

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
NW CAMB.	NWC IIC17

1. Town Cambridge  
 Address 2218 Massachusetts Avenue  
 Name Isaac McLean House  
 Present use residential/commercial  
 Present owner John J. Murphy

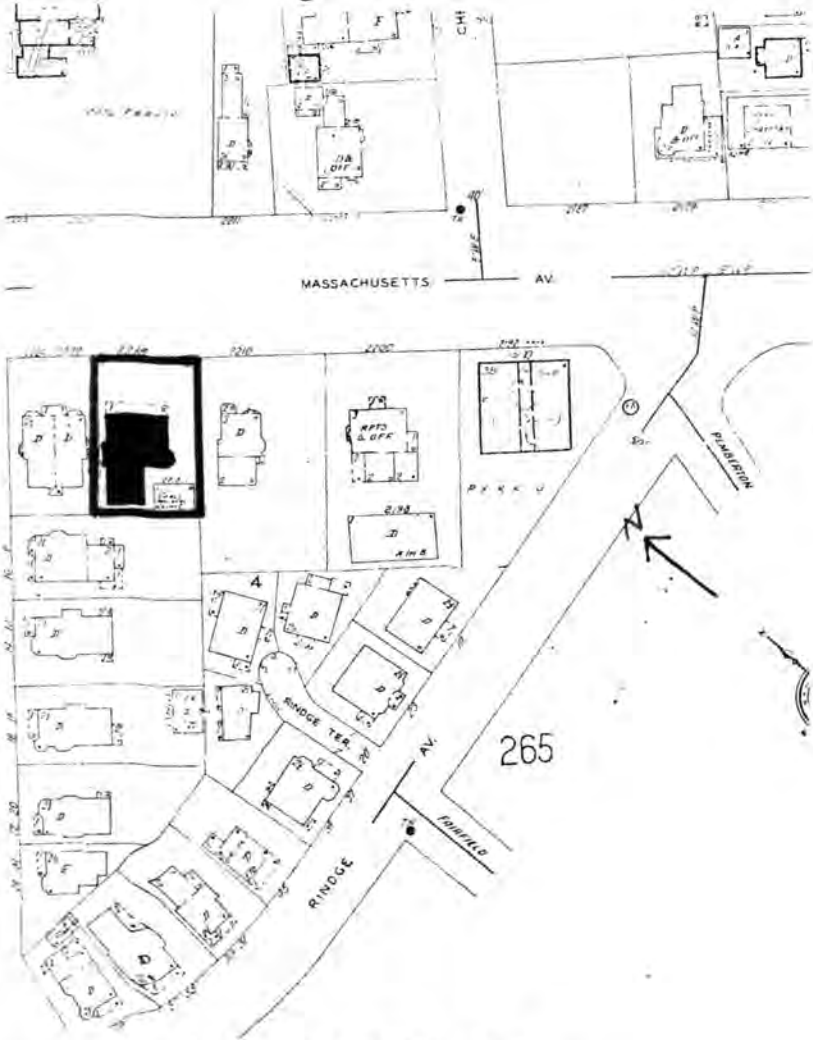
3. Description:  
 Date 1894  
 Source deed records  
 Style Colonial Revival  
 Architect Hartwell and Richardson  
 Exterior wall fabric wood  
 Outbuildings (describe) Barn - now an office  
 Other features well-scaled front porch  
unifying the house, fanlight with lead  
glass, pilasters, center Palladian  
dormer.  
 Altered No Date -----  
 Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:  
 One acre or less XX Over one acre       
 Approximate frontage 58 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
30 feet

6. Recorded by Arthur Krim  
 Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.  
 Date 1972

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
 Staple to left side of form  
 Photo number 1105-29

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



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7. Original owner (if known) Isaac McLean

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential/commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

- |                       |                                     |                            |                          |                         |                          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aboriginal            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Conservation               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agricultural          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Education                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/<br>settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/<br>invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Industry                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/<br>humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Military                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communication         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Political                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                         |                          |
| Community development | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                            |                          |                         |                          |

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

The Isaac McLean House is the best example of the domestic Colonial Revival style in Northwest Cambridge, and was designed in 1894 by the well-known architectural firm of Hartwell & Richardson. McLean, the owner, was also the builder. The hip roof caps a center-entrance facade. The entrance with its elliptical fanlight and sidelights is set within a full-width Ionic porch. The Palladian window motif of the front slope dormer is repeated on the carriage house located at the rear of the main building.

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

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area

State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

141. Taylor Square Firehouse

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

142. Aborn, John, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

143. Hews Pottery Company Carriage House

✓ Keeper

4/13/82

Attest

144. Walden Street Cattle Tunnel

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Return 4.13.82

Attest

145. Slowey, Patrick, House

✓ Keeper

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Attest

146. Fresh Pond Hotel

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

147. McLean, Isaac, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

148. Billings, Frederick, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

149. Farwell, R. H., House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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150. St. John's Roman Catholic Church

✓ Keeper

Donnerstag 6.30.82

Attest

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

## EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: McLean, Isaac, House (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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

photos 1  
maps \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:  
*Best example of colonial revival style in Northwest Cambridge.*

Recom./Criteria C  
Reviewer Braunam  
Discipline Arch/Her  
Date 4.5.82  
 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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## 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

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UBT 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_ 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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McLean, Isaac, House

2218 Massachusetts Ave.

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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