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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Irving Square Historic District

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number multiple

N/A not for publication

city, town Framingham

N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts

code 025

county Middlesex

code 017

3. Classification

Category

☒ district
☐ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process
☒ being considered

Status

☒ occupied
☒ unoccupied
☒ work in progress
Accessible
☐ yes: restricted
☒ yes: unrestricted
☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☒ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military
☐ museum
☐ park
☐ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name multiple; see attached property owners list

street & number

city, town

N/A vicinity of

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

street & number 208 Cambridge Street

city, town Cambridge

state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets
title of the Commonwealth

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1979

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission,

city, town Boston

state Massachusetts

7. Description Irving Square Historic District, Framingham, MA

Condition		Check one	Check one	
☒ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☒ original site	
☒ good	☐ ruins	☒ altered	☐ moved	date N/A
☐ fair	☐ unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Irving Square Historic District is located on the south side of the railroad tracks which bisect South Framingham. Encompassing approximately 7½ acres, the district includes twenty-one commercial buildings loosely grouped around the wide intersection of Irving and Hollis Streets and known as Irving Square. The majority of the buildings were erected between 1880 and 1930; most are brick structures standing one to four stories high and designed in the classical revival styles popular at the turn of the century.

The Odd Fellows Block (#13, photo #3), the first masonry commercial structure to be erected in Irving Square (and the first in Framingham), was built in 1876. Originally two stories plus a mansard roof, the building apparently burned in the 1920's. Its present appearance dates from a 1928 rebuilding. Little remains of the original facade. The brick window architraves of the east and west elevations are original, though the sash is early 20th century. The block was rebuilt as three stories with a flat roof and Neo-Classical facade. Ground floor storefronts have limestone piers and multi-light transoms. The centrally located main entrance is arched and accentuated by a copper marquee supported by chains attached to sculpted lions' heads. Windows have narrow arched lights in the upper sash, and a broad limestone cornice and frieze caps the facade.

Adjacent to the Odd Fellows Block is the two-story frame Eames Building (#12, photo #3). Constructed ca. 1885, the facade is faced in red brick. A brick arcade and granite belt course links the upper story fenestration. Ground floor storefronts have been altered.

The Winthrop Hotel (#16; photo #4) is another early building in the district. Built ca. 1882, it is a three-story frame building with a stucco facade. Storefronts and entrances are defined by quoined brick piers. The storefronts date from ca. 1910 and survive virtually intact: single large display windows are set between a double glass transom and brick panel. Upper story fenestration has splayed brick headers and rough-faced granite sills.

Other 19th century buildings include the four-story Tribune and Lewis Furniture Company Buildings which sit on opposite sides of Irving Street and are currently being rehabilitated (photo #2). Constructed in 1890, the Tribune Building (#5) is a five-bay brick structure with brownstone trim. The four storefronts have fluted cast-iron columns; brick piers with Richardsonian foliated caps of brownstone are found at the corners. Above the center entrance is a projecting curved sandstone panel containing the name and date of the building and richly embellished with foliated ornament. A bell-shaped tower over the center bay was removed within the past two decades. Circa 1920 a four-story, six-bay brick

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Quincy, MA 01608

RE: 390-398 Waverly St.,
Framingham, MA

Primpas Bros. Realty Trust
Charles & Louis Primpas, Tr.
48 Truman Highway
Milton, MA 02186

RE: 12 & 22-44 Irving St.,
Framingham

Primbune Realty Trust
Donald Power & Reynold
Graunas, Trs.
PO Box 13
Needham Hgts., MA 02194

RE: 46-82 Irving St.,
Framingham

Boston Edidon Company
300 Boylston St.
Boston, MA 02199
ATTN: J.P. Tyrrell

RE: 19 South St.,
Framingham, MA

Chauncy S. Perry
105 Greenwood Lane
Waltham, MA 02154

RE: 90-94 Irving St.,
Framingham, MA

Laura J. Connery
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Framingham, MA 01701

RE: 100-04 Irving St.

Irving St. Realty Co.
113 Irving St.
Framingham, MA 01701
ATTN: Richard Shiff- &
Richard Wells

RE: 100-03 Irving St.

Charles & Roy Edwards
Roy Charles Irving Trust
1235 Furnace Brook Pkwy
Quincy, MA

RE: 73-81 Irving St.
Framingham, MA

Hyman B. Sokolov
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Framingham, MA 01701

RE: 30-38 Hollis St.

Hollis St. Trust
Herbert & Stanley Strachman
Tr.
62 Hollis St.
Framingham, MA 01701

RE: 56-68 Hollis St.

John & Ruth Henry
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Sharon, MA

RE: 78-84 Hollis St.
Framingham

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Edward H., Donald C., &
Natalie Kneale, Tr.
55 Ridge Farm Rd.
Wellesley, MA 02181

RE: 73 Hollis St.
Framingham

Carolyn Corporation
c/o Stanley Epstein, Esq.
131 State St.
Boston, MA 02101

RE: 49-63 Hollis St.
Framingham

Getzemani Defenders of the
Christian Faith Church,
Inc.
45 Hollis St.
Framingham, MA 01701

RE: 45 Hollis St.

Adelina Laporta
654 Waverly St.
Framingham, MA 01701

RE: 37 Hollis St.

Paul S. Gass, Tr.
Beaumont Realty Trust
10 Colonial Drive
Framingham, MA 01701

RE: 23-25 Hollis St.

Victor & Frieda Masciarelli
43 Hollis St.
Framingham, MA 01701

RE: 43 Hollis St.

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structure was built onto its north elevation (Victory Building; #4). The ground level contains storefronts (altered) between square piers that terminate in square panels embellished with urn and foliate ornament. The rest of the facade is clad in cast stone. Double and triple windows fill each bay (the former may be a later replacement), and the building is capped by a projecting cornice and stepped parapet.

Across the street is the Lewis Furniture Company Building (#11) which was erected in two sections. The northern section, consisting of three bays clad in yellow brick, was built in 1897-98. Multi-paned transoms and an iron egg and dart cornice survive at the storefront level. Three-story brick piers with curved edges define upper story bays, and the building is surmounted by an overhanging false roof with a modillioned and dentiled cornice. The facade fenestration was recently replaced. The southern section of the block was not built until 1928, following plans drawn up by Charles M. Baker in the Georgian Revival style. The right portion, which is four stories and three bays wide, connects through to the 1897 building. The ground floor has iron storefronts with multi-light transoms. The left portion, though five stories, is no higher than the rest of the block. Its second story windows are round-arched with molded wooden fans, and the structure is surmounted by a pediment. The entire addition is faced in red brick with fluted pilasters, lintels, sills and cornices of cast stone.

Circa 1898 the Beaumont Building (#21) was built overlooking the square. Access to the two-story brick structure is gained by means of a recessed classical entrance constructed of wood. Both the iron storefront lintel and the limestone cornice are embellished with egg and dart ornament.

Among the more striking structures in the district is the Classical Revival Bullard Building (#2; photo #1). Erected in 1906, the two-story brick and limestone block wraps around its corner site on Waverly and Irving Streets. Window architraves and the centrally placed round nameplate are encrusted with foliate ornament.

An equally distinctive Classical Revival building was built by the West Boston Gas Company in 1927-28 (#10; photo #2). Charles Baker, architect of the Lewis Furniture Company Building next door, designed this brick and cast stone block. Large display windows flanked by engaged Ionic columns and capped by semi-circular fanlights dominate the facade. Between the columns sit four cast iron urns on pedestals.

Across the street is the Connery Building (#9). The two-story brick and limestone facade was added onto an earlier Second Empire residence in the late 1920's. Side and rear elevations of the house reveal the original scalloped slate roof, molded window caps and scroll brackets. Two-story additions on the south and east appear to be early 20th century.

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The one-story Neo-Classical block at 49-63 Hollis Street (#18) is typical of smaller neighborhood storeblocks built in the 1920's. Brick and concrete piers separate the seven storefronts; the piers terminate in panels ornamented with urns. Capping the one-story facade is a case stone parapet embellished with classical ornament, including free-standing urns, draped cloth and scrolls. A less ornate contemporary block with a decorative brick parapet stands at the western edge of the district (#16; photo #4).

8. Significance Irving Square Historic District - Framingham, MA

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☒ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1876-1938

Builder/Architect Charles M. Baker

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Irving Square Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. The district is significant for its associations with the development of South Framingham as the commercial and civic center of Framingham in the second half of the 19th century. It also embodies the distinctive characteristics of late 19th century and early 20th century commercial architecture of smaller urban communities and represents a distinguishable entity from that period. The Irving Square Historic District thus meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The development of Irving Square is directly related to the arrival of the Boston-Worcester railroad in South Framingham in 1834. At the time the railroad was laid out, civic, commercial and religious activity was concentrated in Framingham Center, located two miles farther north and strategically sited on the Boston and Worcester Turnpike (present-day Route 9) which opened in 1809. Though South Framingham was also located on a turnpike, the Central Turnpike (present-day Waverly Street) did not open until 1830, almost immediately meeting intense competition from the railroad.

In 1832 the village of South Framingham consisted of a meager cluster of buildings, containing a tavern, cider mill, shoe shop and less than a dozen houses. The initial plan for the railroad's path was to parallel the Boston and Worcester Turnpike through Framingham Center. However, strong opposition from the turnpike company and residents of the center caused the railbed to divert in a southerly direction and pass through South Framingham. The decision proved to be a momentous turning point for the town. As the midway point between Boston and Worcester, the South Framingham station became a busy resting spot and railroad juncture. Within two decades three branches leading to Milford, Framingham Center and Saxonville (a third village in the Town of Framingham) were operating out of the village, and South Framingham had become the base of residential, industrial and service-oriented development. By 1885 over 100 trains a day were passing through the village. The railroad bisected the village; the southern side of the tracks became known as Irving Square and the northern side Concord Square (potential National Register). Straddling the two areas is H. H. Richardson's railroad station, erected in 1886-87 (National Register), the second station to be built on the site.

The erection of the Odd Fellows Block (#13) in 1876 marked the first step

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Around the Station: The Town and the Train, Danforth Museum exhibition catalogue, 1978.
Hurd, D.H., History of Middlesex County, Mass., Philadelphia: J.W. Lewis Co., 1890.
Dewar, M.E. and Gilbert, M.J., ed., Framingham Historical Reflections, Framing-
ham, 1974
(con't)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Quadrangle name Framingham

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UMT References

A

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B

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Zone		Easting				Northing											

C

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Zone		Easting				Northing									

D

1	9	3	0	0	6	7	1	0	4	6	8	1	3	1	1	0	1	0
Zone		Easting				Northing												

E

Zone		Easting				Northing												

F

Zone		Easting				Northing												

G

Zone		Easting				Northing												

H

Zone		Easting				Northing												

Verbal boundary description and justification District boundaries are marked in red on accompanying planning board map. Boundaries were selected to include all pre-1940 commercial blocks in area south of railroad tracks and which are grouped around the square. The district specifically excludes a parking lot at the

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries (con't)

state MA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director, MHC, with
Elizabeth Durfee Hengen, Preservation Consultant

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date August, 1982

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Valerie Talmage

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Com. date Oct. 20, 1982

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Melvyn Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 11/30/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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toward the development of the physical character of present-day Irving Square. As the first brick block in town, the four-story building was a distinct departure from the two-to-three story wooden blocks that were erected along the tracks in the mid 19th century. The block's location, too, several hundred feet south of the station in a residential area, shifted the focus of commercial development from the station and railroad to the radiating streets.

In the late 19th century, two major rubber factories were established in South Framingham. Coupled with the construction of the new railroad station, Irving Square experienced a major building boom of brick commercial structures which lasted until the Depression.

In 1890 two major four-story brick blocks were erected. The Tribune Building (#5) was designed to house offices of the weekly Framingham Tribune newspaper which had begun circulation seven years earlier. The paper was supplemented in 1897 by the daily Framingham News, the forerunner of today's Middlesex News. News bulletins were mounted in the display windows of the building; particularly significant news transmitted by telegraph wire was posted as received, making the spot a local gathering point. The second floor was occupied by town offices until a town hall was built in Concord Square in 1927. For many years, town meeting was held in the large hall on the third floor. Perhaps more than any other event, the removal of town government from Framingham Center marked the acceptance of South Framingham as the new center of town. Shortly thereafter, the "south" was dropped.

The other major block of 1890 was the four-story Smith Block which stood at the southwest corner of Concord and Waverly Streets (demolished) and, at the time, was the largest block in town. Like other buildings of the period, stores occupied the ground floor, and offices and clubrooms the three upper floors. Joshua Smith, a local grain and coal merchant who erected the block, developed the adjacent site as well on which the Beaumont Building was erected ca. 1898 (#21).

The largest building project in the district occurred at the same time when Horatio Twombly erected two four-story blocks. The larger occupied the prominent corner site of Hollis and Irving Streets and was the first steel frame building in Framingham (demolished by fire in 1933). Just south on Irving Street is Twombly's second building known as the Lewis Furniture Company Building (#11) after the business that occupied it. The company later built the duopartite addition on the south (#11a). The north section was used for retail and warehouse space. The five-story southern section was designed as eleven apartments. The top floors of each opened through to the 1898 building, and the space was divided into a variety of furniture showrooms.

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Other noteworthy commercial blocks in the district include the Bullard Building (#2) which replaced the frame Waverly Block, destroyed by fire in 1903. The curved center storefront was designed for a drugstore; furniture showrooms, an express office and small shops were housed in the remaining space. The Eames Block (#12) has had a drugstore as its prime tenant since the building was constructed ca. 1883.

South Framingham's popularity as a train stop demanded overnight accommodations. The Winthrop Hotel (#17) opened its doors ca. 1882, advertising itself as convenient to the depot and offering gas light, steam heat and the finest dining room in town. By 1915 the hotel had declined into a rooming house, surpassed by larger, more elegant facilities such as the Hotel Kendall in Concord Square. The other extant hotel in the district is the Connery Inn (#9). In the 1910's the former Bullard House, an elegant Second Empire residence, was converted by Walter Connery into a lodging house. Connery added the Neo-Classical brick front section in the later 1920's, presumably for expanded dining space.

The Irving Square Historic District illustrates the growth of a mid-size commercial district that evolved over a sixty year period and which today remains in active use.

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Item #9.

Temple, J.H., History of Framingham, MA, Framingham, 1887
Town and county maps and atlases
Town directories

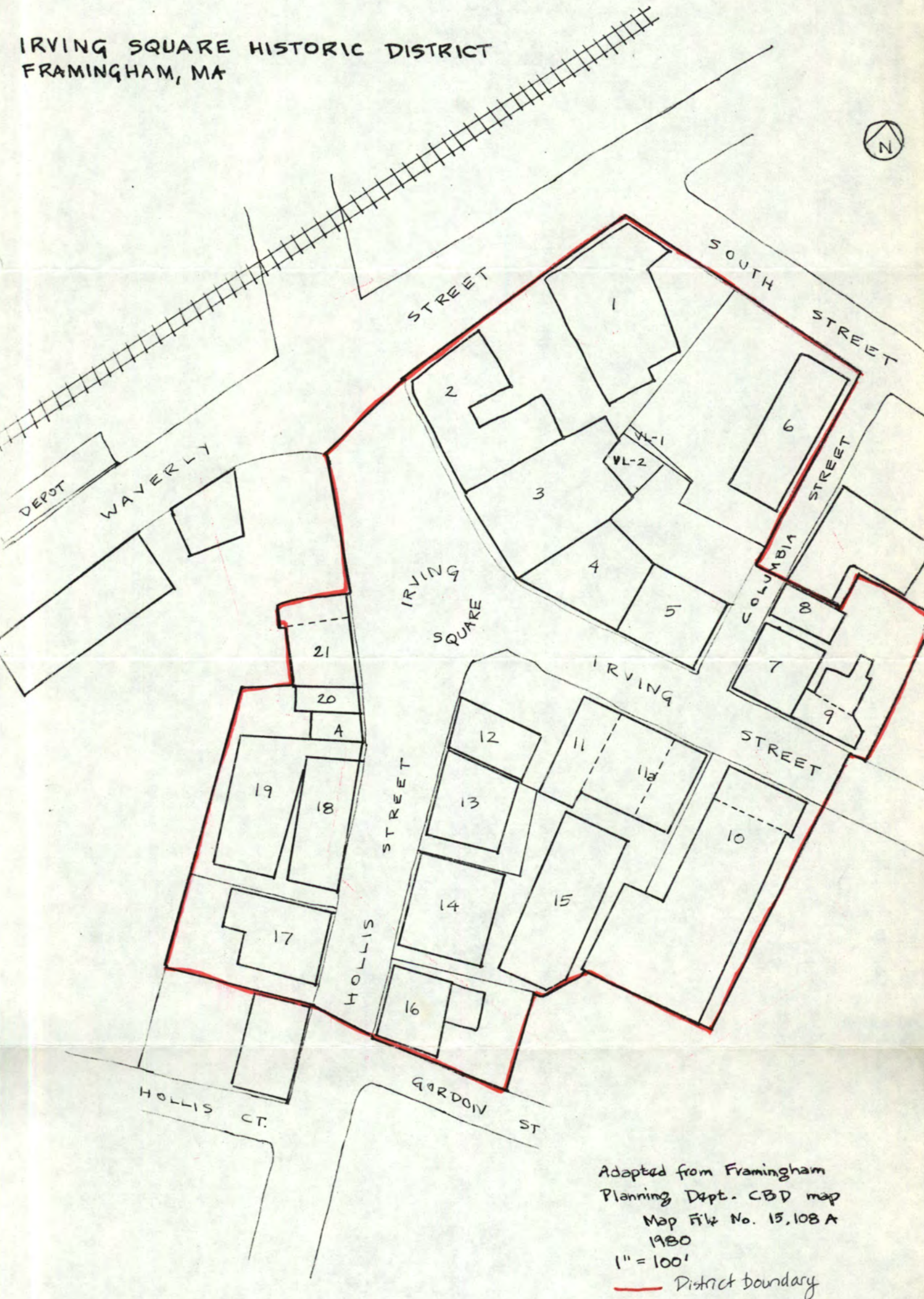
Item #10.

northwest corner, an altered commercial block north of Hollis Court and
an altered 1930's garage on Columbia Street.

MAP #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE	STYLE
1		390-398 Waverly Street	ca. 1910	
2	Bullard Building	12 Irving/410 Waverly Street	1906	Classical Revival
3	Porter Building	22-44 Irving Street	ca. 1919	(altered)
4	Victory Building		ca. 1920	Commercial
5	Tribune Building	46-82 Irving Street	1890	
6	Edison Electric Co. Bldg.	19 South Street	1912	Classical Revival
7	French Block	90-94 Irving Street	1890s	
8		7 Columbia Street	1890s	
9	Bullard House/Connery Bldg.	100-104 Irving Street	1870s/late 1920s	Second Empire/ Neo-Classical
10	West Boston Gas Co. Bldg.	101-103 Irving Street	1926/1927-8	Classical Revival
11,11a	Lewis Furniture Co. Bldg.	73-81 Irving Street	1897/1928	Neo-Classical/ Georgian Rev.
12	Eames Building	30-38 Hollis Street	ca. 1885	Richardsonian Romanesque
13	Odd Fellows Block	40-50 Hollis Street	1876/1928	Neo-Classical
14	The Trowbridge	56-68 Hollis Street	ca. 1899	Colonial Revival
15		56-68 Hollis Street (rear)	1930s	(concrete wareh.)
16		78-84 Hollis Street	ca. 1915	Neo-Classical
17	Winthrop Hotel	73 Hollis Street	ca. 1882	
18		49-63 Hollis Street	1926	Neo-Classical
19	Framingham Theater	45 Hollis Street	1938	Moderne
20		37 Hollis Street	ca. 1920	
21	The Beaumont	23-25 Hollis Street	ca. 1898	Neo-Classical
Intrusions:				
A		43 Hollis Street	ca. 1920	(altered)
Vacant lots:				
VL-1		46-82 Irving Street (rear)		
VL-2		22-44 Irving Street (rear)		

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FRAMINGHAM, MA



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Irving Square Historic District
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 10/27/82-2935

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 11/25/82 - 12/11/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/30/82

Entered in the ☐ RETURN

National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

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

6. 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 date _____
☐ 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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



IRVING SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Framingham, MA

Photograph by Elizabeth Durfee Hengen

June 1982

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Winchester, MA

Photo #1: View looking southeast at
the Bullard Bldg. (#2)



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Photo #2: View looking south down Irving Street (Bldgs. #3-11)

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103.5 FM



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Photo #3: View looking southwest at
Bldgs. #12,13,14

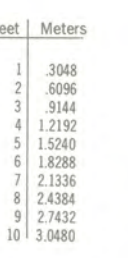


IRVING SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Framingham, MA *Middlesex County*
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Winchester, MA

Photo #4: View looking east along Hollis
St. (R: #16,14,13; L:#17)



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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

FRAMINGHAM, MASS.
N4215—W7122.5/7.5
1965
PHOTOREVISED 1979
AMS 6768 IV SW—SERIES V814



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
02108
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

October 21, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Framingham: Irving Square Historic District (local)

Revere: Mary T. Ronan School (local)

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting, and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director

CJ:mmd
Enclosures



Beaumont Realty Trust
19 Colonial Drive
Framingham, MA 01701

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

September 13, 1982

Re: Irving Square Historic District, Framingham, Mass. 01701

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Historical Commission
Office of the Secretary of State
294 Washington Street
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Patricia:

I would appreciate a copy of the above. The nomination does not seem to be appropriate for the following reasons:

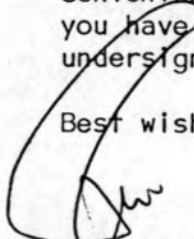
The complete renovation of the Beaumont Building was completed this month;

Renovation of 4 major structures in the area, now in process, will be completed within 6 to 9 months; And

One of three or possibly four buildings with any possible historic significance has been designated as a historic building.

Also, I do not believe that a Fall River meeting location is convenient or appropriate to discuss Framingham realty. Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the undersigned during the business day at 235-0733.

Best wishes,



Paul S. Gass
Trustee

PRIMPAS BROS. TRUST

348 TRUMAN PARKWAY
MILTON, MASS. 02186

Oct 11, 1982

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Mass Historical Commission
Office of the Secretary of State
294 Washington St.
Boston Mass 02108

Case: 12422-44 Irving St.
Frammingham Mass

State Historic Preservation Officer,

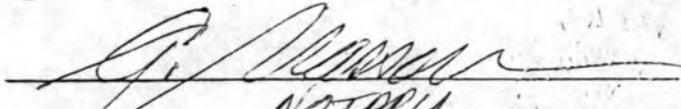
This is to inform you that we do not choose to participate or apply for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, at this time.

However, please keep us informed on any future actions taken on this matter.

Sincerely
Primpas Bros Trust.

Charles V. Primpas Trustee
Louis V. Primpas Trustee

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of SUFFOLK
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11 day of OCT, 1982


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MASSACHUSETTS
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

October 1, 1982

Mr. Paul S. Gass
Trustee
Beaumont Realty Trust
19 Colonial Drive
Framingham, MA 01701

Dear Mr. Gass:

Enclosed is a copy of the Irving Square Historic District National Register nomination form as you requested. The nomination was sponsored by the Town Planning Department to recognize the historic character of the area and to encourage its revitalization. As you may know, the Economic Recovery Act of 1981 authorized substantial tax credits for the approved rehabilitation of income-producing historic structures. In light of these facts, I find your comments concerning the appropriateness of the nomination somewhat puzzling.

Please note that if you wish your objection to this nomination to be formally recorded, it must be notarized. Also, you should be aware that a majority of property owners must object to prevent listing of the district.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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73 Irving Street
Framingham, MA 01701

October 8, 1982

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Ms. Patricia Weslowski
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Irving Square Historic District, Framingham, MA

Dear Ms. Weslowski:

As owner of 73-81 Irving Street, I am very excited to learn of our proposed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Irving Square has already seen some revitalization due to the impact of Federal projects. I feel that placement on the Historic Register, with its accompanying benefits, will insure the complete revitalization of this important area, thus improving the quality of life for residents and enhancing the general business climate of Irving Square.

Very truly yours,

Charles N. Edwards

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