

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb.	OC IIB14



1. Town Cambridge

S 87 Raymond Street

W.A. Mason House

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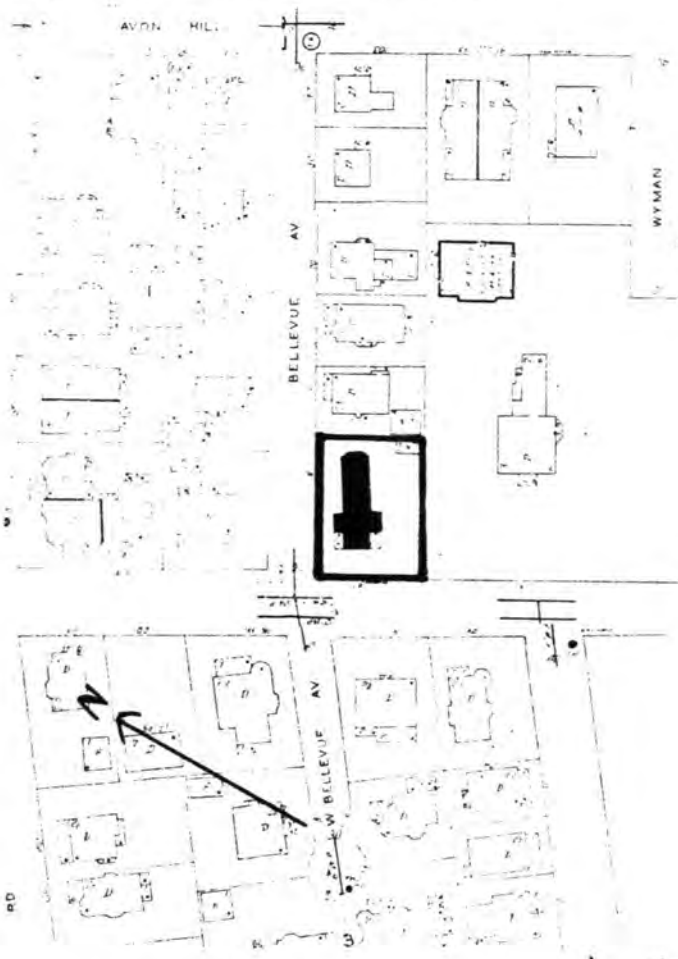
1846

ource deed records

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4. Map. 1110-36A
in relation to nearest cross street
other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features T-shaped house, of

rather modest proportions com-

pared to its neighbors. Basic
Greek Revival and Italianate features
Altered Yes-enlarged Date 1867

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre ---

Approximate frontage 72 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

20 feet

6. Recorded by E. MacDougall

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1968

UTM-LEXINGTON

19/324920/4694560

Assessor # 209-33

7. Original owner (if known) W.A. Mason

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

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

Number 87 Raymond Street is a rather small, T-shaped house combining both Greek Revival and Italianate features. The pilasters are evidence of the Greek Revival influence. The house underwent substantial alteration in 1867 when a rear extension was added.

The original owner was W.A. Mason, the Cambridge surveyor responsible for platting and surveying almost every developing area in Cambridge in the nineteenth century. His work here and in nearby areas shaped the physical patterns which these towns and cities still utilize.

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

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W. A. Mason House
87 Raymond Street

Photo: 1969
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W.A. MASON & SON, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

Established 1839

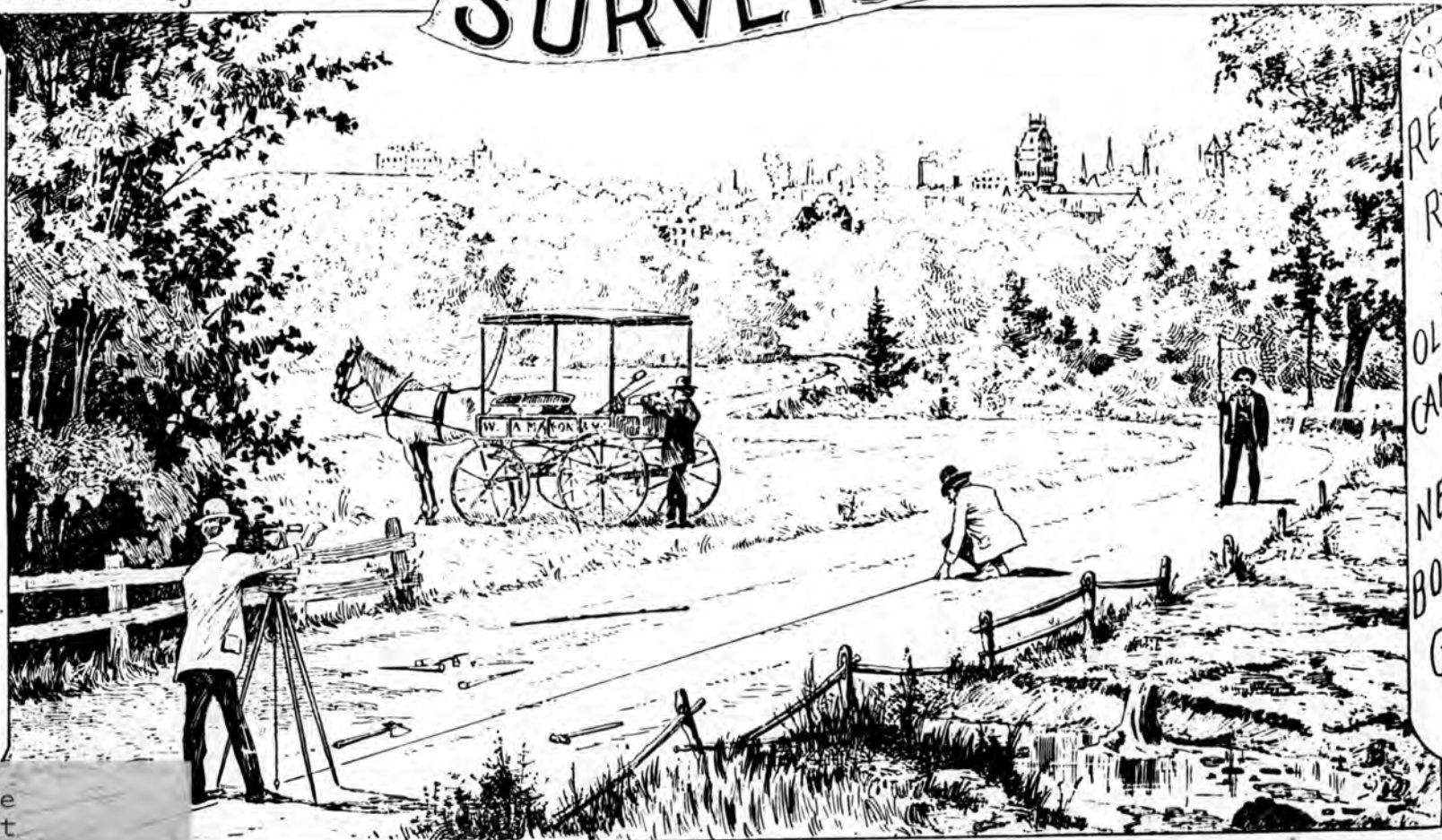
CENTRAL SQUARE,
CAMBRIDGEPORT.

PURCHASE,
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Engineers at Work

Grant - Boston

In Cambridge Public Library



RESIDENCE
RAYMOND
STREET
OLD
CAMBRIDGE
NEAR
BOTANICAL
GARDENS

W. A. Mason House
87 Raymond Street

Photo: c.1880
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WHO FORTH FROM CROWDED CITY LEAD THE LENGTHENING STREET.
William Cullen Bryant

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Mason, W. A. House (Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-1480-2862

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:

The House seems to be significant for associations with W.A. Mason. How long did he live in this house and were subsequent alterations severe enough to negate ~~the~~ ^{the early} associations?

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Brainard

Discipline 4.2.82

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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT Reference _____

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 _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to P. Andrus

Signed Brachman Date 4/2/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

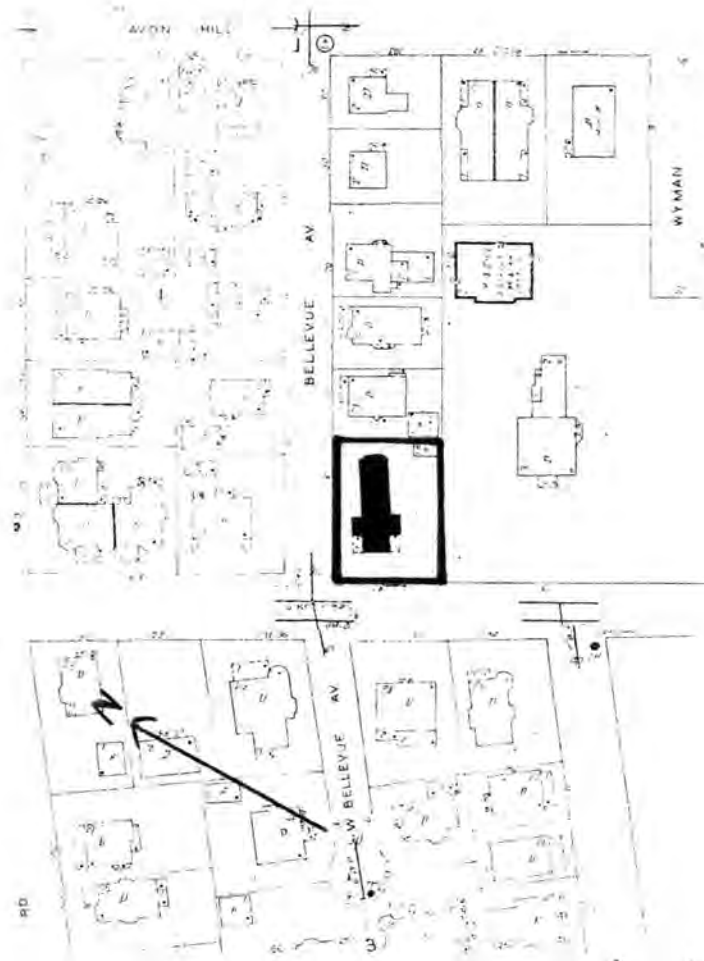
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 1110-36A

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



Assessor # 209-33

1. Town Cambridge

Address 87 Raymond Street

Name W.A. Mason House

Present use residential

Present owner Kenneth & Mary Dawson

3. Description:

Date 1846

Source deed records

Style Greek Revival/Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features T-shaped house, of
rather modest proportions com-
pared to its neighbors. Basic
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Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Old Cambridge	Form No: OC II.B.14
Property Name: William A. Mason House	

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

The W. A. Mason House was built in 1846-47 and extended in 1867, and has retained its Greek Revival - Italianate transitional features. The present ell was built in 1846-47, and the front part of the house added in 1867. The only recent alterations have been the replacement of the entrance surround with a new stock unit which does not detract from the integrity of the house, and the enclosure of a porch with jalousie windows. Mason occupied the house from 1851 until his death in 1880; thereafter, it was occupied by his son, Charles A. Mason, who maintained the family surveying business of W. A. Mason & Son.

The Mason House meets criterion B for its associations with surveyor W.A. Mason and criterion C as an example of its style and type.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

111. Mason, W. A., House

Substantive Review Keeper

Don L. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

112. Building at 259 Mount Auburn Street

Substantive Review Keeper

Don L. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

113. Howells, William Dean, House

Substantive Review Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

Attest

114. Mount Auburn Cemetery Reception House

Substantive Review Keeper

Don L. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

115. Mount Auburn Hospital - Main Building

Determined Eligible

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Don L. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

116. Higginson, Colonel Thomas Wentworth, House

Substantive Review Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

Attest

117. Noyes, J. A., House

Substantive Review Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

Attest

118. Coolidge, Josiah, House

Substantive Review Keeper

Don L. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

119. Orne, Sarah, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Don L. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

120 Hooper-Eliot House

Substantive Review Keeper

Don L. Doyle 6.30.83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Mason, W.A., House (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MA

Working No. 11.14.80-2862
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:

Locally significant
Individual associated
with the house. No

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Reviewer
Discipline
Date
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: state merit of architectural significance
☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

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☐ justification of exception

☐ other

Failed to show eligibility under criterion C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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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



Cambridge Mpt, Ma

Mason, W. A., Huso

CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION COPY PHOTOGRAPH

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Mason, W.A., House

87 Raymond 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