houses, areas, sites, and structures. They also include information such as the address and historic name of the site, its uses, date of construction, sources for information, style, architectural/ construction information, input of outbuildings, major alterations, general condition, acreage, and setting. Some surveys provide a complete architectural description and historic narrative, which discusses the history of the site, traces the building's lineage, and gives the biography and role of the owner within the community.

The style of the forms has changed over time. The "Form B: Structural Survey" has been completed for some structures, and this form addresses architectural information in more detail. Some files contain photographs and other documentation. Other buildings such as the Codman Estate and Farm (the Grange) have been recommended and/or accepted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The collection is arranged in folders alphabetically by street names. The historic names of the owners are listed first prior to the name of the street.

Modern houses in Lincoln surveyed by the Friends of Modern Architecture-Lincoln (FoMA) are listed alphabetically by street on pages 22-32. New building surveys will periodically be added to the collection after they have been completed.

Biographical/Historical Background:

The Lincoln Historical Commission is responsible for community-wide preservation issues and for proposing additional properties, which could be added to the local Historic Districts or recommended to the National Register of Historic Places. This Commission also oversees the Demolition Delay By-Law.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) was established by the legislature in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. The Commission consists of 17 members appointed from various disciplines who serve as the State Review Board for state and federal preservation programs. The Commission is chaired by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. In 2012, this was William Francis Galvin. The professional staff of the Commission includes historians, architects, archaeologists, geographers, and preservation planners. The state's preservation programs are administered through MHC's Preservation Planning, Grants, and Technical Services Divisions. The MHC is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer as well as the office of the State Archaeologist.

Sources:

Website of the Lincoln Historical Commission: <http://www.lincolntown.org/depts/historic.htm>

Website of the Massachusetts Historic Commission:
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhcabout.htm>

Information about Access:

In-Library Use Only. Original surveys and photos available in Archives; Photocopies available in Reference Room.

Finding Aid and Inventory available in print form.

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