

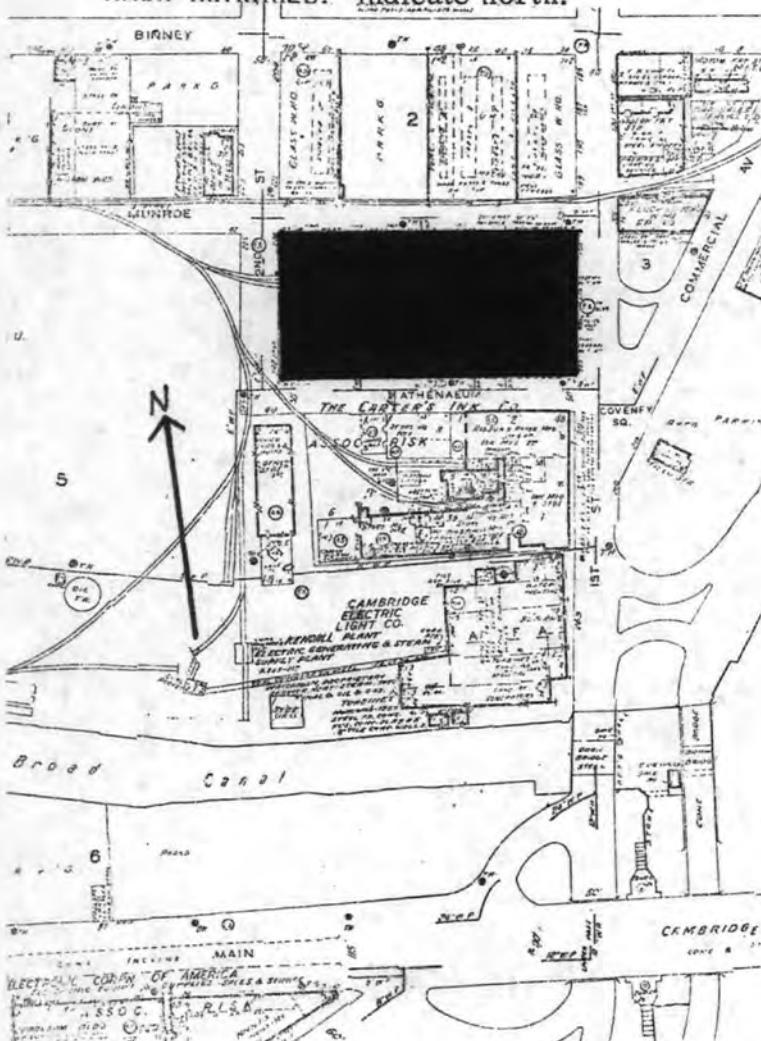
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
E. Camb.	EC IIB4

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1102-20

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



1. Town Cambridge
Address 215 First Street
Name Athenaeum Press (now Cuneo Press)
Present use industrial

Present owner Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company

3. Description:

Date 1895

Source assessor/deed records

Style Mill Construction

Architect Lockwood, Greene, & Co.

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features numerous stylistic
embellishments, including at one
time, a statue of Athena.

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ----- Over one acre XX

Approximate frontage 200 Feet

Approximate distance of building from street
0 Feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1964

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Assessors # 15-3

7. Original owner (if known) Ginn and Company

Original use book printing plant

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The first printing in the English-speaking colonies was done in Cambridge, and by the late nineteenth century, it had become an important center of printing and publishing. Ginn and Company, the well-known school book publishers, built this extensive plant on the banks of the Charles River. It was the third and last of the major printing establishments to locate in the City following the Riverside Press of 1849 and the Harvard University Press. It is also important as a major architectural landmark on the Charles River Basin.

The architects, Lockwood, Greene & Co., were mill engineers of wide repute. The Athenaeum Press building is one of the earliest and largest industrial plants along Cambridge's reclaimed riverfront. Structurally, it represents a continuation of nineteenth century mill construction techniques. The architects were concerned with efficient and economical manufacturing as well as with the health and safety of the workers. The latest innovations in ventilation, plumbing, lighting and fireproofing were applied to the construction.

Because of the high visibility from the Longfellow Bridge, the Athenaeum Press building was given numerous stylistic embellishments, including a statue of Athena, which has since been removed.

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 ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

✓ 21. Harvard Houses Historic District

owner objection withdrawn

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/12/86

Attest

John X. Savage 9/12/86

✓ 22. Harvard Square Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brauman

Attest

4.13.82

✓ 23. Old Harvard Yard Historic District (Boundary increase)

see #193

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Harvard 10/6/10/82

Attest

✓ 24. Old Cambridge Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Romer Van Dyke 4/13/82

Attest

Harvard

✓ 25. Winthrop Square Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret. 6/10/82

Attest

Harvard

✓ 26. Hubbard Park Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brauman 4.13.82

Attest

✓ 27. Fresh Pond Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Reject 4.13.82

Attest

✓ 28. American Net and Twine Company Factory

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 4/1/82

Attest

✓ 29. Athenaeum Press

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brauman 4.13.82

Attest

✓ 30. Barnes, James B., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William A. Brauman 4.13.82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Athenaeum Press (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

photos 1

maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

This building is locally significant for its association with the important 19th and 20th century Cambridge book publishing industry.
Built in 1895, the building is a good local example of 19th century mill construction.

Recom. / Criteria accept AEC
Reviewer Patrick Andrus 6743
Discipline Historian
Date 3/15/82
☐ 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	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ 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 _____

USIT 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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Cambridge MA, Ma
Atheneum Press

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215 First St.

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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