

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
NW CAMB.	NWC IIC6

1. Town Cambridge

Address 41 Orchard Street

Name John Aborn House

Present use residential

Present owner John J. Guinane
954 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA

3. Description:

Date 1846

Source deed records

Style Greek Revival/Bracketed Italianate

Architect Joshua Fernald-housewright

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features a fine building reflecting transition between Greek Revival and Italianate - naive detail, wide brackets

Altered Yes-porch added Date 1890s

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 50 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
15 feet

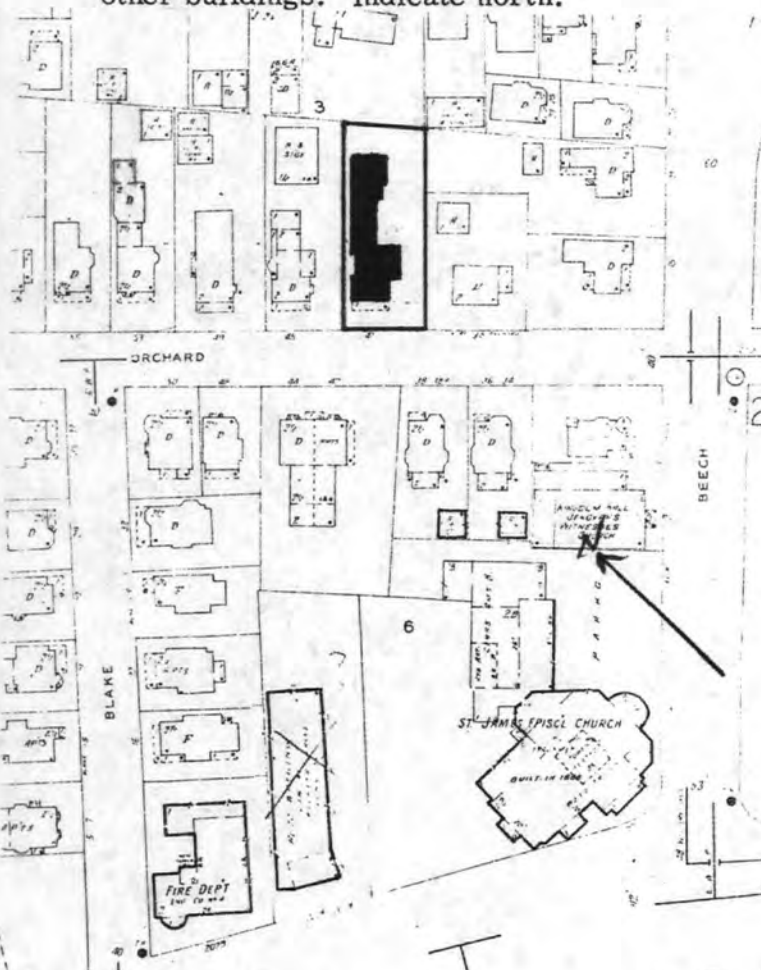
6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1972

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.



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7. Original owner (if known) John Aborn

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 41 Orchard Street is one of the earliest Bracketed-Italianate designs in Northwest Cambridge. It was erected only a year after Henry Greenough introduced the new style to Cambridge. Italianate features include the projecting bracketed eaves, windows with bracketed lintels, and double doors with arched upper panels of glass. The house was located near the Fitchburg Railroad Depot for the convenience of Boston commuters. The building, along with 45 Orchard Street, is the work of Joshua Fernald, a local housewright, and was built immediately after Orchard Street was platted for development. After the initial construction of these houses in 1846, development largely ceased until the late 1880s. The houses are accomplished if modest examples of the Bracketed Italianate style.

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 141. Taylor Square Firehouse | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | Attest | |
| 142. Aborn, John, House | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | Attest | |
| 143. Hews Pottery Company Carriage House | ✓ Keeper | Rep'd 4/13/82 |
| | Attest | |
| 144. Walden Street Cattle Tunnel | Substantive Review ✓ Keeper | Return 4.13.82 |
| | Attest | |
| 145. Slowey, Patrick, House | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | Attest | |
| 146. Fresh Pond Hotel | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | Attest | |
| 147. McLean, Isaac, House | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | Attest | |
| 148. Billings, Frederick, House | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | Attest | |
| 149. Farwell, R. H., House | Substantive Review ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | Attest | |
| 150. St. John's Roman Catholic Church | ✓ Keeper | Don't see Dryd 6.30.83 |
| | Attest | |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Aborn, John, House (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 ☒
 maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

Marginal statement of significance -

*This is one of earliest types
 of Bracketed-Italianate in area*

Recom./Criteria C
 Reviewer Braham
 Discipline Arch-Hist
 Date 4.5.82
☐ 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
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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 _____

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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Aborn, John

41 Orchard St.

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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