

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Prospect
Hill 156

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 MRAAddress 97 Munroe StreetHistoric Name Louville V. NilesUse: Present residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1890Source map research/directoriesStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboard and shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acreSetting The nominated property occupies
a small lot in a densely built
up residential neighborhood.Late 19th century substantial
dwellings surrounding this property.Recorded by Baty Friedberg, Preservation
PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate May 1936

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

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UIM REFERENCE 19 - 327/490 - 4694/220USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Queen Anne-style residence at 97 Munroe Street retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association. A well conserved example of Somerville's most popular late Victorian architectural style, the building is representative of the city's boom period construction patterns during the late-19th century. The house thus fulfills Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Place on the local level.

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

This well conserved wood frame residence displays many features typical of a high styled Queen Anne house: asymmetrical facade with front and canted gable-roofed bays, a side oriel and conical, finial capped roof, tall masonry chimney, and integral porch with spindlework. The house is one of the best detailed examples of its style in the Prospect Hill area in eastern Somerville.

This house is included in the Somerville MRA because it is the best detailed example of its Style in Prospect Hill Area. It is well preserved and maintains many of its original features. It is located in an area that originally had larger lots, indicating that the original owners were businessmen and professionals.

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

Prospect Hill, an agricultural area well into the mid-19th century, had by the 1880s become a fashionable neighborhood for Somerville's most prominent citizens. Large single family residences, many on spacious lots, were erected to house both local businessmen and those who commuted to Boston. The nominated property was one of the last single family houses constructed during this boom period of residential construction. It was apparently built on speculation by businessman-developer Louville Niles, who had constructed his own home near by at 45 Walnut Street (MHC # 177).

Niles built two houses on his large parcel in 1890. He lived at #45 Walnut St. and sold provisions in Faneuil Hall, Boston. Edward Tead, banker, lived in this house throughout the 1890s.

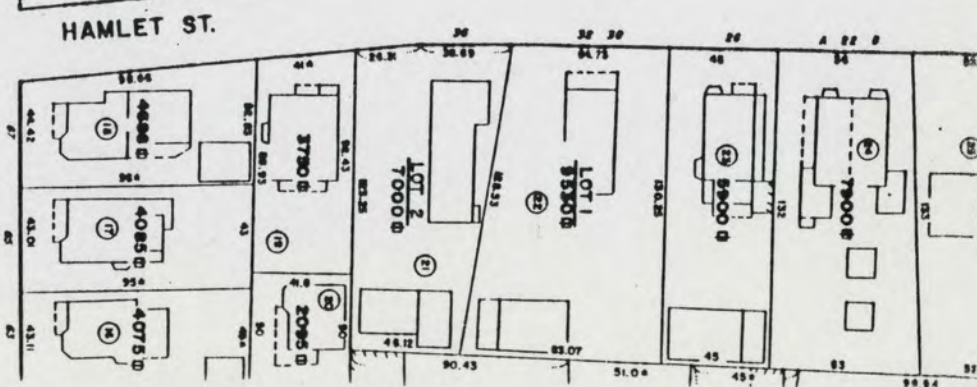
BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

L. Niles biography: Samuels, Somerville Past and Present 1894 Atlas of Somerville

1" = 100' # 156



97 Munroe
SOMMerville (URA)
Mass.



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

Date/Signature

51. Langmaid Building

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melvyn Byers 9/18/89

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52. Langmaid Terrace

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National RegisterKeeper Melvyn Byers 9/18/89

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53. Lockhardt, Charles H., House

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54. Loring, George, House

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55. Lovejoy, A.L., House

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56. Munroe, Robert, House

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57. Mystic Water Works

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National RegisterKeeper Melvyn Byers 9/18/89

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58. Nichols, John F., House

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59. Niles, Louville V., House

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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 Niles, Louville V., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Somerville MPS
NAME:

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: 89001276

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

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



1. 97 Itunroe Street
2. Somerville, ^{MA} MA
3. G. Schuler
4. 1988
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking northeast
7. #174

Niles, Louville V, House

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253