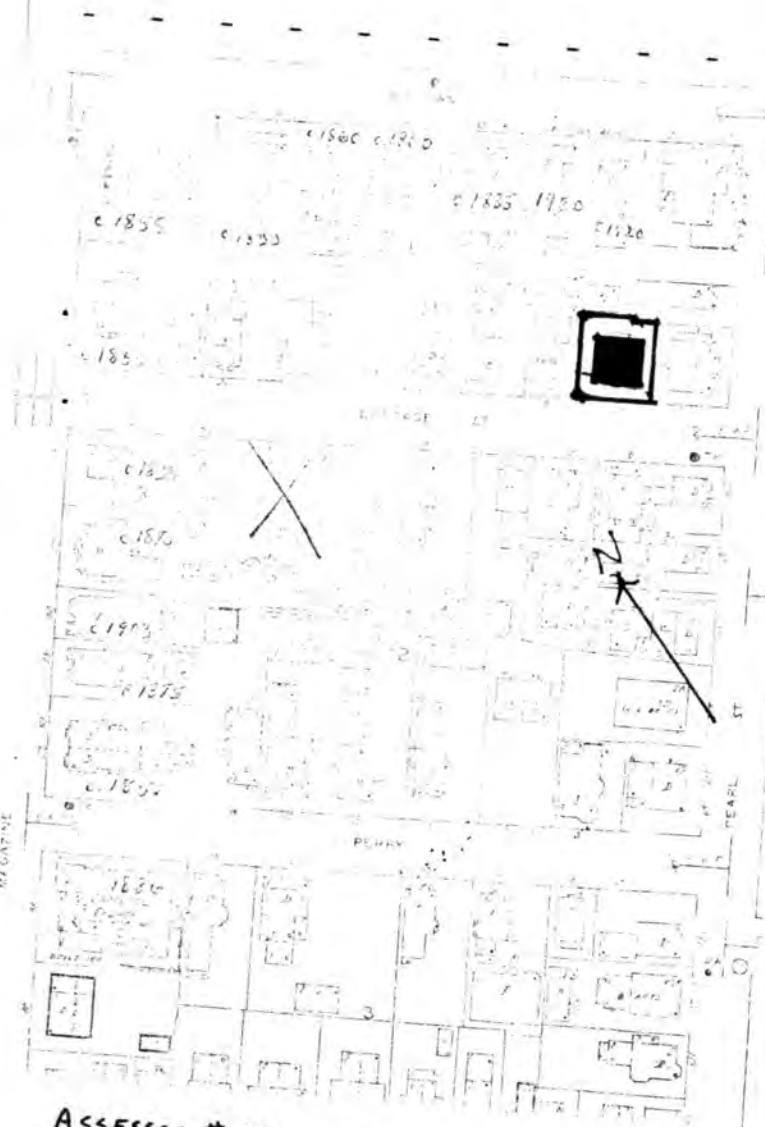


MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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

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ASSESSOR # 106-12

(over)

1. Town Cambridge
Address 5-7 Cottage Street (101)
Name Valentine Soap Workers Cott
Present use residential
Present owner Lawrence W. Brennan
954 Cambridge St.,
Cambridge, MA.
3. Description:
Date 1835-36
Source deed records
Style no particular style
Architect Charles Valentine - build
Exterior wall fabric synthetic siding
Outbuildings (describe) -----
Other features Low-pitched gable ro
double chimneys on ridge.
Altered yes - minor Date unknown
Moved No Date No
5. Lot size:
One acre or less Over one acre XX
Approximate frontage 50 feet
Approximate distance of building from street
10 feet
6. Recorded by Robert Rettig
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
Date 1969
UTM-BOSTON SOUTH
19/2656014691960

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7. Original owner (if known) Charles Valentine

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

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)

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 Street is identical in form to 5-7 Cottage Street, and likewise was subsequently clad in 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.)

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Valentine Soap Workers Cottages
 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
☒ RETURN 4/13/82
☐ REJECT

photos _____

maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Please address the significance of this house in relation to the problems with its integrity. Additions and siding are major changes for such a modest dwelling.

Recom./Criteria ReturnReviewer Arch HistorianDiscipline BrickworkDate 4.2.82☐ 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 Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. 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

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 _____

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 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.a.

1. Town Cambridge
Address 5-7 Cottage Street
Name Valentine Workers Cottages
Present use residential

Present owner Edmund M. Connolly
c/o Lawrence W. Brennan

3. Description:

Date 1835-36

Source tax records

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric asbestos siding
over clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features _____

Altered yes - minor Date unknown

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

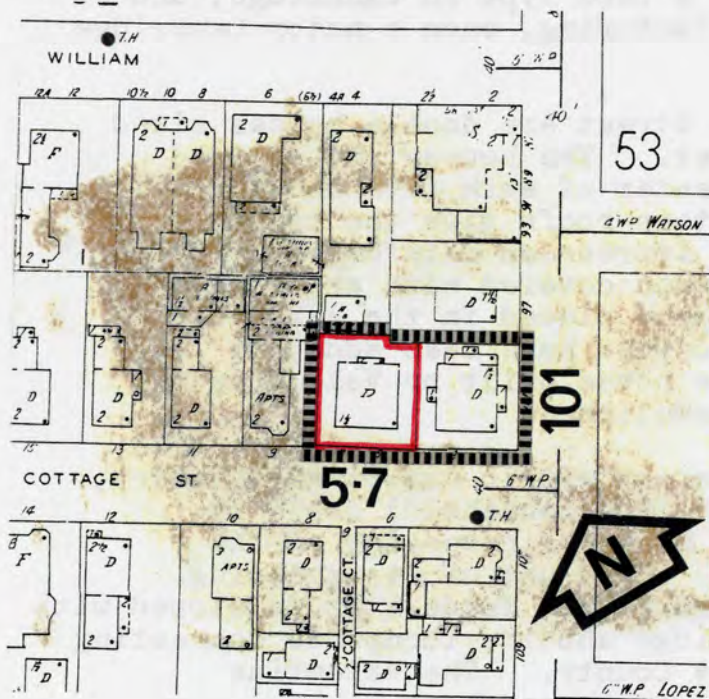
Approximate frontage 50 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
10 feet

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

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number _____

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



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

Assessor #106-12

(over)

UTM- Boston South
19/326560/4691960

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	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>X</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

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 it with the country towns of Middlesex County. The Valentine establishment was founded by a Cambridgeport merchant,

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.b
Property Name: Valentine Workers Cottage	

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

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9. Significance (continued)

it with the country towns of Middlesex County. The Valentine establishment was founded by a Cambridgeport merchant, 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

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

Rejected 4.13.82

Attest

56. South Row

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Rejected 4.13.82

Attest

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

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

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

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

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

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Revised 6.30.82

Attest

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

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Revised 4.13.82

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Valentine Soap Workers Cottages - 5-7 Cottage St.
(Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11-74-80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 7/4/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/30/83☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency:

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

SIGNIFICANCE PROVIDED

Recom./Criteria At Review

Reviewer M. A. Decker

Discipline A-H

Date 6-30-83

☐ see continuation sheet

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

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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

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT 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

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Cambridge MA, Ma

VALENTINE SOAP WORKERS COTTAGES
101 PEARL STREET
CHC 1196-5



CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPH

By CM Sullivan

No. 1208

Date 1 83

Valentine Workers Cottage
Cambridge MRA, Ma

101 PEARL ST.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275