

FORM B - BUILDING

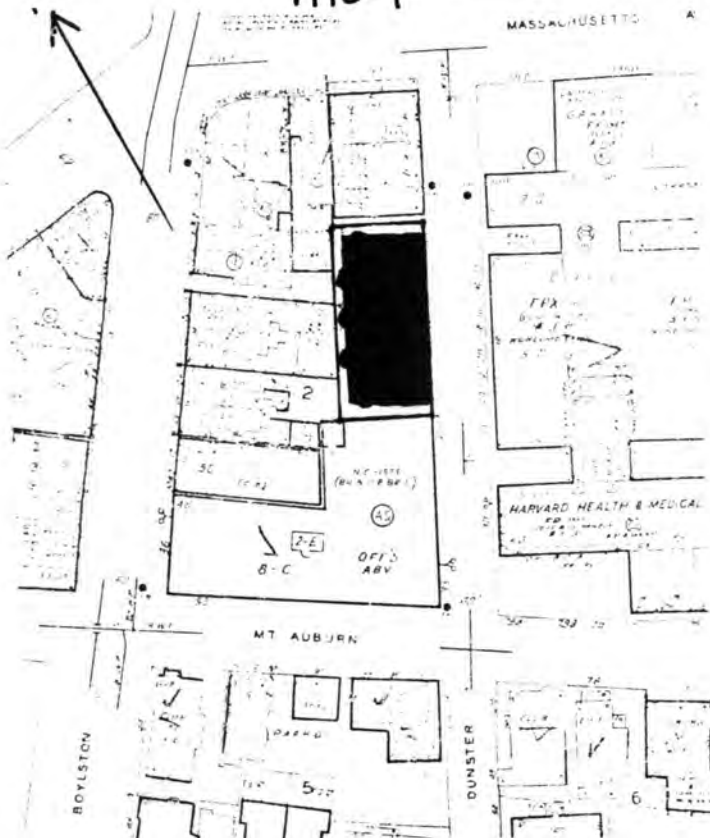
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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ASSESSOR #16059

- Town Cambridge
Address 11-21 Dunster Street
Name Second Cambridge Savings Building
Present use commercial

Present owner Reliance Cooperative Bank
- Description:
Date 1897
Source deed records
Style Italian Renaissance
Architect C.H. Blackall
Exterior wall fabric brick and limestone
Outbuildings (describe) -----
Other features best example of the opulent pre-World War I buildings in Cambridge area.
Altered No Date -----
Moved No Date -----
- Lot size:
One acre or less XX Over one acre -----
Approximate frontage 120 feet
Approximate distance of building from street 0 feet
- Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
Date 1965
UTM-BOSTON SOUTH
19/326460/4693120

7. Original owner (if known) Cambridge Savings Bank

Original use commercial/residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

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	<u>XX</u>	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>XX</u>				

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

Number 11-21 Dunster Street was built in 1897 by the Cambridge Savings Bank. A barber shop has occupied space on the ground floor since construction of the building, and retains original furnishings of exceptional quality.

The style is characterized by heavy Florentine features including a large cornice of metal and fleur de lis friezes of stone running below the second floor. The windows of the second floor have cornice caps supported by brackets. At the corners of the building are large quoins.

A U-shaped structure, this building has two handsome twin entranceways. It is one of the best examples of pre-World War I architecture in the area.

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

BANK
 Property: Second Cambridge Springs Building
Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
 State, County: MA Middlesex
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 4/17/82

Action: _____

ACCEPT

RETURN 4/13/82

REJECT

photos 1

maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Very weak statement of significance.

Return. Please justify the areas of significance checked. Why is the building individually eligible?

Recom./Criteria returnReviewer Patrick AndrewsDiscipline 4/13/82

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	_____ original site
_____ good	_____ ruins	_____ moved
_____ fair	_____ unexposed	_____ 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

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

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed Braun Date 4.13.82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

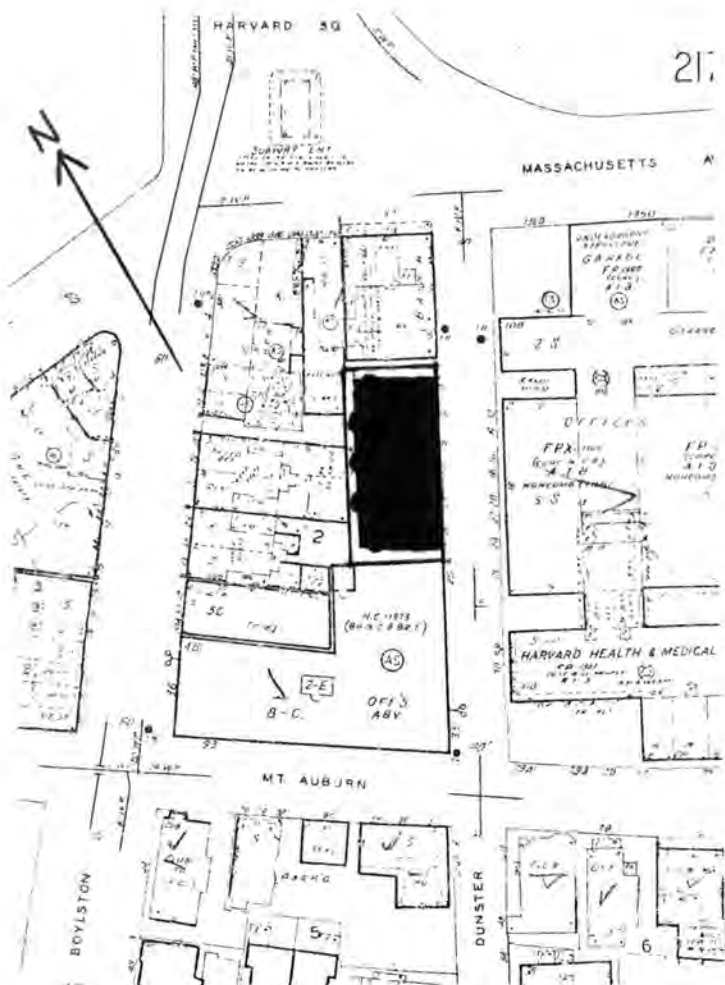
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



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Old Cambridge	OC II.A.3
Property Name: Second Cambridge Savings Bank	

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

The Second Cambridge Savings Bank Building, also known as Dana Chambers, was constructed at a time when the character of Harvard Square was rapidly changing from an early nineteenth century commercial center to a modern business district served by electric street cars and, in 1912, a subway. As discussed in Bainbridge Bunting's Report Four: Old Cambridge of the Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, Harvard Square in this period gained its present urban quality and architectural unity by the construction after 1880 of private dormitories east of the Square and, after 1923, of Georgian Revival commercial and academic buildings in the Square itself.

At the same time, numerous elaborate apartment buildings were being built to accommodate wealthy undergraduates, who, by College policy, were free to seek housing in the community at large. Other buildings of this type, although without the commercial space in the ground floor, include Adams House (Gold Coast N.R.D.), formerly a private dormitory; Ware Hall (nominated); and The Craigie (nominated). Their popularity was not surprising, as the Harvard Yard dormitories had basement toilets and no central heating as late as 1908.

The building was designed by Clarence H. Blackall, a prominent Boston architect, who had attended the University of Illinois and the Ecole des Beaux Arts. With the firm of Blackall, Clapp and Whittemore he designed six major theatres, three office buildings, and three newspaper buildings in downtown Boston. It is significant under Criterion A as associated with the development of Harvard Square, and under Criterion C as a work of Blackall and for its architectural quality.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

131. Conventual Church of St. Mary
and St. John

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

132. Second Cambridge Savings
Bank Building

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Paul H. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

133. Frost, David, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Paul H. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

134. Howe House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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135. Lowell, The

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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Attest

136. Willis, Stillman, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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137. Second Waterhouse House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Paul H. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

138. Harvard Observatory

Keeper

Carol D. Hull 2-26-87

Attest

Betty L. Savage 2-26-87

139. Almshouse

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

140. Lovell Block

✓ Keeper

Paul H. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

SEAS TOWER -
owner objection
withdrawn
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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Substantive Review

Second Cambridge Savings Bank Building (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MA

Working No. 11-1480-2860
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 7/4/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/30/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Major revision to statement
of significance shown
eligibility.

Recom./Criteria A+C/Account
Reviewer Dan Vongj
Discipline A.L.
Date 6-30-83
see continuation sheet

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Second Cambridge Savings Building
Cambridge MA, Ma

11-21 Dunster St.

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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