

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

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Form no.

459 460

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
 Staple to left side of form
 Photo number _____

 1. Town Salem

 Address 5-9 Summer Street

 Name None West-Cogswell House

 Present use Residential

 Present owner James M. Solofickos et al, Tr.
W/W Margaret Solovickos
5 Summer Street

 3. Description: Salem, Mass. 01970

 Date 1834

 Source Tax records

 Style Greek Revival

 Architect Unknown

 Exterior wall fabric Brick

 Outbuildings (describe) None

 Other features Doric porticoes, wrought
iron fence

 Altered sash Date late 19th c.

 Moved No Date _____

 5. Lot size: 8,519 sq. ft.

 One acre or less X Over one acre _____

 Approximate frontage 97 ft.

 Approximate distance of building from street
3 ft.

 6. Recorded by A. Crump

 Organization Salem Redevelopment Authority

 Date November 1979

 UTM Reference: 19/344/030/4709140

 Assessor's Number: 26-459,460

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



7. Original owner (if known) Capt. Nathaniel West

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The handsome red brick residential block at 5-9 Summer Street is important both as an urbane expression of the Greek Revival style, and through association with two prominent local figures, Nathaniel West and William Cogswell.

The three, three-story rowhouses maintain a unified appearance. Each is three bays wide, with a recessed side entry marked by a wood Ionic portico. The pitched roofline is continuous, but the single dormer and twin chimneys have been removed from number 9 and its original grey slate roof has been replaced by asphalt shingles. An original wrought iron fence enclosing a narrow areaway sits on a granite sill which matches the steps and basement of the row.

The block was built in 1834 by Nathaniel West, one of Salem's leading merchant captains who commanded a privateer during the Revolution and was active in trade with the Far East. It was later the home of William Cogswell, a Civil War general who served as a member of Congress and as Mayor of Salem.

5-9 Summer Street is one of three similar Greek Revival brick blocks, all of which are important anchors for the edges of the downtown area. The others are the Bowker Block at 144-156 Essex Street (HP-2; 1830) and the Shepard Block at 298-304 Essex Street (HP-6; 1851). The three represent the evolution of this building type over a 20-year period and its suitability for both residential and commercial uses.

5-9 Summer Street possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and associations. It meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds

Salem Historic District Study Committee: Report, 1968.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Downtown Salem Multiple Resource Area

State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. West Cogswell House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/29/83

Attest

12. YMCA

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/24/83

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

West Cogswell House (Downtown Salem MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUN 14 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 7/14/83 - 7/29/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/29/83

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency:

☐ resubmission

☐ nomination by person or local government

☐ owner objection

☐ appeal

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

Reviewer's comments:

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

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

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 _____

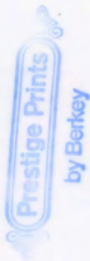
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Downtown Salem MRA, Ma
West-Cogswell House
5-9 Sumner St.

NOV 1979



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000277