

FORM B - BUILDING

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

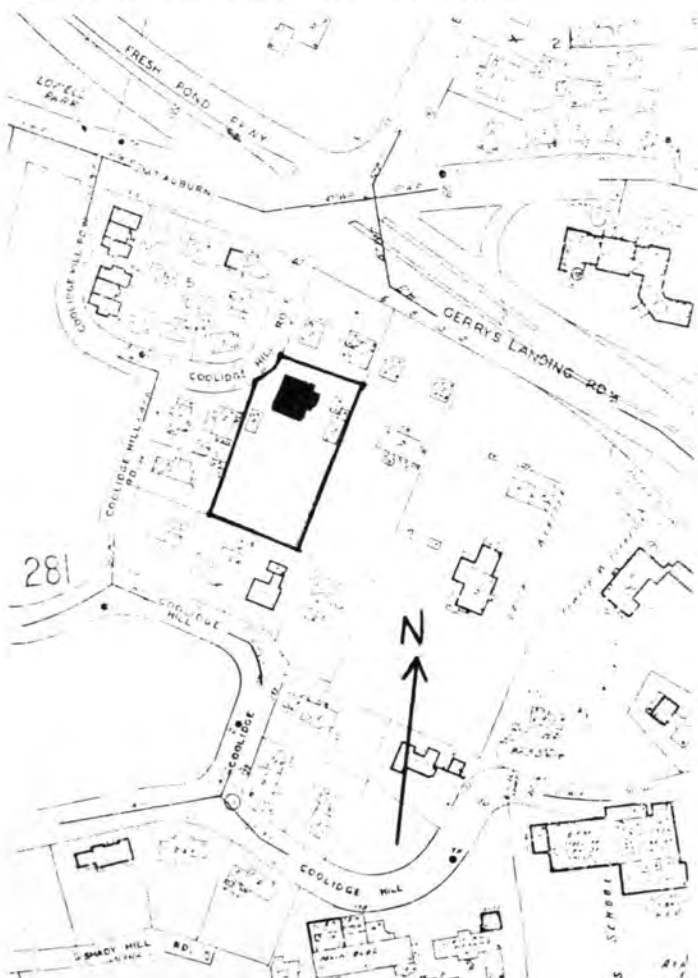
In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb.	OC IIB4



Cambridge
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Sarah Orne House
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1807
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Georgian

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

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Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wood
 Outbuildings (describe) garage with barge-board
 Other features round-headed window over entry, bay at southeast end
has Greek Revival molding.
 Altered Yes Date 1809
 Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre
 Approximate frontage 75 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street 30 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting
 Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
 Date 1964

UTM - NEWTON

19/323800/4693300

ASSESSOR # 242A-149

7. Original owner (if known) John G. Orne - Sarah Orne

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential use

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

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

Substantive Review
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Orne, Sarah 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
RETURN 4/13/82
REJECT

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

photos _____

maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

Please provide a statement of significance explaining why this building individually meets N.R. criteria - please provide the architectural context for this building. Please discuss the alterations to the building - in its present condition, ^{from} what period does this bldg. date?

Recom. / Criteria Return
Reviewer Patrick Andrus
Discipline Historian
Date 4.6.82
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	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ 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

Acres 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 Brahman Date 4/13/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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Old Camb.	OC IIB4

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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1. Town Cambridge

Address 10 Coolidge Hill Road

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Present use residential

Present owner Richard and Priscilla Hunt

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Source deed records

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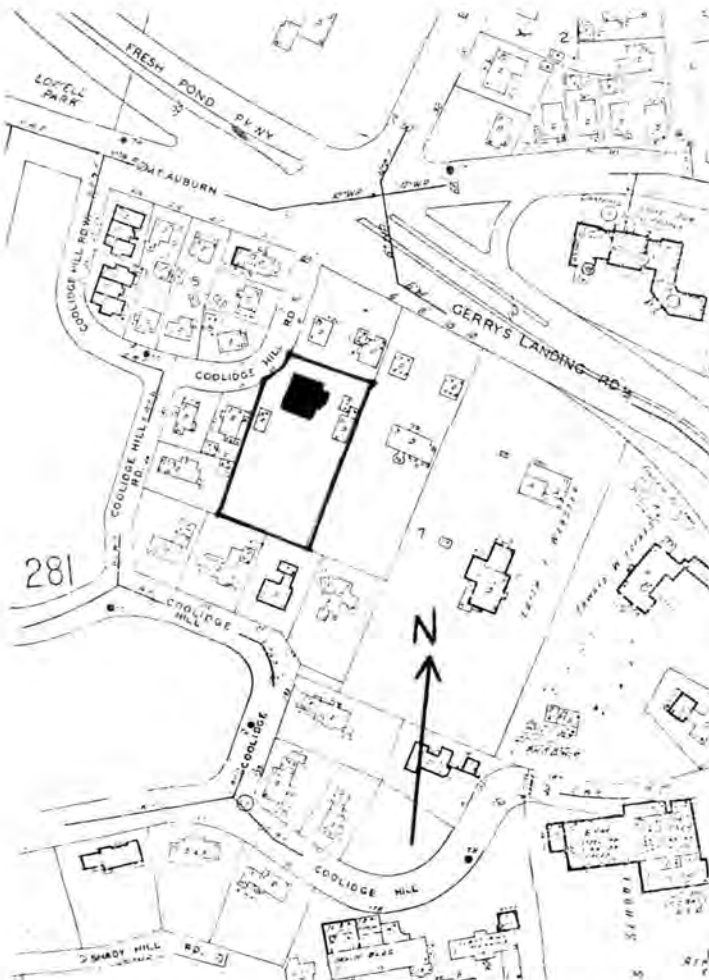
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UTM - NEWTON

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ASSESSOR # 242A-149

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Old Cambridge	Form No: OC II.B.4
Property Name: Sarah Orne House	

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

The Sarah Orne House is associated with the Josiah Coolidge Farm, which occupied a drumlin on the banks of the Charles River in sight of Harvard Square until it was sold for a subdivision in 1910. It was the last working farm in Cambridge, and the last of the Old Cambridge estates to be subdivided. The following description is drawn from Report Four: Old Cambridge of the Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge:

The history as well as the location of Coolidge Hill sets it somewhat apart from Brattle Street. Here, at what later became known as Gerry's Landing, the bank of the Charles River offered a firm landing place, and it was near this point that Sir Richard Saltonstall in 1630 established the first Watertown settlement. Until Memorial Drive was extended through to Fresh Pond Parkway in 1946, this valley was meadowland leading down to the Charles River.

When the initial settlers removed toward Watertown Square after 1635 the allotments were gathered into farms by a few remaining families. Most of Coolidge Hill was acquired by the Samuel Thatcher family, in whose possession it remained until 1793. Owned later by Elbridge Gerry - and thus briefly annexed to Elmwood estate - it came eventually into the hands of Josiah Coolidge and his son Joseph, who kept the farm together until World War I, except for some 11 acres sold in 1865 to the city for the Cambridge Cemetery. The last remnant of the farm disappeared in 1924. Near what had earlier been an access road to a farm further south on the river, Coolidge Avenue was laid out in 1830 and became the boundary of the newly founded Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Partitioning of Coolidge Hill began in 1910 with sales of the lower meadows to Browne and Nichols School and in 1925 to Shady Hill School; the eastern crest was purchased by the Forbes family in 1910 and developed as a family enclave. The more intensive subdivision of the hill's norther slope as Coolidge Hill Road took place in 1915, while larger hilltop lots were laid out in 1924.

Surrounded by cemeteries, school grounds, and a traffic artery, Coolidge Hill is very much of an island, and it is further protected by one-way streets that seem only to lead 'out'. As a result, the district's streets are as quiet as they were forty years ago and their layout [Prof. Henry V. Hubbard of Pray, Hubbard & White] attains the same picturesque informality as Larchwood, although the houses on top of the hill are larger. Like Larchwood [a nearby development of 1915], they provide a perfect locality in which to study and compare high-grade residential building before and after the First World War.

(see over - continuation)

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Though the 17th-century Thatcher farmhouse near the corner of Coolidge Avenue and Mt. Auburn Street disappeared in 1831, five other structures of some antiquity survive on the hill. Numbers 8 and 10 Coolidge Hill Road are the service wing and main portion (separated in 1936) of the Widow Orne's house. This building began life in 1807 as a store across the parkway, on the grounds of the Home for Aged People; two years later it was moved to its present site and adapted as a house. Its barn (6 Coolidge Hill Road) was remodeled as a residence in 1900 by Ralph Adams Cram. The two Coolidge houses also survive: 24 Coolidge Hill Road (1822, remodeled 1900) and 34 Coolidge Avenue built in 1856. And finally, there is the trim little Federal house of 1801 at 144 Coolidge Hill, moved here in 1929 from 15 Appian Way.

The Orne House is a two-story hip roof wood frame structure with five bays, a center entrance, and a single dormer centered above it. A porch spans the entire front of the house, with flush boarding underneath and clapboards elsewhere. Built in 1807 as a store, it was moved in 1809 and converted to a house; the details which are described are presumed to date from that remodeling. The house is important as an early farmhouse of the period; the move occurred so early that it does not detract from its significance.

The Orne House meets Criterion A as associated with the development of Cambridge, and Criterion C as an important example of its type.

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National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

111. Mason, W. A., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 6-30-83

Attest

112. Building at 259 Mount Auburn
Street

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 6-30-83

Attest

113. Howells, William Dean, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brannan 4-13-82

Attest

114. Mount Auburn Cemetery Reception
House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 6-30-83

Attest

115. Mount Auburn Hospital — Main
Building

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Bruce L. Dwyer 6-30-83

Attest

116. Higginson, Colonel Thomas
Wentworth, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brannan 4-13-82

Attest

117. Noyes, J. A., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brannan 4-13-82

Attest

118. Coolidge, Josiah, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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119. Orne, Sarah, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

120 Hooper-Eliot House

Substantive Review

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Sarah Orne House
10 Coolidge Hill Road

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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Substantive Review

Orne, Sarah, House (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MA

Working No. 11-1450-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-1-84
Date Due: 7/4/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/20/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency:

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

DOCUMENTATION SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED.

Recom./Criteria ATC
Reviewer Mr. [Signature]
Discipline A.H.
Date 6-30-83
see continuation sheet

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Cambridge MA, Ma

Orne, Sarah, House

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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