

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
MID CAMB.	MC II B 19



1. Town Cambridge

AS 325 Harvard Street

Albert Vinal House

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Anthony Cacciola, Trustee
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1853-54

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Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features large Greek Revival mansion,
terraced high above the street. Fairly

heavy ornamentation.

Altered additions Date 1870s

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less xx Over one acre -----

Approximate frontage 68'

Approximate distance of building from street
22'

6. Recorded by Elisabeth MacDougall

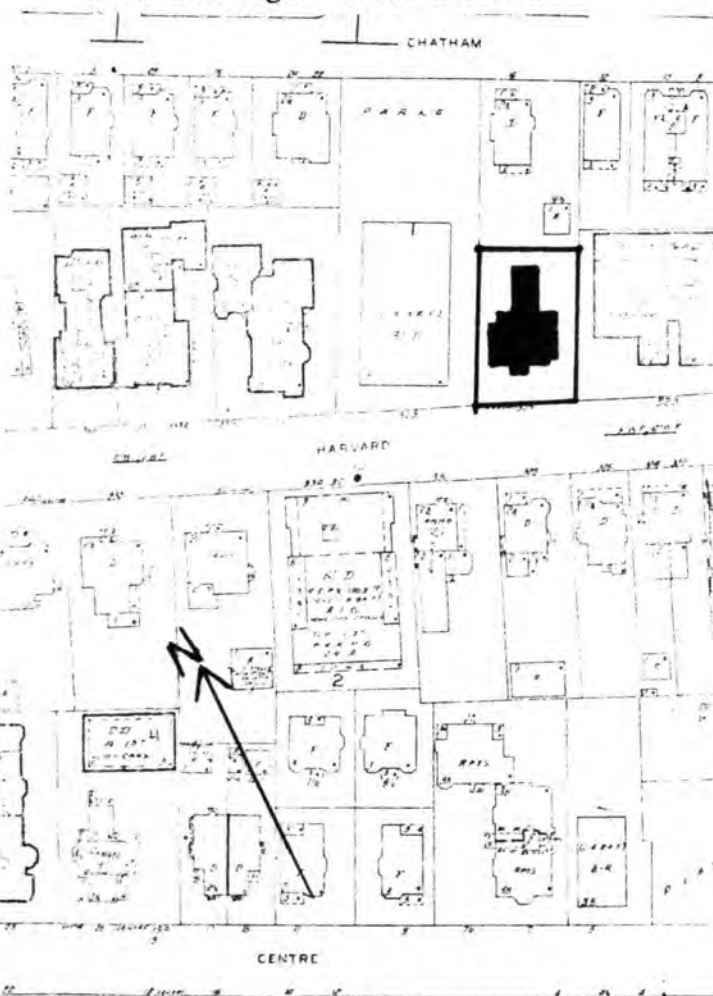
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1966

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19/326400/4692850

4. Map.

in relation to nearest cross streets
other buildings. Indicate north.



Assessor #115-108

7. Original owner (if known) Albert Vinal

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>XX</u>	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)

This Greek Revival mansion was built by Albert Vinal on land once part of the Dana estate. Vinal was listed in the 1856 Cambridge City Directory as a Boston businessman dealing in lumber, wood, coal and lime. The Vinal House, with its wide plain pilasters is terraced high above the street as was the fashion. A side portico with fluted columns of a composite order is a notable feature. Balconies with squat balusters span the upper facade windows. These, the entrance porch with its heavy ornate square columns and the polygonal facade bay appear to be additions of the 1870s.

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Albert Uinal House
State, County: Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
Federal Agency: MA - Middlesex

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/17/82
Action: ☐ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN 4/13/82
☐ REJECT

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

photos 1
maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

No statement of significance - no context for architecture discussed.

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Braham
Discipline Arch. His.
Date 4.2.82
☐ 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
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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

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT 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 Bravham Date 4.12.82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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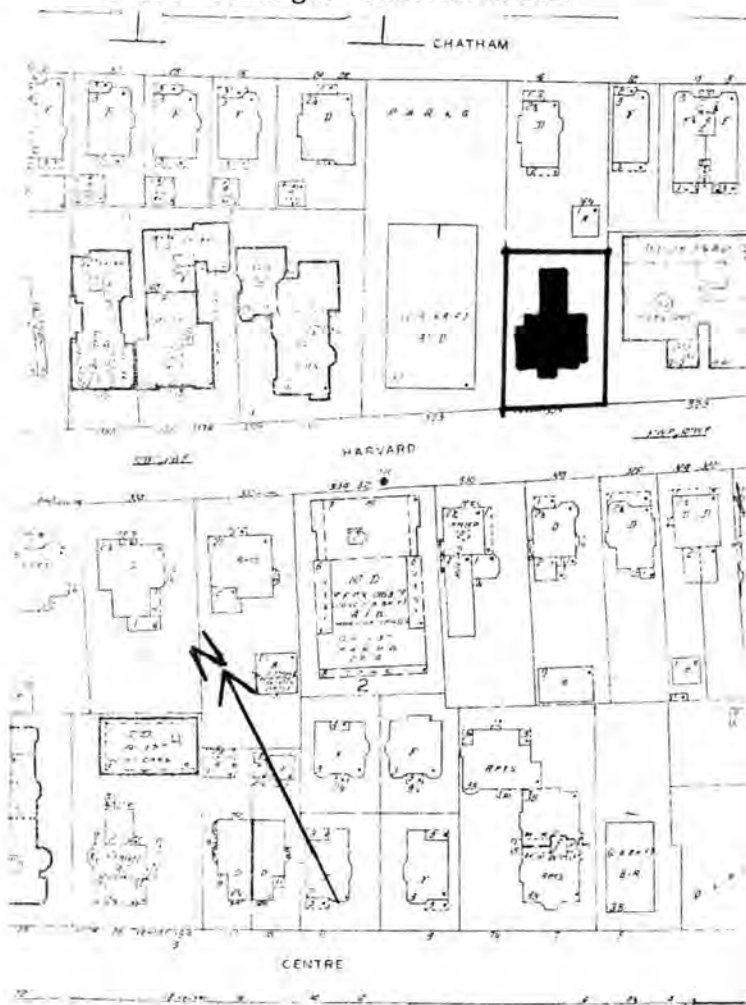
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")

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Photo number 1094-25A

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



Assessor #115-108

UTM-BOSTON SOUTH
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No:
Mid Cambridge	MC II.B.19
Property Name: Albert Vinal House (183-54) 325 Harvard Street	

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

The Albert Vinal House is important as one of only ten surviving single family homes on Harvard Street. Harvard Street was once lined with large residences set on elevated sites above the street.

The Vinal House was built on land that was formerly part of the Dana estate. The portion of Harvard Street between Prospect Street and Massachusetts Avenue was divided into house lots in the 1830s, and by 1854 thirty-three houses had been built, among them some of the finest Greek Revival mansions in the city, including the Vinal House. Fully built up by 1900, Harvard Street was one of the handsomest streets in Cambridge. Where the street reached the crest of Dana Hill stood five large houses; the Vinal House is one of only two of these which still stand.

The original owner of the house, Albert Vinal, was active in real estate development in Mid Cambridge. In 1868 he bought part of the former Inman estate, an area bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Bigelow Street, Harvard Street and Inman Street, the site of City Hall. Vinal divided this land into house lots, selling all of them by 1873.

The Albert Vinal House is significant under Criterion A for its associations with the development of Harvard Street and Dana Hill, and under Criterion C as an important example of its type and style.

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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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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Melvin, Isaac, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

Attest

72. Saunders, William, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

James H. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

73. Fay, Isaac, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

74. Buildings at 102-104 Inman St.

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

75. Buildings at 106-108 Inman St.

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William H. Bracham 4.13.82

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76. Buildings at 110-112 Inman St.

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77. Buildings at 1707-1709 Cambridge St.

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78. Buildings at 1715-1717 Cambridge St.

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

79. Deane-Williams House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

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80. Vinal, Albert, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
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Substantive Review

Vinal, Albert, House (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County,
MA

Working No. 11.14.80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 7/1/83
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☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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Reviewer's comments:

SIGNIFICANCE CLARIFIED/
CONTEXT PROVIDED

Recom. / Criteria ACCEPT / AIC
Reviewer Mike Dwyer
Discipline A.I.T.
Date 6.30.83
see continuation sheet

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Vinal, Albert, House

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275