

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
MID CAM.	MC II B 8

USGS Map #13

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SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Recorded by C. Diver/T. Alduino
Organization Cambridge Historical Com.
Date 1965/1985

UTM 19/325990/4693540
USGS Quad: Boston North

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town Cambridge, Mass.
Cambridge MRA

Address 34 Kirkland Street

Historic Name Luther Brooks House

Use: Present offices
Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1840

Source tax records

Style Greek Revival

Architect Oliver Hastings

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings NA

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date NA

Approx. acreage .3989 acres

Setting The Brooks House stands c
a deep treed lot which is separat
from Kirkland St. by a granite re
taining wall. To the west is the
small scale Church of the New Jer
salem and to the east is the con-
temporary Joseph Lovering House.

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

The Luther Brooks House was built in 1840 with its gable end to the street, although its entry remained on the long (east) side, retaining a traditional plan. Sheathed in clapboards, it rises two and one half stories from a granite foundation to a slate covered gable roof with paired side wall chimneys. The house is extended to the rear by a two story gabled ell which is probably original, with a later one story addition on the east side. Contemporary features include wide corner pilasters and frieze, Doric porches and gable ends treated as pediments. Windows generally contain 6/6 sash and those of the second

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

Continued

The Brooks House should be noted for the prominence of its builder/architect, Oliver Hastings, whose other major works in Cambridge include Lovering House, 38 Kirkland Street, and the Regency Mansion he built for himself at 101 Brattle Street. "At a time when architects were scarcely given professional status, and pattern books provided universal guides for builders, Oliver Hastings is distinguished by the range of styles he mastered and the originality of his adaptations."¹

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

- ¹ Rodino, Richard, Lovering House 1839, (a paper prepared for the Harvard English Dept., June 1975, on file at the Cambridge Historical Commission).

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Property Name: Luther Brooks Hs.

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Luther Brooks House
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/17/82
Action: ☐ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN 6-10-82
☐ REJECT

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

photos 1
maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

This building is nominated under criterion c, yet there has been no local architectural context provided from which to evaluate its significance, nor is there an explanation of what features this building possesses that make it distinctive enough, in comparison to other local examples of the Greek Revival style of architecture, to merit individual listing under criterion c.

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 6/10/82
☐ 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

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 date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

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

Address 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

Patrick Andrews

Signed *Braun* _____

Date *6-10-82* ~~4-28-82~~ _____

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only
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date entered

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

61. Valentine Soap Workers Cottages
(101 Pearl St.)

✓ Keeper

Donna M. Douglas 6/30/83
return 4/13/83

Substantive Review

Attest

62. Opposition House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

63. Frost, Walter, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

64. Treadwell-Sparks House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/12/86

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
owner objection withdrawn

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

65. Francis, Ebenezer, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Attest

Harvard

66. Lovering, Joseph, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/12/86

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
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Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

67. Atwood, Ephiram, House

✓ Keeper

Donna M. Douglas 6/30/83

Attest

68. Buildings at 104-106 Hancock St.

✓ Keeper

Donna M. Douglas 6/30/83

Attest

69. Colburn, Sara Foster, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

70. Brooks, Luther, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Brooks, Luther, House (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

JUL 30 1986

- ☒ resubmission *was not submitted.*
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 8/28/86 - 9/12/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-12-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

Locally significant vernacular interpretation of Greek Revival style built by prominent local builder, Oliver Hastings. Return comments have been adequately addressed.

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer Savage
Discipline Architectural History
Date 7/8/86
_____ see continuation sheet

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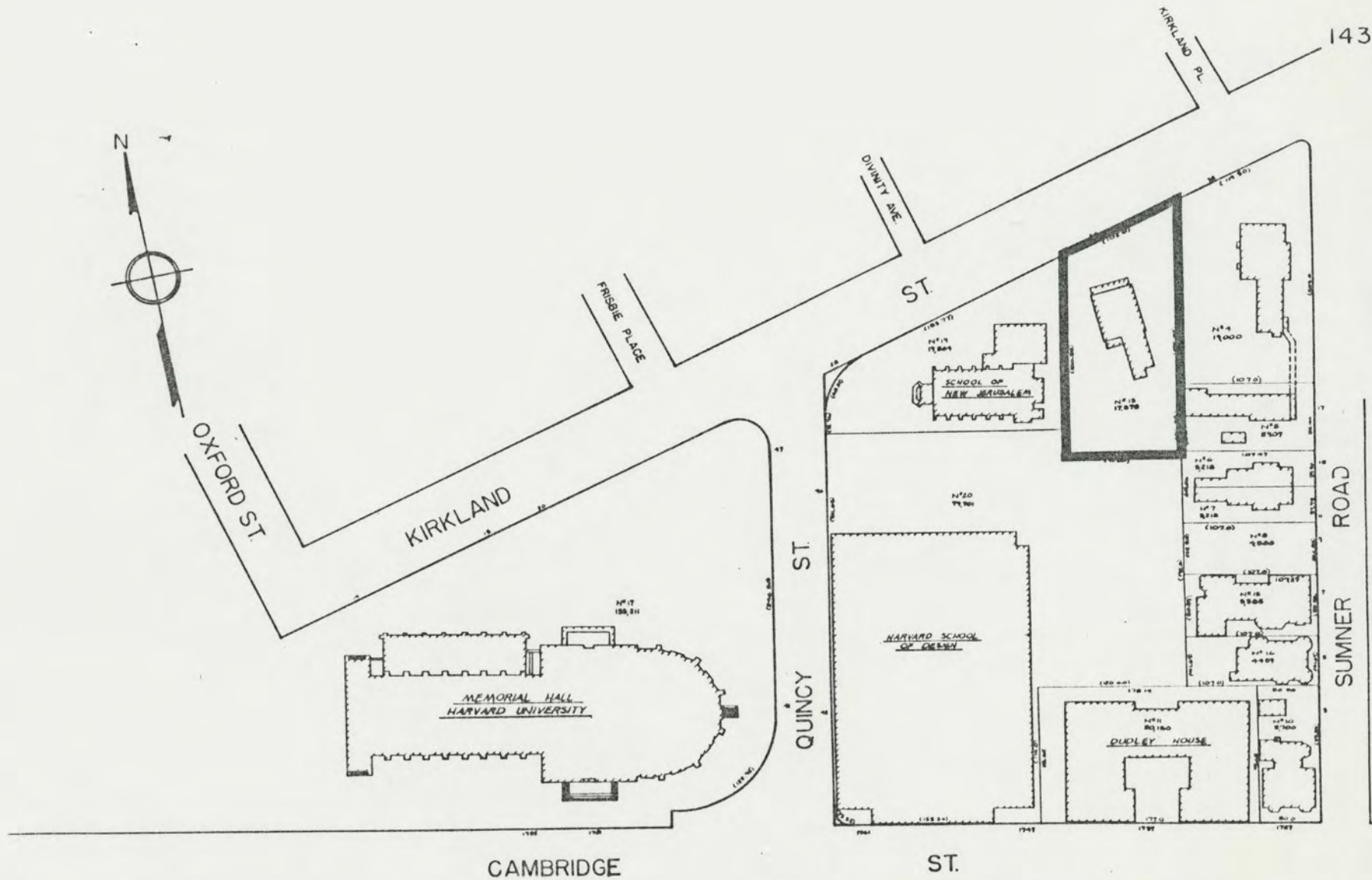
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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

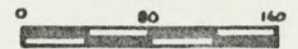


Cambridge MA, Ma
Luther Brooks House
34 Kirkland Street

69-15A



Cambridge, Mass.
Cambridge MRA
LUTHER BROOKS HOUSE



Base: City of Cambridge
Assessor's Plans

January 1983

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275