

## 7, 5 and 8-14 Lexington Avenue (circa 1840-48)

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7, 5 Lexington Avenue

1980s

Lexington Avenue is a narrow alley-like service passageway. On both sides of the Avenue are an altered but interesting enclave of modestly scaled wood frame Greek Revival and Italianate vernacular houses.



Lexington Avenue, from Bunker Hill Street, 2015



7, 5 Lexington Avenue

2016



8- 14 Lexington Avenue

2016

Original owner: Samson Warren?

Built circa the 1840s, the houses of Lexington Avenue date from the earliest phase of development of the Bunker Hill Monument Association's 115-lot tract on Breeds Hill. This tract's house lots were sold at auction beginning in 1839. The lots bordering Lexington, Monument, and Concord Streets were built first, with modestly scaled, wood frame workers houses. The mansions on Monument Square date to 1847-1870s.

Lexington Avenue and Concord Avenue were evidently set out to serve as service alleys and to be the location of the development's most modest housing. Evidently Sampson Warren was the owner of all the houses bordering Lexington Avenue, from Bunker Hill Street to number 11 Lexington Avenue (which is no longer extant). Further research is needed on Sampson Warren.

Bibliography:

Maps-1818, 1852

Atlases-1868, 1875, 1885, 1892, 1901, 1911

Mallory panoramic view, 1848

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