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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Winter Hill	122
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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.

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

Town Somerville MRA

Address 192-200 Central Street

Historic Name Downer rowhouses

Use: Present multifamily residence

Original 5-unit apartment row

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1830

Source map research

Style Second Empire

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick/granite

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting The apartment row located on a residential street, abuts a church on Broadway, a major Somerville thoroughfare.

UTM REFERENCE Z 19 - 327/170 - N 4695/520

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

192-200 Central Street, a well-preserved Second Empire style apartment row, retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and fulfills Criterion 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.

192-200 Central Street is a five-unit Second Empire-style brick row. The steep, straight-edged roof line indicates that it was built during the final years of that style's popularity. The overall proportions of the building are tall and narrow. Notable features include the full height, polygonal bays, recessed entrances, and boldly projecting cornices. The building also retains a scallop-shingled slate roof and projecting dormers with bracketed supported broken pediments.

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

Like its neighbor, 55 Adams Street (see map) 192-200 Central Street was built ca. 1880 by local real estate broker and Winter Hill resident Cutler Downer. Brick rowhouses began to be built for middle class residents in prestigious neighborhoods such as Winter Hill in the late-19th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1884

192-200 CENTRAL
SOMERVILLE MASS. 1"=100' #122

BROADWAY



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

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Crowell, C.C., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/18/89

Attest _____

22. Downer Rowhouses (Adams Street)

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/18/89

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23. Downer Rowhouses (Central Street)

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/18/89

Attest _____

24. First Unitarian Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth L. Savage 9/18/89

Attest _____

25. First Universalist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth L. Savage 9/18/89

Attest _____

26. Foster, Alexander, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/18/89

Attest _____

27. Gaut, Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/18/89

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28. Grandview, The

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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29. Highland, The

Entered in the
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30. Hollander Blocks

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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 Downer Rowhouses (Central Street)
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: 89001241

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
___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 _____



192-200 Central

1. 192-200 Central St,
2. Somerville, MA
3. Carol Zelke
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking north
7. #122

Demer rowhouse (Central St.)

Somerville MA Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253