

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.

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

Town Somerville

Address 76 Highland Avenue

Historic Name George Loring House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1895

Source map research/directories

Style Shingle Style/Queen Anne

Architect Loring & Phipps

Exterior Wall Fabric brick/shingles

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Southwest corner of Highland Ave. & Putnam St., on main thoroughfare facing institutional center of Central Hill.

Recorded by Gretchen G. Schuler

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date September, 1988

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UTM REFERENCE 19 327/330 4694/560

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The George Loring House at 76 Highland Avenue is one of the only Shingle Style, architect built houses in Somerville. It retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association with well known local architect George Loring and with the development of late-19th century Somerville. It fulfills Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places at the local level.

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

The George Loring House, built by 1895, is one of the best conserved local examples of the late Shingle Style of architecture. Organized under a single large gable, the house is massed as a simple rectangular unit. The elements of the brick and shingle facade are arranged symmetrically and have a horizontal orientation. The broad massed chimneys, the expansively shingled and steeply pitched roof are references to the English Medieval structures. Other architectural features of note include the lattice mullioned windows in the central and side oriels, the shed roof dormers with 4/1 sash, and the recessed entrance flanked by brick projecting one-story bays.

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

Located in the part of Somerville known as Central Hill, the George Loring House is a focal point on a corner lot adjacent to the institutional center of Somerville. The prominence of the location articulates the prominence of the resident and architect as a Somerville citizen.

The first George Loring House is located next to this property and was used by the Loring family until the 1890s when Loring designed and built this dwelling for the family on the remaining building lot of their Italianate ca. 1880 house at 78 Highland Avenue. Loring, born in Boston in 1851, entered the office of Boston's City Engineer in 1868 and from 1874 to 1882 served as head draftsman. He worked briefly with George A. Clough, former City of Boston Architect, and began his own firm in 1883. In 1889 Loring and Sanford Phipps (formerly of Somerville) established a partnership and went on to design numerous public and residential buildings in New England and New York, including many of the buildings at Tufts University and public buildings in Somerville. Loring also designed over 100 houses in Somerville.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

SOMERVILLE

Form No:

140

Property Name: George Loring House

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

Historical Significance (con't)

The George Loring House is significant for its association with prominent architect George Loring, as one of the best conserved examples of Shingle Style architecture designed and lived in by George Loring. The House is also significant for its representation of late-19th century development of substantial single family residences on Highland Avenue, a fashionable neighborhood of prominent Somerville citizens. It was the time of rapid expansion in the development of apartment houses to accomodate the rising population, however, it was also a time for continued prosperity for many local and Boston based businessmen, thus the construction of large single family homes as well.

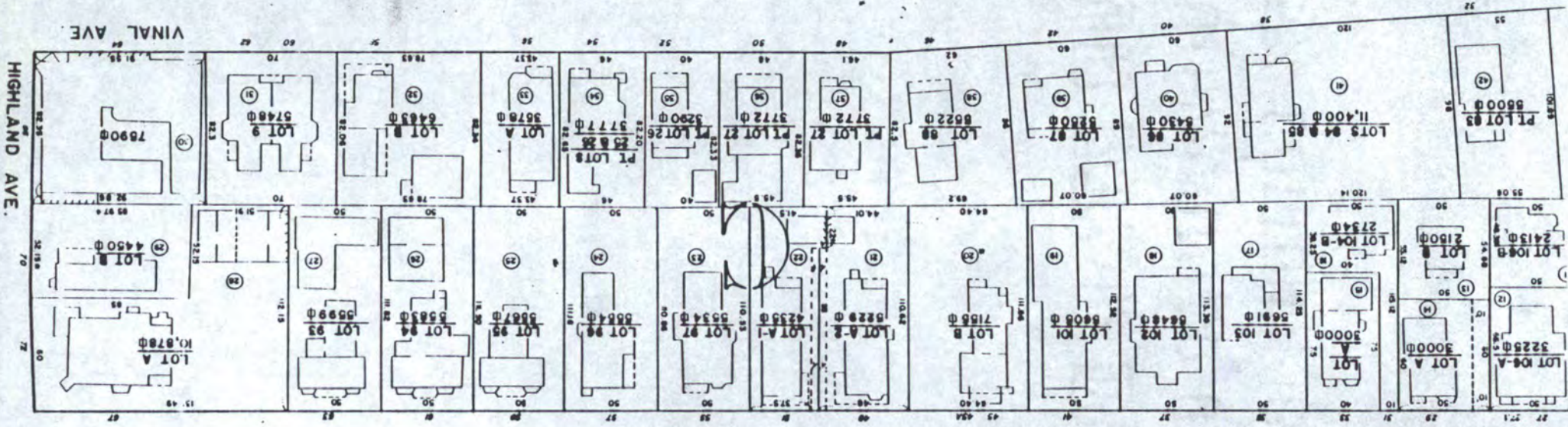
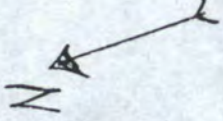
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George Loring Ho.
76 Highland Ave
Somerville (NRA),
Mass.

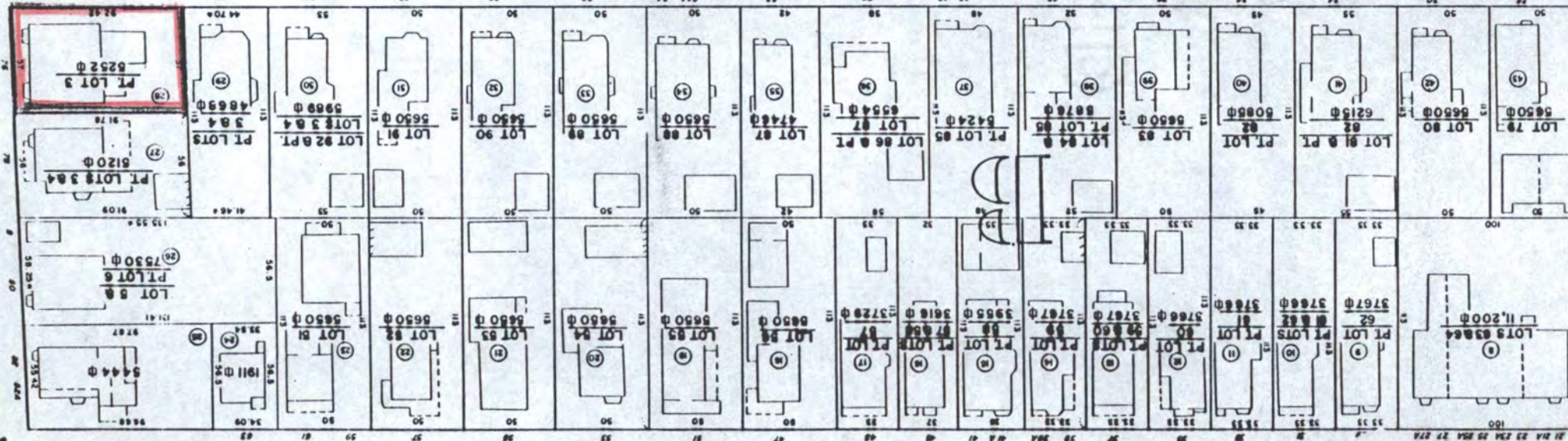
SANT ST.

MIT AVE.

RAND VIEW AVE.



PUTNAM ST.



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1"=100'

PRESCOTT ST.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

AUG 4 1989

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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| 51. Langmaid Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byers</u> 9/18/89 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 52. Langmaid Terrace | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byers</u> 9/18/89 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 53. Lockhardt, Charles H., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byers</u> 9/18/89 |
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| 54. Loring, George, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byers</u> 9/18/89 |
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| 55. Lovejoy, A.L., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byers</u> 9/18/89 |
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| 56. Munroe, Robert, House | Entered in the
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| 57. Mystic Water Works | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byers</u> 9/18/89 |
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| 58. Nichols, John F., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byers</u> 9/18/89 |
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| 59. Niles, Louville V., House | 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 Loring, George, 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: 89001263

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



76 Highland Ave

1. 76 Highland Avenue
2. Somerville, MA
3. C. Zellie
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking south
7. #140

Loring George, Hall

Somerville MRA, Me

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253