

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

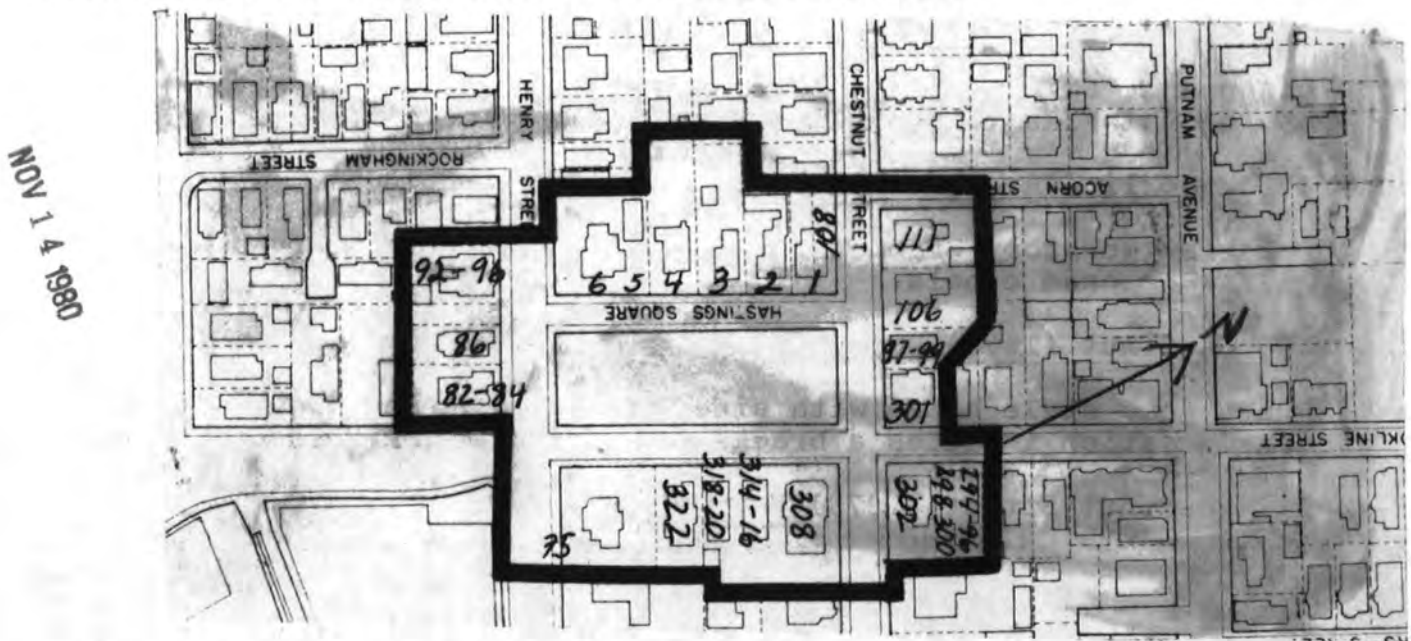
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Form numbers in this area Cambridgeport	Area no. CPT I.2
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1. Town Cambridge  
Name of area (if any) Hastings Square  
National Register District
3. General date or period 1860-1890
4. Is area uniform (explain):  
in style? Yes, primarily Queen Anne  
in condition? Yes, good - excellent  
in type of ownership? Yes, individually owned  
in use? Yes, residential

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting/Robert Rettig/Harriet White  
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.  
Date 1964/1968/1980

5.050 Acres

(over)

UTM - BOSTON SOUTH  
A: 19/326220/4691440  
B: 19/326380/4691300  
C: 19/326250/4691120  
D: 19/326080/4691300

**7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.**

Hastings Square and adjacent Henry Street comprise one of the finest Queen Anne period neighborhoods in Cambridge. The Dana heirs conceived of the idea of this residential square in the 1830s. After a revision of their original plan, houses began to be constructed in 1852. The opening of the Cottage Farm Bridge (now called the Boston University Bridge) at the foot of Brookline Street, made Hastings Square a desirable place to live. The neighborhood, which has always been middle class, stands on a low rise above the Charles River. Large, imposing Queen Anne dwellings border Parrow Park on all four sides. Examples of subsequent architectural styles add to the variety.

Three of the earliest houses, built during the 1860's, were occupied by a tailor, a carpenter and a builder. Later, more elaborate houses were built for prosperous businessmen, such as 75 Henry Street (1892, Hartwell and Richardson) and 5 Hastings Square (1884). They were the residences of George Hutchinson, a manufacturer of parlor organs, and Lewis Thayer, a Faneuil Hall merchant, respectively.

1. 301 Brookline Avenue (1869)

A Bracketed Italianate house built in 1869. Has characteristic rounded window, bracketed cornice and steep roof.

2. 302 Brookline Avenue (1887), Rand & Taylor, architects

Queen Anne Shingle Style house in original condition with extensive use of shingles laid out in a variety of patterns.

3. 308 Brookline Avenue (1870)

A large two-story Bracketed Mansard with two two-story bays and glass enclosed cupola.

4. 105 Chestnut (1875)

Queen Anne style house with side ell and recessed front entrance. Ornamentation includes a bracketed bay and fairly elaborate porch.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Cambridgeport

Form No:

CPT  
I.2

Property Name: Hastings Sq. N.R.D.

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

5. 111 Chestnut Street (1875)

Identical to 105 Chestnut with slightly more elaborate ornamentation.

6. 6 Hastings Square (1884)

Large Queen Anne two-story house with large cross-gable.

7. 75 Henry Street, 1892, Hartwell & Richardson

Large Queen Anne house on corner lot with elaborate ornamentation.  
Roof features conical and pyramidal caps over the bays.

92 Henry St. discussed in Survey, Vol. 3 p. 73-4

The Hastings Square National Register District includes the block of houses which front on Hastings Square, including portions of Henry, Brookline and Chestnut Streets plus Hastings Square (see Cambridge Community Development P. D. Quad Map 6). Its boundaries delineate the visual edges of Hastings Square and include properties appropriate to its late nineteenth century development.

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Picture

Picture  
also in survey  
Vol. 3, p 74.

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
National 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 Group

dnr-11

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- ✓ 1. ~~X~~ East Cambridge Historic District  
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper *William H. Brasham* 6-30-83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 2. Winter Street Historic District  
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper *William H. Brasham* 4-13-82  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 3. Upper Magazine Street Historic District  
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper *William H. Brasham* 4-13-82  
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- ✓ 4. Hastings Square Historic District  
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- ✓ 5. Salem-Auburn Streets Historic District  
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- ✓ 6. Inman Square Historic District  
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper *William H. Brasham* 4-13-82  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 7. Old Cambridgeport Historic District  
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper *William H. Brasham* 6-30-83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 8. Norfolk Street Historic District  
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper *William H. Brasham* 4-13-82  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 9. Cambridge Gateway Historic District Substantive Review ✓ Keeper *return* 4-13-82  
**DOE/OWNER OBJECTION**  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 10. Bigelow Street Historic District  
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper *William H. Brasham* 4-13-82  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

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Substantive Review  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Hastings Square Historic District  
(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 4/13/82  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

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

photos 4  
maps \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Locally significant for architecture as a coherent grouping, around an open square, of Queen Anne Revival style homes - one of the finest such neighborhoods in Cambridge

Recom./Criteria Accept - criteria c  
Reviewer Patrick Andrus  
Discipline Historian  
Date 3/10/82  
 see continuation sheet

WAB  
4.13.82

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  excellent  deteriorated  good  fair  
Check one  unaltered  altered  
Check one  original site  moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USIT Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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



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Cambridge MA, Ma

HASTINGS SQUARE

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75 Henry St.

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Cambridge, M.A. Ma

HASTINGS Square Hist. Dist.

308 Brookline

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NOV 14 1980

Cambridge MA, Ma

HASTINGS SQUARE

82-84 Henry

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Cambridge MA, Ma

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HASTINGS SQUARE

6 Hastings Square

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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