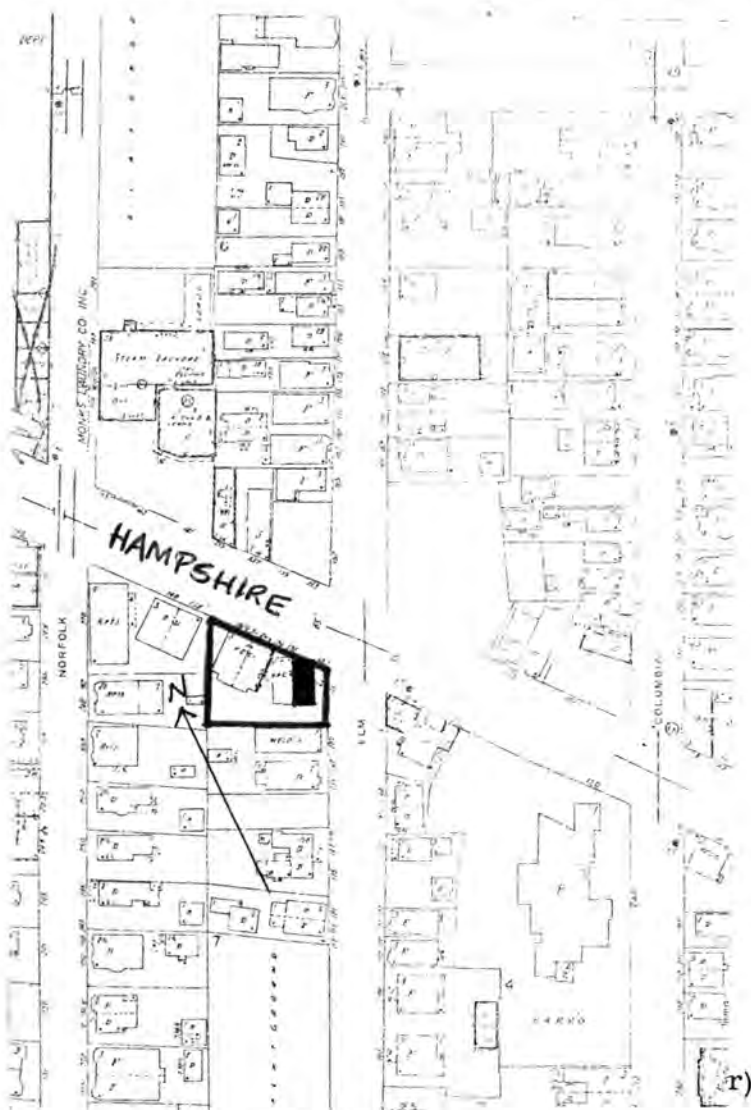


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
C'port	CPT IIC5

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1101-1A



ASSESSOR # 86-18

1. Town Cambridge

Address 145 Elm Street

Name Ivory Sands House

Present use residential

Present owner Dr. Edward Seldin

3. Description:

Date 1839

Source deed records

Style Late Federal - Greek Revival
influence

Architect anonymous

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Angled brick dentil

course at cornice; demi-lune window
in each gable.

Altered No Date ----

Moved No Date ----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre ----

Approximate frontage 50 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
12 feet

6. Recorded by Robert Rettig

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm

Date 1969

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7. Original owner (if known) Ivory Sands

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates ----

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	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)

The house at 145 Elm Street ~~was~~ the first of four brick houses built by the Sands family, who operated brickyard in Cambridge for over seventy years. The house is noteworthy historically for its association with the early brick industry, and architecturally as one of the few surviving Federal period brick houses in Cambridge.

The Sands family was involved in the Cambridge brick industry through the turn of this century. John and Ivory Sands first entered the trade in the 1830s, working at the claybeds on the Miller's River on Cambridge Street. These pits were among the first clay deposits to be commercially worked in Cambridge.

The Ivory Sands house is late Federal in form but shows the influence of the approaching Greek Revival in its high-pitched gable roof. The facade has a typical five-bay configuration with a center entrance reflecting the two-room, center hall plan. The window openings have sandstone lintels and sill,

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

an early use of this decorative material in Cambridge.

This building is discussed in Architectural History in Cambridge series, Report Three: Cambridgeport p. 50.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Read, Cheney, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

52. Reardon, Edmund, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

53. River Street Firehouse

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

54. Sands, Ivory, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

55. Senior House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION ✓

Keeper

Rejection 4.13.82

Attest

56. South Row

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Rejection 4.13.82

Attest

57. Urban Rowhouse (40-48 Pearl St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

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58. Urban Rowhouse (30-38 Pearl St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

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Attest

59. Urban Rowhouse (26-32 River St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Rejection 6.30.82

Attest

60. Valentine Soap Workers Cottages
(5-7 Cottage St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Rejection 6.30.82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Ivory Sands House (Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
 State, County: MA-Middlesex
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-P0-2862
 Fed. Reg. Date: _____
 Date Due: 4/17/82
 Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/13/82
 ☐ RETURN _____
 ☐ REJECT _____

photos 1
 maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

This building is locally significant for its historic association with the development of the brick industry in Cambridge and architecturally as one of the few Federal style brick houses in Cambridge.

Recom. / Criteria accept - A, C
 Reviewer Patrick Andrews WAB
 Discipline Historian
 Date 3/16/82
☐ 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	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		☐ 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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

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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Sards, Ivory House

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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