

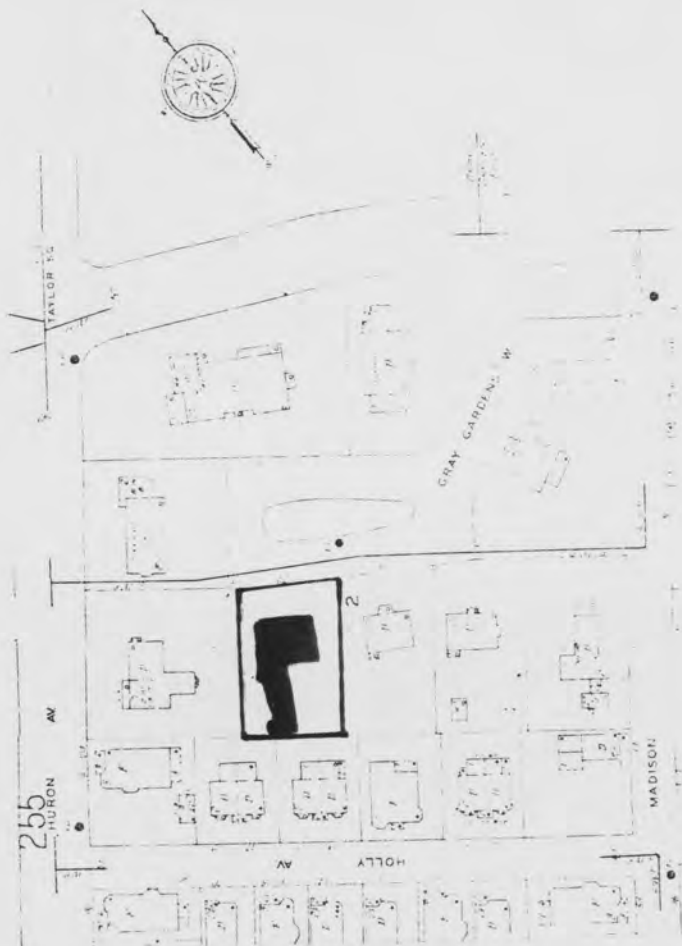
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb.	OC IIB2



4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north. 1099-13



ASSESSOR # 227-89

Cambridge
ess 20 Grey Gardens West Street
e Hall Tavern
ent use residential
ent owner Joseph C. and Lee T. Robbins
ription:
probably late 1790s
ource
e Federal/Late Georgian

Architect unknown
Exterior wall fabric wood
Outbuildings (describe) -----
Other features basically a Federal structure with High Georgian residual features, e.g. Doric entablature.
Altered foundation, Date 1930
chimney, steps probably rebuilt
Moved Yes Date 1930

5. Lot size:
One acre or less ☒ Over one acre
Approximate frontage 70 feet
Approximate distance of building from street
25 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
Date 1964

UTM - LEXINGTON
19/324670/4694260

7. Original owner (if known) not known

Original use residential/commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Number 20 Gray Gardens West is a Federal structure with Georgian features. The Doric entablature and pilasters frame the elliptical doorway. The doorframe itself is Federal in style. Wide corner boards are scored and painted to **simulate** quoins. Use of shingles for wall surface **gives** the house a delightful provincial quality, reinforced by the 12 over 12 windows and heavy sills.

The building, a former tavern, was moved to its present location from Duxbury in 1930, and restored by architect Clarence W. Brazier.

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: HALL TOWER (Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 1-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/17/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN 4/13/82
☐ REJECT

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

photos 1
maps _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

No statement of significance, no justification for eligibility, no context

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Braverman
Discipline Arch. / As
Date 4.2.82
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS Reference

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Patrick Andres

Signed Brashaw Date 4/2/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb.	OC IIB2

1. Town Cambridge

Address 20 Grey Gardens West Street

Name Hall Tavern

Present use residential

Present owner Joseph C. and Lee T. Robbins

3. Description:

Date probably late 1790s

Source _____

Style Federal/Late Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features basically a Federal structure with High Georgian

residual features, e.g. Doric entablature.

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6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1964

UTM - LEXINGTON

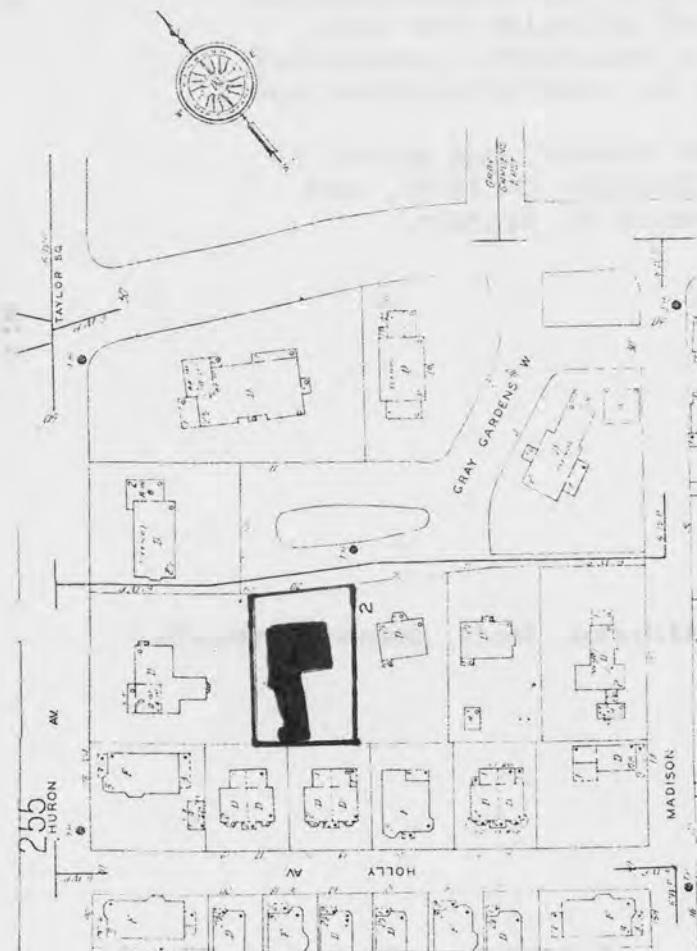
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Assessor #227-89

7. Original owner (if known) not known

Original use residential/commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
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Community development	_____				

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

Number 20 Gray Gardens West is a Federal structure with Georgian features. The Doric entablature and pilasters frame the elliptical doorway. The doorframe itself is Federal in style. Wide corner boards are scored and painted to ~~simulate~~ quoins. Use of shingles for wall surface **gives** the house a delightful provincial quality, reinforced by the 12 over 12 windows and heavy sills.

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

Community:	Old Cambridge	Form NO: OC II.B.2
Property Name: Hall Tavern		

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

The Hall Tavern-Cecil Fraser House at 20 Grey Gardens West was built in South Duxbury, Massachusetts, and moved to Cambridge in 1930. It is a two-story, five-bay, center entrance house with a hip roof and a central chimney. The style is Federal, with residual High Georgian details such as the Doric entablature and pilasters that frame the elliptical doorway and the wide corner boards that are scored and painted to resemble quoins. An elaborate cornice molding includes diminutive trumpet corbels used like dentils. The shingled wall surface is an original detail. The house is unchanged from its original appearance in Duxbury.

This house is one of several Georgian and Federal period houses in Cambridge that were moved for restoration purposes in the 1920s, an indication of the regard with which houses of this period were then held. Demolition of such houses, which occurred frequently in Cambridge and elsewhere between 1890 and 1920, led to the founding of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. Among the houses that were moved for restoration at that time are the John Palmer House, moved from 45 Brattle Street to 11 Hawthorne Street in 1926 (Old Cambridge N.R.D.), and the Edward Marrett House, moved to Manchester, Massachusetts, also in 1926. The area to which the house was moved, Grey Gardens, was a real estate subdivision of 1922 that "provides the best illustration in the city of the domestic architecture of the 1920s".* The majority of the buildings on the 8 1/2 acre tract were built between 1922 and 1930, and all are Georgian Revival. The Hall Tavern is, not surprisingly, the most authentic and sophisticated of the lot.

The Hall Tavern meets Criterion C as significantly representative of its type and period. The move in 1930 took place over fifty years ago, and the house has gained additional significance in its new site.

*Report Four: Old Cambridge of the Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, p. 54.

Cecil Fraser was responsible for moving the house from Duxbury, and lived in it afterwards; he was President of the Buckingham School (local, private, secondary school) and a dean of the Harvard Business School.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

101. Harvard Graduate Center **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

Ret 6/10/82Harvard102. Child, Francis J., House **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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Ret 6/10/82William H. Bracham 4.13.82103. Hill, Aaron, House **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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William H. Bracham 4.13.82104. Cook, William, House **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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William H. Bracham 4.13.82105. Building at 10 Follen Street **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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Ret 6/10/82William H. Bracham 4.13.82106. Hall Tavern **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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107. Cloverden (Mann House) **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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Ret 6/10/82Harvard108. The Fairfax **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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William H. Bracham 4.13.82109. Larches, The **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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Ret 6/10/82110. Holmes, Joseph, House **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceSubstantive ReviewHall Tavern (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MAWorking No. 11.14.80-2862Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84Date Due: 7/4/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/30/83☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☒
- resubmission
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- ☐
- nomination by person or local government
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- ☐
- owner objection
-
- ☐
- appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria acceptReviewer Mar. BuzDiscipline A.H.Date 6.30.83see continuation sheetNomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
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- ☐
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- ☐
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- clarity
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- ☐
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8. Significance

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Specific dates _____ Builder Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
☐ Photographs
☐ Other

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

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Cambridge MA, Ma

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Hell Tavern

20 Gray Gardens West St.

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N.R.D.

Hall Tabor

20 Gray Gardens West 38-14A

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275