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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Winter Hill	168
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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 58 Sycamore StreetHistoric Name Susan Russell HouseUse: Present residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1830sSource visual analysisStyle Greek RevivalArchitect noneExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) NoneCondition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage Less than one acre

Setting The nominated property is located in an urban area adjacent to railroad tracks. The area is residential with mostly late-19th century dwellings

Recorded by Betsy FriedbergOrganization Massachusetts Historical Comm.Date May 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 - 327/050 - 4695/000

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Russell House is a well-preserved example of a modest Greek Revival-style residence such as was once quite common in Somerville. The house retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and fulfills Criterion 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.

58 Sycamore Street is a simple but well-conserved Greek Revival style house. The overhanging eaves appear to have been rebuilt, but the recessed, sidelit Greek Revival entry is intact. A batten door and cornerboards are features of the original design. The house is a 1 1/2 stories in height and 3 bays wide, with a side entryway and a rear ell.

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

Until it was developed in the late nineteenth century, Sycamore Street functioned primarily as a road to the Tufts House (78 Sycamore Street). The 1852 Draper map shows a house at this location. It is likely that it was constructed after the Boston and Lowell Railroad built the rail line immediately adjacent in 1835. Originally, this was Tufts family property. In 1850, however, it may have belonged to John Russell, a Medford Street grover. In 1874, it belonged to Susan Russell, his widow.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Draper, Martin Map of Somerville, 1852
Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1874
1850 Somerville Directory

NE RAILROAD

TENNY

TENNYSON ST.

PEMBROKE CT.

SYCAMORE ST.

SYCAMORE ST.

1"=100'

#168

RICHDALE AVE.

LEE ST.

MEDFORD ST.

THURSTON ST.

Susan Russell House
58 Sycamore St.
Somerville (UKA), Mass.



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 61. Old Cemetery | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 9/18/89 | Attest _____ |
| 62. Otis--Wyman House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 9/18/89 | Attest _____ |
| 63. Parker--Burnett House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 9/18/89 | Attest _____ |
| 64. Prescott, Gustavus G., House | Entered in the
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| 65. Russell, Philemon, House | Entered in the
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| 66. Russell, Susan, House | Entered in the
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| 67. Schuebeler, Charles, House | Entered in the
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| 68. Snow, Lemuel, Jr., House | Entered in the
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| 69. Somerville High School | Entered in the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Russell, Susan, House
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: 89001286

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



58 Sycamore

1. 58 Sycamore St.
2. Somerville. MA
3. C. Zelle
4. 1981
5. Somerville City Hall
6. Looking west
7. #168

Russell, Susan, House
Somerville MA, Me

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253