

In Area no.	Form no.
C'port	CPT IIC4

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 1103-25

1. Town Cambridge
Address 101 Pearl St., (5-7 Cottage St)
Name Valentine Soap Workers Cottage
Present use residential

Present owner Antonetta Rosa

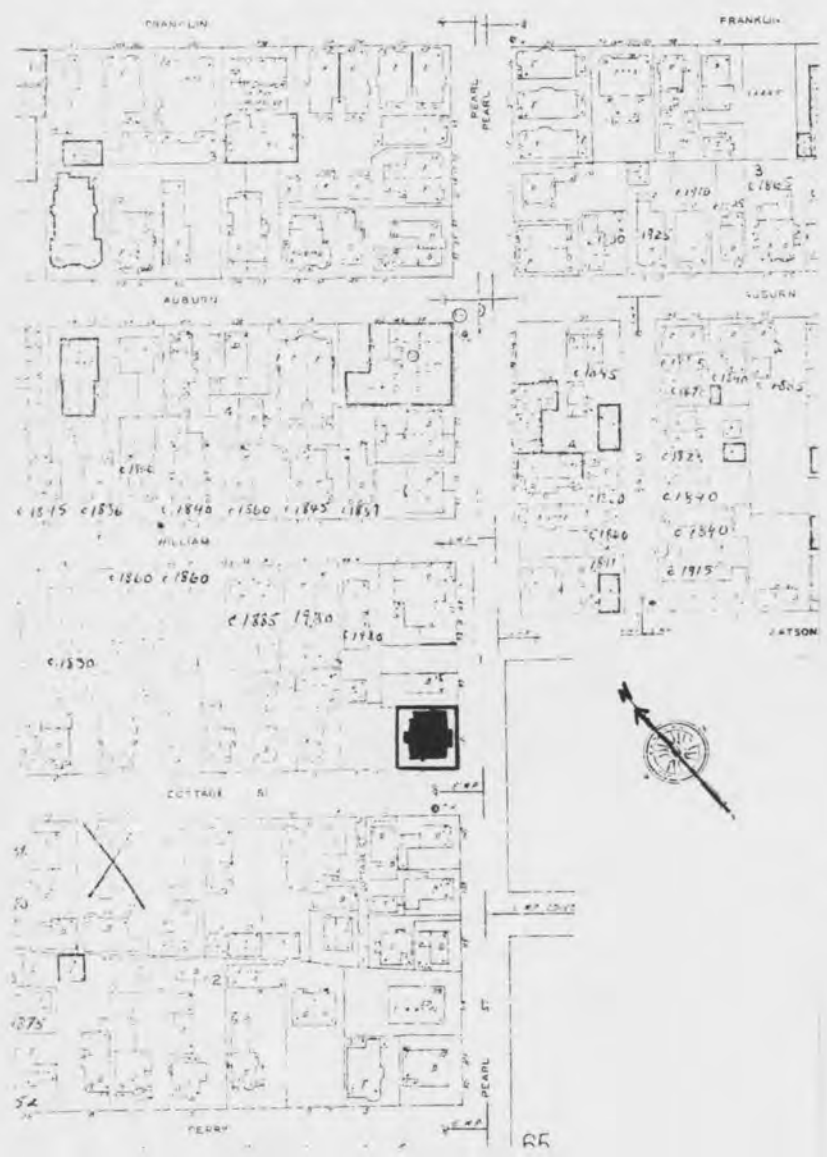
3. Description:
Date 1835-36
Source deed records
Style no particular style

NOV 14 1980

Architect Charles Valentine - builder
Exterior wall fabric synthetic siding
Outbuildings (describe) none
Other features low-pitched gable rook
contains two interior chimneys
on the ridge
Altered Yes - minor Date UNKNOWN
Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:
One acre or less X Over one acre
Approximate frontage 55 feet
Approximate distance of building from street
10 feet

6. Recorded by Robert Rettig
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
Date December 1963
4TM - BOSTON SOUTH
19/326590/4691940



7. Original owner (if known) Charles Valentine

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

These are twin houses built in 1835-36 by Charles Valentine, owner of a Cambridgeport soap factory, as housing for soap workers. They are significant as early examples of factory housing, a rare type in Cambridge.

The house at 5-7 Cottage Street is a 1½-story double workers cottage, originally identical to 101 Pearl Street. The center door and porch are later additions. This modest, square plan structure was subsequently covered with asbestos, and exhibits no decorative detail.

The house at 101 Pearl is identical in form to 5-7 Cottage Street, and likewise was subsequently clad with synthetic siding. It differs only in its orientation to Pearl Street, rather than Cottage Street.

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

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Valentine Soap Worker's cottage
(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
 RETURN 4/13/82
 REJECT

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

photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Please address the significance of ~~the~~ this house in relation to the problems with its integrity. These changes seem rather substantial for such a modest dwelling.

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Brachman
Discipline Arch. His
Date 4.2.82
 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 unaltered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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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 _____

USMT 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 _____

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Braun

Signed Braun Date 4.13.82 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.
C'port	CPT II.C.4.b

1. Town Cambridge
Address 101 Pearl Street
Name Valentine Workers Cottage
Present use residential

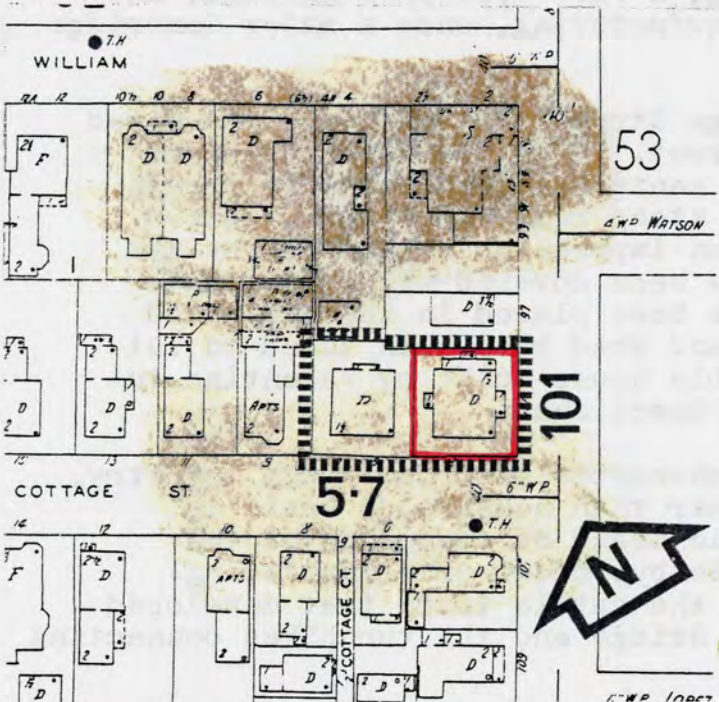
2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Present owner Antonetta C. Rosa

3. Description:
Date 1835-36
Source tax records
Style Federal

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

Architect unknown
Exterior wall fabric asphalt siding over clapboards
Outbuildings (describe) none
Other features _____
Altered yes - minor Date unknown
Moved no Date _____



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

5. Lot size:
One acre or less Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 55 feet
Approximate distance of building from street 10 feet

6. Recorded by Charles M. Sullivan
Organization Cambridge Historical Com.
Date 1983

Assessor #106-11
UTM-Boston South
19/326590/4691940

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles Valentine

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

The Valentine factory workers' cottages are twin houses built in 1835-36 by Charles Valentine, owner of a Cambridgeport slaughterhouse and soap factory, as housing for his workers. They are significant as early examples of factory housing, a rare type in Cambridge, and for their associations with soap manufacturing, once a major Cambridge industry.

Both 101 Pearl Street and 5-7 Cottage Street are double houses sited with their gable ends to Cottage Street. The houses are divided lengthwise, with an entrance in the center of each five bay facade. The broad gable ends and relatively steep roofs give the houses Federal stylistic characteristics, an impression reinforced by the severe detailing. Both houses have been covered with artificial siding. An additional entrance has been placed in the gable end of 5-7 Cottage Street, and a porch and shed have been added to 101 Pearl Street. A third similar double house built by Valentine in 1841 at 95-97 Pearl Street has been demolished.

Soap manufacturing, which became a characteristic Cambridge industry, was initiated on an industrial (rather than household) basis in Cambridgeport in 1804 as a profitable means of disposing of the tallow that was an otherwise unusable byproduct of slaughtering. The industry was a direct result of the cattle trade that developed with the opening of the West Boston Bridge and the turnpikes connecting

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

Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, Report Three: Cambridgeport

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Cambridgeport	Form No: CPT II.C.4.a
Property Name: Valentine Workers Cottage	

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

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9. (continued)

Charles Valentine, as a slaughterhouse on Pearl Street in Cambridge. Then in an isolated area of Cambridgeport, the factory site was remote both from the settled neighborhoods around Central Square and from the proposed residential development of Pine Grove around Fort Washington. The housing built for the workers six years after the factory was established was three blocks away on the fringe of the Central Square neighborhood, the distance reflecting the noxious character of the industry. Although the soap industry developed to very large proportions by the first half of the twentieth century - the United States headquarters and factory of Lever Brothers left Cambridge in 1952 - no other structures remain from it.

While additions have been made to these houses and they have been covered with artificial siding, their basic integrity is intact and easily recoverable. The original clapboards remain under the siding, and the later additions have not destroyed the original fabric of either structure. These houses are significant in the social and architectural history of Cambridge regardless of their present condition and meet both Criteria A and Criteria C.

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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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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. X Valentine Soap Workers Cottages
(101 Pearl St.)

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Bruce Van Donge 6/30/85

Attest

62. Opposition House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Braham 4.13.82

Attest

63. Frost, Walter, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Braham 4.13.82

Attest

64. Treadwell-Sparks House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/12/86

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
owner objection withdrawn

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

65. Francis, Ebenezer, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Attest

Harvard

66. Lovering, Joseph, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/12/86

owner objection withdrawn

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

67. X Atwood, Ephiram, House

✓ Keeper

Bruce Van Donge 6/30/85

Attest

68. Buildings at 104-106 Hancock St.

✓ Keeper

Bruce Van Donge 6/30/85

Attest

69. Colburn, Sara Foster, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Braham 4.13.82

Attest

70. Brooks, Luther, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/12/86

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Attest

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Valentine Soap Workers Cottages (101 Pearl St.)
(Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11-4-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 7/4/83
Action: ACCEPT 6/30/83
 RETURN
 REJECT

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal
Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Federal Agency:

Reviewer's comments:

SIGNIFICANCE PROVIDED

Recom./Criteria ATC/ACCEPT
Reviewer Mar. Perry
Discipline SA
Date 6/30/83
 see continuation sheet

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 substantive reasons discussed below

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2. Location

3. Classification

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

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USIT Reference _____

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Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

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VALENTINE SOAP WORKER COTTAGES

5-7 COTTAGE STREET

CHC 1196-6

Cambridge, MA, Ma



CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPH

By Chl Sumner

No. 1208 Date 1.83

Valentine Soap Worker Cottages

Cambridge MRA, Ma

5-7 COTTAGE + 101 PEARL STS



CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPH

By EM SULLIVAN

No. 1208 Date 1-83

Valentine Soap Worker Cottages
Cambridge MRA No

5-7 COTTAGE ST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275