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FORM B - BUILDING

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORM NO.</u>
Tufts Area	129

ASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
10 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Somerville MRA

Address 21 College Hill Road

Historic Name Thomas Cook House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1850

Source map research

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved from North Street Date early-20th century

Acreage less than one acre

Setting The Cook House is a mid-19th century residence surrounded by an early-20th century subdivision Suburban/urban residential setting of well maintained neighborhood Treed lot .

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

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 19 - 324/820 - 4697/150

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

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

The Thomas Cook House retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and association. One of the few remaining farmhouses in western Somerville, the building is a fine vernacular example of the Greek Revival style. It thus fulfills Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level. The property fulfills Exception B due to its architectural importance as one of the only surviving Greek Revival houses in the northwest section of Somerville.

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

The Thomas Cook House, originally a farmhouse, is the only Greek Revival residence in the immediate vicinity. Built ca. 1850, the building retains an enclosed gable with an entablature, and wide corner pilasters. It is three bays wide and two bays deep, and is now sited with its gable end to the street. A pediment over the doorway and a narrow board dividing the first and second stories were probably added in the late-19th century.

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

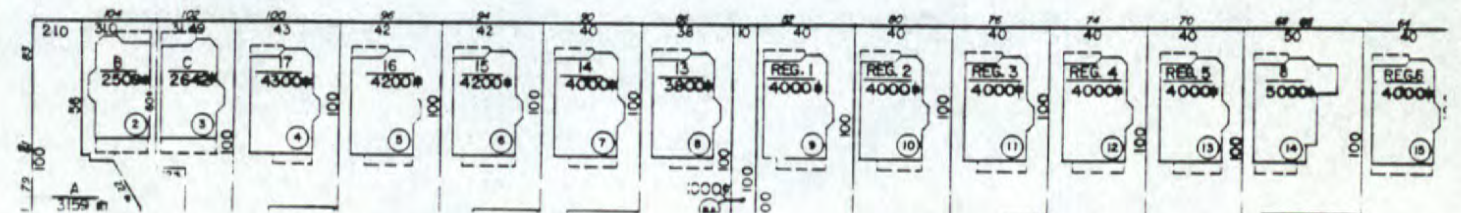
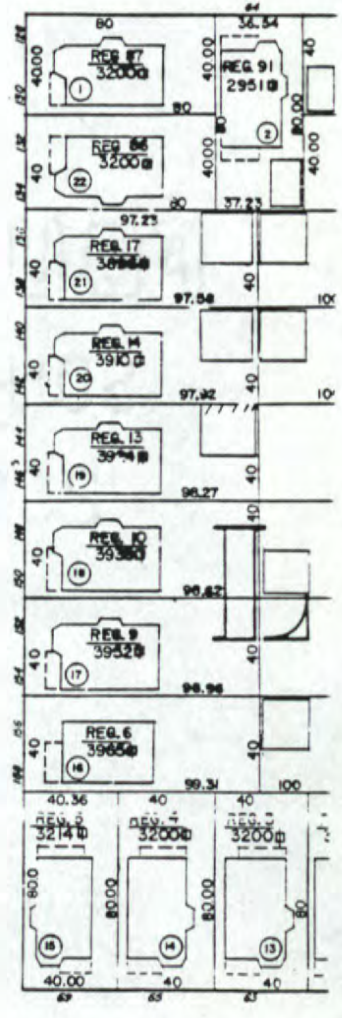
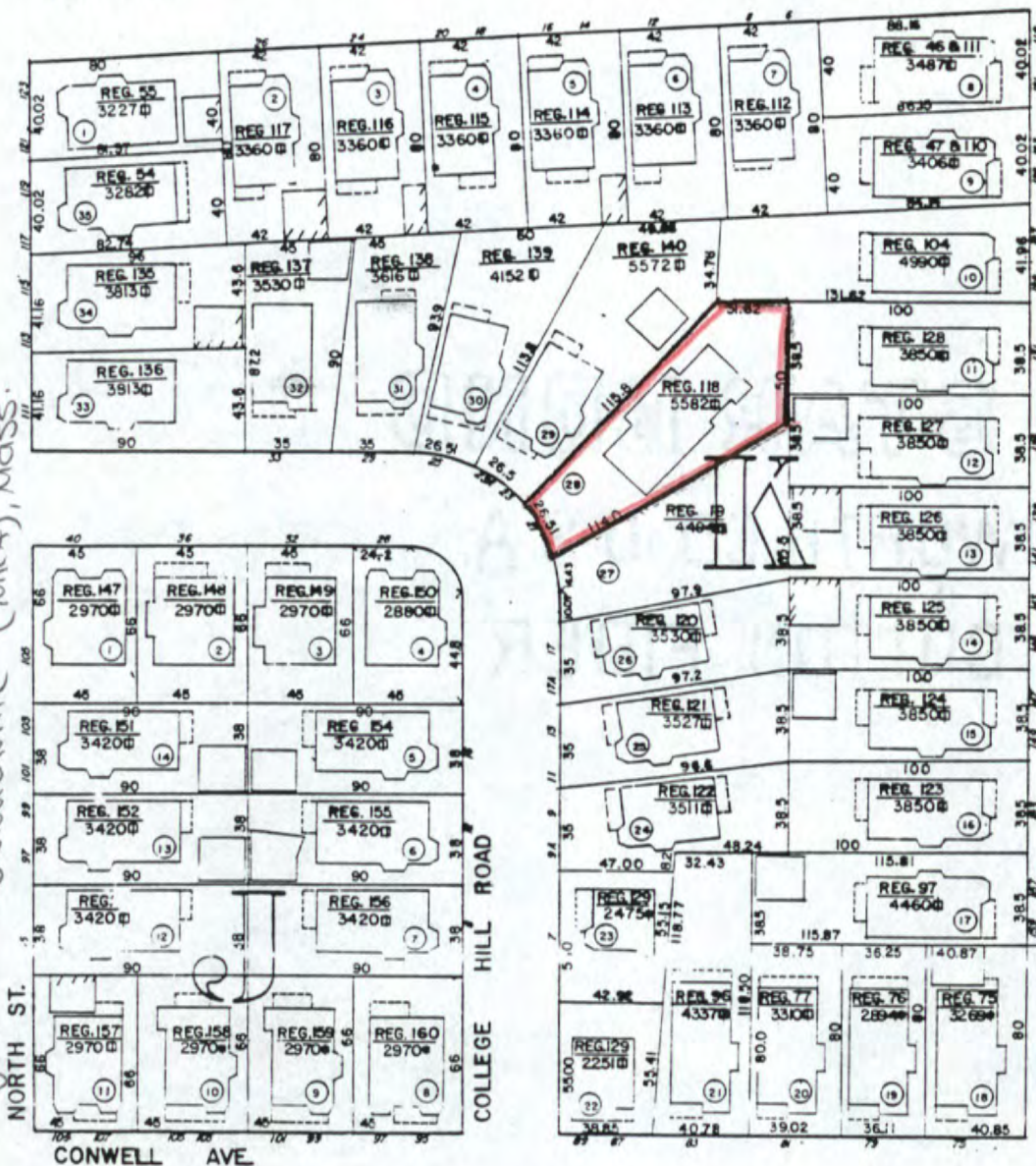
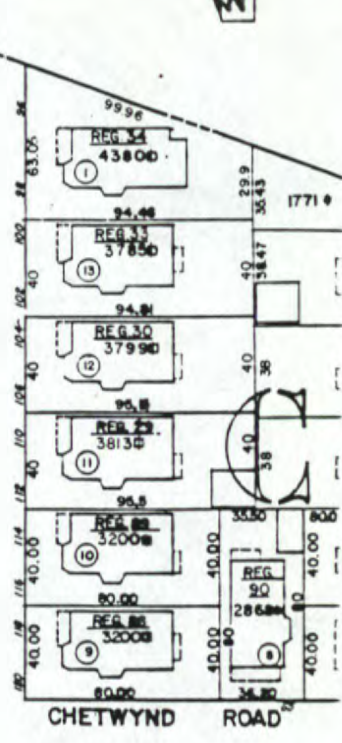
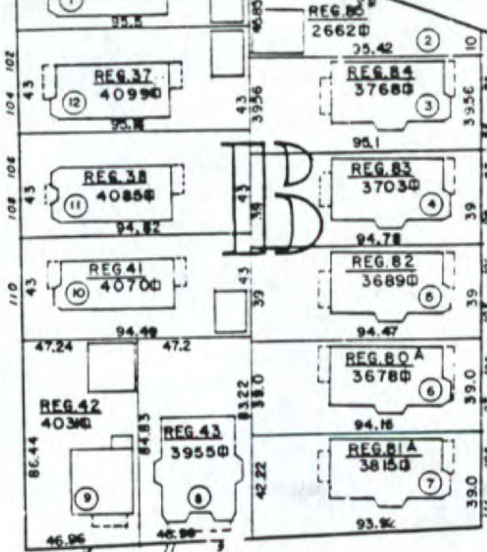
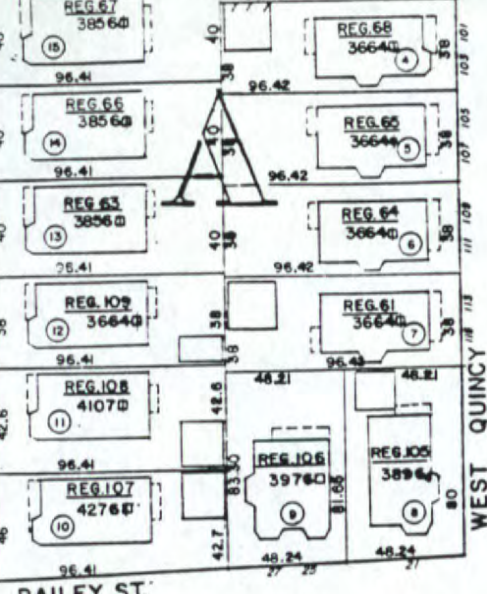
Thomas Cook, a farmer, was one of a half dozen landholders in the Curtis North-Broadway area of West Somerville. The presence of Tufts College on nearby Walnut (college) Hill, established 1852, did not stimulate residential development and in fact small market-garden farms such as this one continued to be established well into the 1860s. Between 1884 and ca. 1910, the area was subdivided for house lots. Thomas Cook's house was moved back from its original North Street location, and newly platted College Hill Road provided access. Subsequently, the area filled with two and three-family houses.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Draper, Martin, Map of Somerville - house on North Street location

1"=100 #129

Thomas Cook to.  
21 College Hill Rd. Somerville (MRA), Mass.



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Somerville MPS  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 11. Adams--Magoun House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Bacon, Clifton, House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-11 13. Barnes, Walter S. and Melissa E., House Substantive Review  Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/8/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Brackett, S.E., House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Brooks, James H., House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Central Library Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Cliff, Z.E., House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Cook, Thomas, House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Cooper--Davenport Tavern Wing Entered in the National Register  Keeper Andrew Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Cook, Thomas, 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: 89001250

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 \_\_\_\_\_



21 College Hill Rd

1. 21 College Hill Road
2. Somerville City Hall
3. C. Zellie
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking north east
7. # 129

Cook, Thomas, Hux  
Somerville MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253