

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1101-30A

1. Town Cambridge

Address 45-51 Gore Street, 25
Third Street

Name Lechmere Point Corp. Houses

Present use residential

25 Third: Jose and Maria Dias
49 Gore: Dorothy C.

Present owner Vetrano

51 Gore: Philip & Louise John

3. Description: 47 Gore: Rocco Lopardo

Date before 1821

Source assessor/deed records

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood and brick

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features houses under

what was originally a single gable
roof.

Altered Yes Date different
times

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre -----

Approximate frontage all bldgs. 70 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

0 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

Organization Cambridge Historical Comr

Date 1964

ASSESSOR # 21-38
21-39
21-40

(over)

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19/328710/4692940

7. Original owner (if known) Lechmere Point Corporation

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This Federal style residential block is the oldest structure known to be standing in East Cambridge, and the only one remaining of an unknown number built directly by the Lechmere Point Corporation. It first appears in a real estate transaction in 1821, when it was sold by the Corporation to Governor Christopher Gore. Gore was a stockholder in the Corporation, and speculated in East Cambridge real estate on his own account.

The block contains four houses. The houses at each end of the row are entered through doorways placed in the center of each facade, while the two houses in the middle of the row are entered from Gore Street and appear to have typical sidehall plans. Only the building facing Gore Street remains substantially unchanged. The pedimented gable is now asphalt sided, but was presumably flush board; on the brick wall below, only the deeply recessed center entrance relieves the undetailed facade. The unit at 49 Gore has been remodelled with arched windows and an additional story, while a mansard roof has been added to number 51.

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

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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

31. Bottle House Block

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

Attest

32. Building at 42 Edward J. Lopez Avenue

✓ Keeper

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33. East Cambridge Savings Bank

✓ Keeper

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34. Hoyt, Benjamin, House

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35. Lechmere Point Corporation Houses

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36. Sacred Heart Church, Rectory, School and Convent

✓ Keeper

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37. Union Railway Car Barn

✓ Keeper

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38. B and B Chemical Company

Substantive Review

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39. Baker House

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

✓ Keeper

1/27/87

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

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40. Beth Israel Synagogue

✓ Keeper

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Attest

Substantive Review
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Lechmere Point Corp. Houses
Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State, County: MA-Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/17/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/13/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

photos 1
maps _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Despite alterations, this block is significant
for early development of this area*

Recom./Criteria C
Reviewer Braun
Discipline Arch His
Date 4.2.82
☐ 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

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 _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Lechmore Paint Corp. ~~Houses~~

0720

49-51 Gore St ; 25 Third St.

45-51

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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