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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Winter
Hill

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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 12 Adams StreetHistoric Name (First) Amos Keyes HouseUse: Present residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1860Source Map ResearchStyle late Greek Revival/transitional

Italianate
Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellent

Moved from Central Street Date 1870

Acreage less than one acre

Setting The First Amos Keyes House is located on the slope of a steep hill in the Winter Hill section of Somerville.

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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UTM REFERENCE 19 - 327/020 - 4695/410USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The first Amos Keyes House retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association with Somerville's mid-19th century development, moved one block ten years after its construction. The house is among the best preserved residences of the period in this section of northcentral Somerville. It is a well executed example of the transition from the Greek Revival to the Italianate and as such, fulfills Criterion C and Exception B of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

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

Together with the Adams-Locke House at 178 Central Street (#121), this residence remains among the outstanding mid-nineteenth century survivors of Winter Hill. The 3-bay house with sidehall plan has a sidelight entrance in its gable end. A fine Doric-columned single-story porch runs along the east (Adams Street) south elevations of the house. Floor-length windows at the first story are 6/9, while second-story windows are 6/6. A round-headed gable window effects the transition from Greek Revival to Italianate styling. The building is an excellent state of preservation.

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

Although Adams Street was platted ca. 1845, no construction occurred prior to the moving of this house in 1870. Originally built on Central Street by produce dealer Amos Keyes ca. 1860, 12 Adams was relocated one-block when Keyes built a high-style Second Empire residence on the Central Street site in 1870.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1874.
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

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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 Keyes, Amos, 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: 89001224

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



12 Adams

1. 12 Adams St.
2. Somerville, MA
3. Carol Zellie
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking north
7. # 100

Keyes Ames, Assoc
Somerville, MA, MA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253