

## 7 Concord Avenue (circa mid-1840s)

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7 Concord Avenue

1980s

Number 7 Concord Avenue is a two-story wood frame Greek Revival house. It has a three bay main façade, a side hall plan,

and is covered with wood shingles, replacing the original clapboards. The building has a gable roof with return eaves.

Entrance enframements consist of simple pilasters with blocks at the base corners. The entrance was originally open, and is surmounted by a cornice-headed entablature. The windows are fully enframed with raised outer moldings and have 2/2 wood sash. There is only one window on the east wall and there are two windows on the west wall; there is a single window at the attic level.



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2016

Original owner: Sampson Warren?

This solid, straightforward Greek Revival house with its wonderfully primitive entrance enframements is tucked away behind the mansions bordering the northeast side of Monument Square. It is situated at the corner of two narrow passageways, rather deceptively called avenues, Concord Avenue and Lexington Avenue.

This house was built circa 1845. The property is difficult to more specifically date via deeds because it was part of the extensive real estate holdings of Sampson Warren, and listings in mid-19th century Middlesex grantee indexes are too extensive for Warren. Further detective work is needed to untangle this property's deed chronology. Its land appears as lot number 94 on the Bunker Hill Monument Association's 115 lot tract, on a plan dated September 25, 1839. Unfortunately the Mallory Panoramic View of 1848 falls just short of showing this house's site. The 1868 Sanborn Atlas indicates that a one-story shed attached to the rear ell of 2 Lexington Street occupied this site.

The present house first appears on this lot in 1875, labeled Sampson Warren. The house was part of a multi-lot parcel owned by Warren, encompassing most of the houses in the block bordered by Lexington Street, Concord Avenue (here called Monument Lane), Lexington Avenue and Bunker Hill Street.

Sampson Warren was, for over 55 years, a resident of Charlestown. For many years he lived at 10 Lexington Street. He was a native of Littleton, Massachusetts. He came to Charlestown at age 19. He initially worked at Abel Barker's grocery store on Henley Street, and later was self-employed in a grocery store at the corner of Winthrop and Warren Streets. For thirty-three years he was associated with the business

(grocery?) of Henry Atkins and Company. He was a partner of this firm from 1874-1892.

This house remained under Warren family ownership until 1912.

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