

FORM B - BUILDING

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

SECTION - A

Town Lincoln

Address ¹⁷ Weston Road *Pl - Lin*

Name John H. Pierce House

Present use meeting and function facility; caretaker's residence

Present owner Town of Lincoln

Description:

Date 1900

Source Assessors' Records

Style Georgian Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) -

Other features balustraded (with urns) hip roof with dormers; 3 chimneys; Ionic columned porches with balustrade; 3 columned porticoes modillions; 2 stories; 4 Ionic pilasters and central pavilion

Altered - Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 2700'

Approximate distance of building from street

 120'

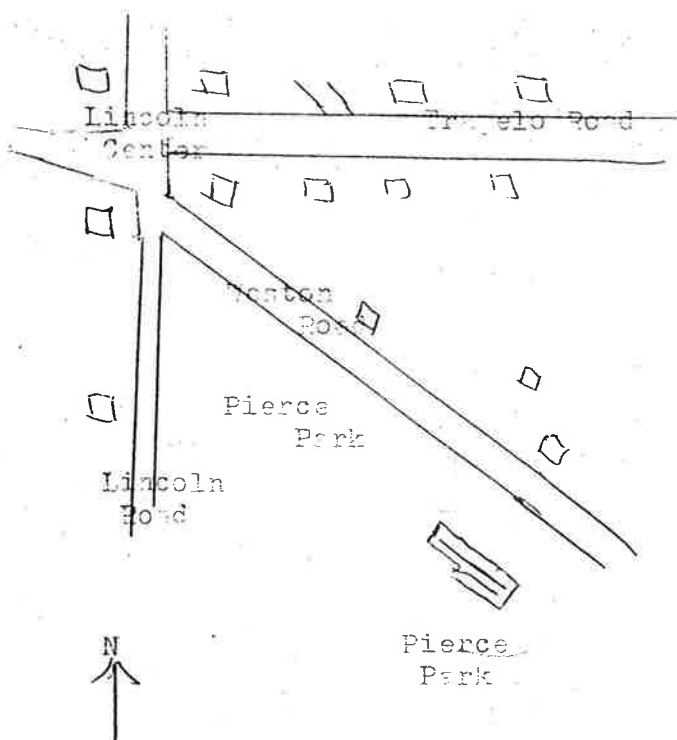
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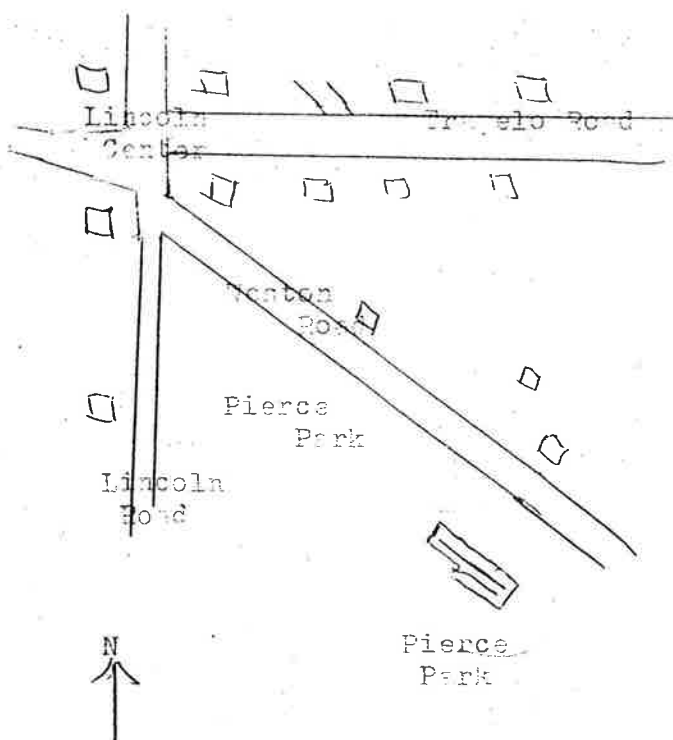
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7. Original owner (if known) John Howard Pierce (1830-1910) broker, bookkeeper
gent. farmer

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates meeting and function facility since c. 1964

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> X </u>	Recreation	<u> X </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u> X </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> X </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Community development	<u> X </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

John H. Pierce's ancestors had been from Lincoln and family members had owned and farmed the land on which he built this house for over a century. In 1899 (2763:275) Pierce acquired the land on which he built the house from his brother, and subsequently added further acreage. In 1900 he built a rectangular, hip-roofed Georgian Revival house with a side-extension, situated well back from the road. The house of Pierce's retirement estate exemplified the Revival style as it was based heavily upon the 1759 Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House in Cambridge. Even in many of its details, the primary unit of the Pierce House is very similar to the Cambridge house, however there are also differences which make the houses distinctive. The house became a prominent estate property in the center of Lincoln.

When John H. Pierce died in 1910 his will (second series #84815) instructed that the house and farm were to go to the Town of Lincoln when his daughter, Elsie Pierce, died--which occurred in 1926. The town later gave John's son, Robert M. Pierce, and Robert's wife, Grace (who died in 1964), a life tenancy in the house. While John had intended the property for hospital care, since 1964 it has been used for meetings, weddings and such. It is situated in a town owned park of over 25 acres (Pierce Park) which is an important feature of the Lincoln community. Income from Pierce funds support the upkeep of the property and medical-nursing care activities.

FEATURES, cont.

front and rear; front lunette in tympanum, entry has side pilasters, transom window, modillioned semi-elliptical head; rear entry Palladian window over porticoed entry with side lights

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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