

FORM B - BUILDING

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| Area | Form no. |
| | 312 |

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Town Stoneham

Address 34 Wright St.

Historic Name C.H. Brown Cottage

Use: Original residential

Present residential

Ownership: Private individual
Private organization
Clayton E. Conn

Public _____

Original owner unknown

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1830-1840

Source v/a, maps

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates)
none

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 8.913 sq. ft.

Recorded by Candace Jenkins with Carole Zellie Setting 19th and 20th century residential

Organization Landscape Research neighborhood

Date May 1979

Assessor's Map #8-162

UTM: Boston North Quad
19/327160/4704850

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The C.H. Brown Cottage is a well preserved mid-nineteenth century workers' house with more stylish pretensions than most others of its modest scale. Constructed ca. 1840, it faces a two bay gable end to the street. It is covered in clapboards with cornerboards treated as pilasters, wide fascia boards, and a raking cornice with gable end returns. Windows are simply framed and contain 2/2 sash. The entry, which is handled with unexpected elaboration, is framed by full-length side lights and a full entablature.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The C.H. Brown Cottage possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant as a well preserved and unusually well detailed example of a modest shoe worker's house. Possessing associations with Stoneham's major theme and period, it meets criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places.

This house was owned at mid-century by C.H. Brown, a partner in the Tidd tannery, who resided in an elaborate mansion at the corner of Chestnut and Maple Streets.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1874 Valuation Books
1858, 1874 map of Stoneham

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 2/28/84

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 1 of 7

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Substantive Review

Date/Signature

Determined Eligible

1. Lang, William Bailey, House

Keeper

MacBryde 4/13/84

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

2. Martin-Maxwell Estate

Keeper

MacBryde 4/13/84

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

3. Sweetser, Warren, House

Keeper

MacBryde 4/13/84

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

4. Almshouse

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

5. Beard, Padilla, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

6. Boston and Main
Railroad Depot

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

7. Bottume, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

8. Brown, C. H., Cottage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

9. Bryant, William, Octagon
House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

10. Buck, Charles, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Brown, C. H., Cottage (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

FEB 28 1984

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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

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| Category | Ownership Public Acquisition | Status Accessible | Present Use |
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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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

- Check one
- unaltered
 - altered

- Check one
- original site
 - moved 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

Acreege of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM 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: _____



Brown, C. H., Cottage
Sturbridge MA, Ma

924C

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295

Valerie Talmage
 Executive Director
 Massachusetts Historical
 Commission
 294 Washington Street
 Boston Massachusetts
 02108

34 Wright Street
 Stoneham, Massachusetts
 02180
 October 3, 1983

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Dear Ms. Talmage:

I am very willing to have my house included in the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1980, a Mr. Hugh Boyd, architect for the Stoneham Historical Society, approximated the house as being built about 1815. Written tax records show the date 1820.

Middlesex Registry of Deeds record the builder as Isaac Hensam who sold the house in 1861, to the Whiting family who resided in it for five generations. It has been called the Hensam-Whiting House.

Thank you again for the notification and the inclusion.

Very truly yours,
 Clayton E. Coon