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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

Highland
Ave.

146

Somerville

ss 140 Highland Avenue

ric Name Walter S. Barnes &
issa E. Barnes

Present residence

Original residence

DIPTION

ca. 1835-95

e Somerville Journal

Stick Style/Queen Anne

itect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than once acre

Setting Situated on south side of
heavily traveled main transportation
route through Somerville, mixed
residential and commercial surroundsRecorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation
Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date June 1985



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 - 326/370 - 4694/780

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

140 Highland Avenue is an intact Stick Style/Queen Anne Style residence, one of the few such unaltered examples in Somerville. The property is associated with public servant Robert Luce. It was his residence during the peak of his career as a state representative and congressman. Retaining integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, 140 Highland Avenue fulfills criteria B and C 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.

140 Highland Avenue is an excellent of Queen Anne style. A variety of dormers, bays, porches, and chimneys contribute to the building's symmetrical appearance. Gables are set into a steep hipped roof punctuated by a half round window in a central gable. The entry is sheltered by a brace-supported shed-roofed porch.

This house is included in the somerville MRA because it is an outstanding example of its Queen Anne Style. It was well preserved through the years, and has withstood the expansion of the main East to West route (throughout the 19th century) that passes through Somerville.

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

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Upon graduation from Harvard in 1882, Luce associated himself with several Boston newspapers and periodicals. In 1888, he started the Press Clipping Bureau, which became his main concern. In 1908, he passed the bar examination and soon engaged in the practice of law. He soon gained a reputation as one of the most eloquent and learned speakers in Massachusetts, and entered politics in 1926. After nine terms as state representative from Somerville, Luce was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1911 during his state review. Luce was known as an advocate of public welfare issues.

The property's first owner was Walter S. Barnes who was involved in the paper boxes business in Boston.

BLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Somerville Journal
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: SOMERVILLE	Form No: 146
Property Name: Walter S. Barnes	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

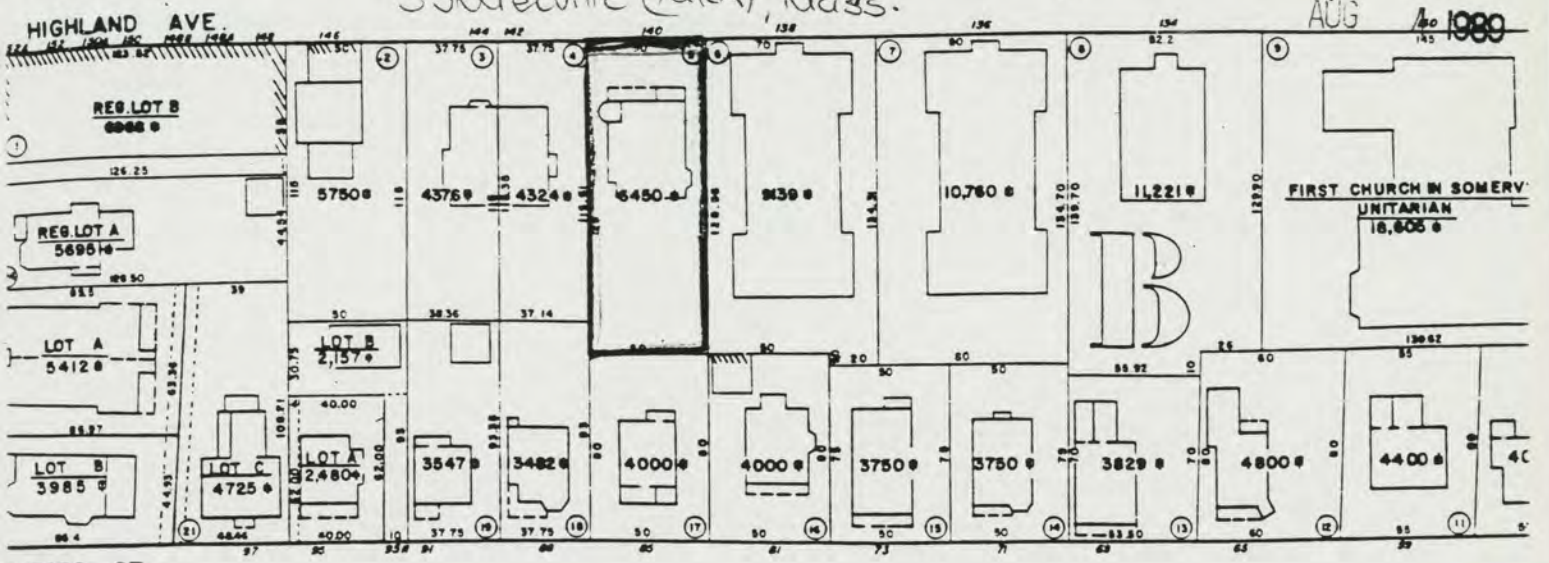
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140 Highland Ave
Somerville (MRA), Mass. # 146 Highland Avenue 1"=100'

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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 NAME: Barnes, Walter S. and Melissa E., 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: 89001266

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/18/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

no context for politics/government is provided in the MRA cover form and the historical significance statement on the inventory form is somewhat indicative of Luce's significance, but is not fully developed. For this property to be eligible under (3) it will be necessary to elaborate on his role somewhat.

The sentence about Walter S. Barnes is stuck in the middle - why?

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

Please check date for Luce entering politics, say "1826", but he was born in 1862? Please revise and check other types.

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

Bert A. Savage

Phone (202) 343-9640

Date 9/18/89

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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA Highland Ave. FORM NO. 146

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Source Somerville Journal
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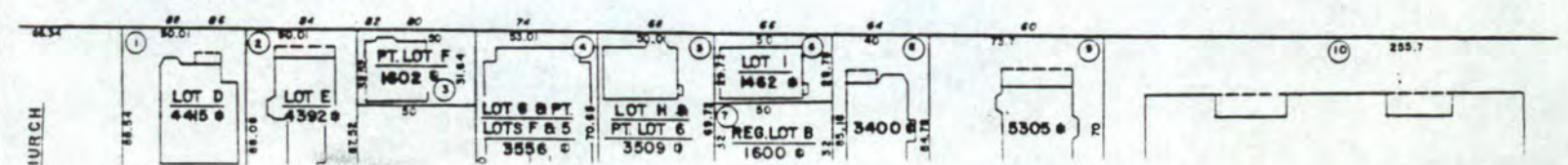
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Barnes, Walter S. and Melissa E., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Somerville MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/23/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/09/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001266

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/8/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Locally significant Queen Anne
residence.
Initial return comments addressed.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Swale
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/8/90

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 _____



140 Highland

1. 140 Highland Ave
2. Somerville, MA
3. Carol Zellie
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. Looking Southeast
7. #146

Barnes Walter S. + Melissa E., House
Somerville MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253