

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
MID CAMB.	MC II B 21

1. Town Cambridge

Address 15-17 Lee Street

Name _____

Present use residential

Present owner Joseph Paul Pelletier
Melrose, MA

3. Description:

Date 1856

Source deed records

Style Italianate

Architect John Webber

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features two and one-half stories

with heavy overhang. Attic story al-

ternates windows and panels with balusters

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less xx Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 110'

Approximate distance of building from street

22'

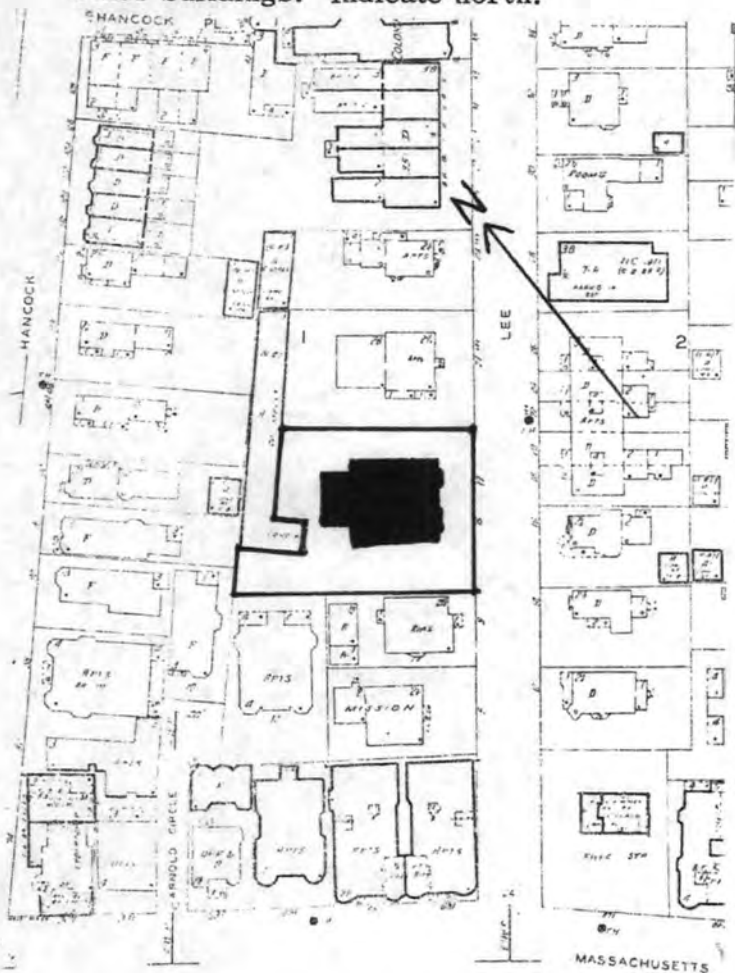
6. Recorded by E. MacDougall

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1966

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1107-37

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



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7. Original owner (if known) Warren Bacon, Lucius Stiles

Original use residential

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	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

Number 15-17 Lee Street is a large double house with heavy classical details and a cupola. It was built in 1856 and is an excellent example of a type of pattern book Italian villa not found elsewhere in Cambridge in original form. The house was designed by architect John Webber and built by Moses and Jedidiah Ricker, local carpenters.

Other features include quoins on the two lower stories supporting cornice below attic story, paired arched windows under large cornice on ground floor, and a large ornamented porch.

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

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 81. Buildings at 15-17 Lee St. *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Brasham 4.13.82
Attest _____
- 82. Eliot, Charles M., House *Substantive Review* Keeper Ret 6/10/82
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Attest Haward
- 83. Sanders, Charles Hicks, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Brasham 4.13.82
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Attest Retained eligible
- 84. Jones, William R., House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Tom M. Day 6.30.83
Attest _____
- 85. ^{House} Building at 16 Prescott St. *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Patrick Andrews 9/12/86
owner objection withdrawn **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** Attest Beth L. Saorge 9/12/86
- 86. Dexter, D. Gilbert, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Ret 6/14/82
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Attest Haward
- 87. Keen, Alden T., House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Ret 6/10/82
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Attest Haward
- 88. Bradbury, William F., House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Tom M. Day 6.30.83
Attest _____
- 89. Hyatt-Durant House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Ret 6/10/82
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Attest Haward
- 90. James, William, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Ret 6/10/82
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Attest Haward

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Buildings at 15-17 LEE STREET

Property: Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State, County: MA-Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/17/82
Action: ACCEPT 4/13/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

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

photos 1
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Italian villa example not found elsewhere in Cambridge in its original form

Recom./Criteria C
Reviewer Braham Arch
Discipline 4.2.82
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT 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 _____

Title _____ Date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275