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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

Ward II	113
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Town Somerville MRAAddress 28 - 36 Beacon StreetHistoric Name unknown (GeorgeWyatt /landowner - L.E.Wyatt/builder)Use: Present apartment rowOriginal apartment row

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1880Source map researchStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric brickOutbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Rebuilding of three-tier rear
porches, 1982

Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting South side of Beacon, near
Cambridge-Somerville line, commercial
and residential surrounds, heavily
travelled urban route.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation
PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate June 1986

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north

See Attached Assessor's Map.

UTM REFERENCE 19 - 326/820 - 4693/360

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

28-36 Beacon Street is a well-preserved apartment row distinguished by its Queen Anne-style details. Its construction was a direct consequence of Somerville's rapid development as a bedroom community in the late 19th century. The building retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association, and fulfills Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

This five-unit Queen Anne apartment row is one of the city's most exceptional brick residences. The building consists of five identical units. Each unit has a pyramidal tower offset to the left, a full-length polygonal bay offset to the right, and double entrance doors with upper panels of glass set within flat-roofed entrance porches with a pierced quatrefoil design on the porch frieze. Other notable features include the corbelled or brick cornice and granite belt courses.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Apartment buildings designed for middle-class commuters were important elements of Somerville's turn-of-the-century development, a period of intense residential development. The apartment row at 28-36 Beacon Street was located along a major city roadway. It was built on land formerly owned by brickyard owner George Wyatt, who may have been some relation to the builder of this structure, L. E. Wyatt. George Wyatt's own house stands at 33 Beacon Street (#14).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hopkins, G. M., Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1874, 1884.



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
41. House at 42 Vinal Avenue Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
42. House at 49 Vinal Avenue Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
43. House at 5 Prospect Hill Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
44. House at 6 Kent Court Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
45. House at 72R Dane Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
46. House at 81 Pearl Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
47. Houses at 28--36 Beacon Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
48. Ireland, Samuel, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
49. Keyes, Amos, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
50. Knight, R.A.--Eugene Lacount House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Houses at 28--36 Beacon Street
NAME:

MULTIPLE Somerville MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/04/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/18/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001232

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/18/89 DATE **Entered in the
National Register**

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



28-36 Beacon

Houses

1. at 28-36 Beacon St

2. Somerville ^{MA} MA

3. Carol Zelle

4. 1983

5. Somerville City Hall

6. looking southwest

7. #113

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253