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## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Town SomervilleAddress 42 Vinal AvenueHistoric Name unknownUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

## DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1895Source map researchStyle shingle styleArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric shingleOutbuildings two garages IC/INCMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting West side of Vinal Ave., well established residential neighborhood on edge of Prospect Hill and near civic center at Central Hill

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate June 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 19 - 327/320 - 4694/380

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

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

42 Vinal Avenue retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association. A well-preserved vernacular example of the pure Shingle Style on a modest scale, the building fulfills Criterion 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.

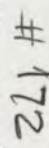
42 Vinal Avenue is a well-conserved example of the Shingle Style in Somerville. Of particular importance is the continuous sheathing of decorative shingles in various shapes, which together form an unbroken "skin" on the building's exterior. The sweeping gable roof on the building's eastern side shelters an integral entry porch. Windows are simply framed, save for a small attic gable window, which is elaborated with the suggestion of volutes.

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

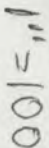
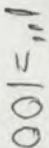
42 Vinal Avenue is characteristic of the fine houses in the Vinal/Grandview Area of Prospect Hill, north of Union Square, Grandview, Vinal, and Pleasant Avenues were platted in response to the city's growing commuter population, many of whom desired stylish single-family residences. With the arrival of horsecar lines in the 1860s, the hillside neighborhoods north of the Square expanded rapidly.

Bromley, G. W. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1895.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES



PUTNAM ST.



LIMIT AVE.

... SANT ST.

IND VIEW AVE

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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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              | Entered in the<br>National Register | Date/Signature                      |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 41. House at 42 Vinal Avenue           | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 42. House at 49 Vinal Avenue           | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 43. House at 5 Prospect Hill           | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 44. House at 6 Kent Court              | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 45. House at 72R Dane Street           | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 46. House at 81 Pearl Street           | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 47. Houses at 28--36 Beacon Street     | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 48. Ireland, Samuel, House             | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 49. Keyes, Amos, House                 | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
|                                        | Attest _____                        |                                     |
| 50. Knight, R.A.--Eugene Lacount House | <i>for</i> Keeper                   | <u><i>Melrose Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> |
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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 NAME: House at 42 Vinal Avenue

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: 89001290

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

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



42 Vinal Ave

House

1. <sup>at</sup> 42 Vinal Avenue
2. Somerville, <sup>MA</sup> MA
3. C. Zelle
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking southwest
7. #172

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253