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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

Winter Hill 121

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.

Town Somerville MRA

Address 178 Central Street

Historic Name Charles Admas - Woodbury

Locke House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1840

Source map research

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage (ca. 1923) (C)

Major Alterations (with dates) Addition of porch roof, ca. 1910; shed dormer ca. 1900; removal of ell and barn, ca. 1870 and 1850, respectively

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage Less than one acre.

Setting The Adams - Locke House is located un an urban residential neighborhood on Winter Hill in north central Somerville.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Massachusetts Historical Comm.

Date May 1986

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

UTM REFERENCE Z 19 - E 327/140 - N 4695/450

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

#### NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Adams-Locke House retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship. Historically, the house was originally a farm, significant for its association with Somerville's early-19th century past and as the home of Charles Adams, a state legislator and one of the first merchants at the Boston's Quincy Market. Architecturally, the house is significant as a well-preserved and finely detailed example of the Greek Revival style. The Adams-Locke House thus fulfills Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

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

The Adams-Locke House is significant as one of the first non-agricultural houses built on Winter Hill. The structure, built ca. 1840, is a well-preserved example of a pretentious Greek Revival-style side-hall house. The three-bay facade is sited with its gable end to the street. Other notable features include the broad entablature at the cornice, wide corner boards, and full-width Doric porch (to which a ca. 1910 roof railing has been added). The entrance is offset to the right and is flanked by full-length sidelights. The interior retains most of its original doors, door and window enframements, baseboard moldings, and decorative moldings.

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

Originally a farmhouse, the house stands on land the boundaries of which once extended south to Medford Street and north to Broadway. Adams gave the city the land at the northern end of his property for the first schoolhouse on Winter Hill. The school stood on the site of the present-day Winter Hill Congregational Church (#118). The house was built by Charles Adams, a well-known figure on Winter Hill during his day. Adams was a farmer, animal husbandman, and state legislator. He is known to be one of the original merchants at Boston's Quincy Market.

A subsequent resident of the house was Woodbury Locke, a "cutter" employed in the leather/shoe business in Boston.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1874

#121 1"=100  
Charles Adams  
Woodbury Lake  
178 Central St  
Somerville  
Mass.



ADAMS ST  
CENTRAL ST

FOSTER ST

BROWNING RD.

BROWN ST

CENTRAL ST

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Somerville MPS  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
Cover	Substantive Review Keeper <u>Beth Savage 9-18-89</u>
1. Dow, L.W., Farmhouse	Substantive Review Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Savage 9-18-89</u> DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
2. Hollingsworth, Robert, House	Substantive Review Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Savage 9-18-89</u> DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
3. House at 437 Somerville Avenue	Substantive Review Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Savage 3/10/90</u> DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
4. House at 53 Hudson Street	Substantive Review Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Savage 9-18-89</u> DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
5. Mentzner, W.C., House	Substantive Review Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Savage 9-18-89</u> DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
6. Sparrow, Edmund, House	Substantive Review Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Savage 9-18-89</u> DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
7. Mt. Vernon Street Historic District	Entered in the National Register Keeper <u>Andrew Byer 9/18/89</u>
8. Spring Hill Historic District	Substantive Review Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage 9-18-89</u>
9. Westwood Road Historic District	Entered in the National Register Keeper <u>Andrew Byer 9/18/89</u>
10. Adams, Charles--Woodbury Locke House	Entered in the National Register Keeper <u>Andrew Byer 9/18/89</u>

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Adams, Charles--Woodbury Locke House

MULTIPLE NAME: Somerville MPS

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: 89001240

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



178 Central

1. 178 Central St.
2. Somerville, MA
3. Carol Zelle
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. Looking north
7. # 121

Adams, Charles - Woodbury Locke House  
Somerville, MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253