

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Old Object

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
Old Cambridge	I 8

USGS Map: HY

Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 85-12A
 84-27A
 84-23A

Town Cambridge Mass
 Cambridge MRA

Name of area (if any) Harvard Yard

Historic District

General date or period 1628-1973, but
principally 1718-1930.

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)

(See Attached Map)

USGS Quads: Boston North and Boston South

26.814 acres

UTM References:

- A: 19/325860/4693340
- B: 19/325800/4693060
- C: 19/325500/4693200
- D: 19/325540/4693480

Recorded by Therese Alduino

Organization Cambridge Hist. Comm.

Date 1985

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

(See Attached Sheet)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

(See Attached Sheet)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

(See Standard Bibliography)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No.
Old Cambridge Mass. Cambridge MRA	I 8
Property Name: Harvard Yard	

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

Architectural Significance

The Harvard Yard National Register District consists entirely of institutional buildings of various types: dormitories, classrooms, libraries and a church. In its present state, the district comprises an orderly series of small and large quadrangles enclosed by an elaborate wrought iron fence which work together to create an area of character and tranquility just a few steps from the bustle of Harvard Square.

The Old Yard contains several eighteenth century buildings, most of which are three or four stories and built of brick. The oldest building, the gambrel roofed Massachusetts Hall (NHL), dates from 1718. Other Georgian buildings include Holden Chapel (1742), Hollis Hall (1762, Thomas Dawes), a three part composition whose center pavillion breaks forward to carry a pediment, and Harvard Hall (1764). Wadsworth House (1726), a two story gambrel roof Georgian dwelling, is the only wooden building in the Old Yard.

Charles Bulfinch designed Stoughton Hall (1804) and the granite University Hall (1813). Later nineteenth century brick buildings such as Grays Hall (1862, N.J. Bradley), Thayer Hall (1869, Ryder & Harris), Weld Hall (1870, Ware & Van Brunt), and Matthews Hall (1871, Peabody & Stearns), in spite of their ornamentation and more massive scale, blend well with the earliest buildings. Both Weld and Matthews, which face each other, display the profusion of gables, bays and projections characteristic of the Queen Anne style, while Grays and Thayer reflect the more simple facades of their Georgian counterparts, Holworthy and Stoughton. Also successful is the ring of Neo-Georgian buildings from Phillips Brooks House (1898, Alexander Wadsworth Longfellow) to Lehman Hall (1924, Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch & Abbott).

Dominating Tercentenary Theatre east of the Old Yard are Widener Library (1913, Horace Trumbauer) and Memorial Church (1931, Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch & Abbott). Memorial Church has two substantial Doric porticoes; the one facing Widener Library balances that building's mass. The church's steeple is modelled after Boston's Christ Church (Old North Church). Proceeding east, Robinson Hall (1900, McKim, Mead & White), built for the school of architecture, displays classical stylistic references, as befitted the prevailing taste of the architectural profession at the turn of the century. Sculptural fragments adorn the facade, along with plaques inscribed with the names of the architectural gods of the time. Modelled after Robinson Hall, Emerson Hall (1904, Guy Lowell) employs similar massing and materials and many of the same architectural devices such as pilasters and engaged columns. Also by Guy Lowell is the three story brick President's House at

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Cambridge MRA
Old Cambridge Mass.

Form No:

I 8

Property Name: Harvard Yard

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Architectural Significance (cont'd)

17 Quincy Street (1911). Widener Library and Memorial Church give the New Yard coherence and focus by virtue of their monumental size and large scale detail which replication of the Old Yard would not have done. Behind Memorial Church is Canaday, a non-contributing group of buildings built in 1973.

Forming a transition between the Tercentenary Theater and the quadrangle to the east is Sever Hall (NHL; 1878, H.H. Richardson). Both facades of Sever Hall are equally important. The contained outline of the building and its solid brick mass clearly define the shape of the open spaces upon which it fronts, as well as make it compatible with the older structures of the Yard. Sever Hall departed from precedent in having fenestration keyed to interior function and unique brick ornament on all four sides. This cut and molded brick was produced in the brick yard of J.L. Sands and Son of North Cambridge. The low arches of the two entrances, twin cylindrical towers, and high hipped roof are other distinguishing characteristics of this Richardson building.

The remaining portion of the district consists mostly of twentieth century buildings, including Houghton Library (1947, Perry, Shaw and Hepburn) and Lamont Library (1947, the Shepley office). Houghton's delicate Federal Revival Style and pale red brick set it apart from the other Yard buildings, while Lamont was Harvard's first contemporary building. The quadrangle they form is the least successful in the Yard, as they were not planned to relate to each other across a quadrangle space. In addition, the buildings lack architectural unity present in the buildings in the other quadrangle areas. The consistent use of the quadrangle to organize buildings and open space breaks down in this area as well as at Canaday (1973, Ezra D. Ehrenkrantz). Beneath the former quad lies Pusey Library (1973, Hugh Stubbins) which is underground except for the entrance facing Widener Library.

Historical Significance

When Harvard College was founded in 1636, this district was principally utilized by neighboring property owners as an ox pasture, cornfields and orchards. While several wooden and brick classrooms/dwellings were built in the seventeenth century on the site of Harvard Yard, none remain. These early buildings represented a determined effort by the college to house students and faculty together in an academic community.

Massachusetts Hall, the fifth major building erected by the college, is the oldest that remains. Together with other early buildings of the college, it formed a quadrangle; however, the buildings

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Historical Significance (cont'd)

were oriented outward rather than inward as they are today. The next oldest surviving structure, Wadsworth House, was constructed in 1726 as an official residence for Harvard presidents, a use continued until 1849. Other surviving buildings originally facing outward are Holden Chapel (1742), Hollis Hall (1762) and Harvard Hall (1764), the first college building without living quarters. These buildings were used as troop dormitories during the siege of Boston, 1775-1776, when the college was in exile in Concord.

The reorientation of the early buildings took place as the center of gravity of the college shifted from the small western quadrangle to the present Yard with the construction of Holworthy and University Halls in 1811 and 1813. It was Charles Bulfinch who was foresighted enough to see that the land acquired to the east in the last decade of the eighteenth century would be needed for future expansion of the University. His University Hall was designed to face equally both the Old Yard and the present Tercentenary Theatre.

The fifty-four years between the completion of University Hall in 1815 and the active building campaign inaugurated by President Eliot in 1869 represents an uncertain interim. Within the Yard, the placement of five new buildings imposed limitations on later development. Of the five buildings constructed within the Yard during this period, only two remain, Boylston Hall (1857, 1871) and Grays Hall.

Much of Harvard Yard as it is known today took form under President Eliot (1869-1909): the old dormitory quadrangle was largely completed; the scale of the Tercentenary Theatre was established and the eastern third along Quincy Street was brought into the planning of the larger, unified Yard. In 1871, the president reported the expenditure of \$4,000 for landscaping and outlined a plan for the growth of the Yard. A few years later, Sever Hall became the first important university building erected in the eastern third of the Yard. The Memorial Fence, begun in 1901 from the designs of McKim, Mead & White, connected several existing gateways and further united the Yard.

President Eliot's building campaign was ambitious, but also somewhat random. Under Lowell (1904-33) there was a deliberate acceptance of the Georgian Revival style and a recognition of the necessity of comprehensive planning. These intents were first set forth in E.J.A. Duquesne's 1913 plan for the future expansion of the University, and later solidified by the "Study For the Future Grouping of Buildings" begun in 1922 by Coolidge & Shattuck and later carried through by the successor firm of Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch & Abbott.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Historical Significance (cont'd)

The greatest change in the Yard during this period was the construction of Widener Library and Memorial Church which form the focal point of the widely dispersed quadrangles. Two earlier buildings, Appleton and Gore, were demolished. Finally, two other decisions of the Lowell Administration were important in formulating the cohesive and unified feeling within Harvard Yard: a series of seven structures along Massachusetts Avenue, built between 1924-1930, cloister the Yard and screen out the noise and visual disarray of Harvard Square.

None of the four buildings constructed within the district since the Lowell administration; Houghton Library, Lamont Library, Pusey Library, and Canaday Hall, are presently considered contributing by reason of their recent dates. They do not, at present, seem to strengthen the traditional image of Harvard Yard. In addition, the 1983 Gatehouse, a number of gates to the yard, and several contemporary sculptures that are all less than 50 years old must be considered non-contributing at this time. They should all be evaluated for their significance once they have reached 50 years in age.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEETMASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No.
Old Cambridge MA Cambridge MRA	I 8
Property Name: Harvard Yard N.R.D.	

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Criteria For Evaluation

The Harvard Yard National Register District is significant as the most important evolutionary grouping of historic college buildings in the nation. In addition to its numerous associations with the history of American education and the architectural values represented by the various buildings, the district forms one of the finest man-made spaces in the country. Finally, recent excavations in Cambridge indicate that the district has archaeological significance. These excavations succeeded in locating seventeenth century archaeological features and artifacts in undisturbed contexts. Possessing integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling and workmanship, the Harvard Yard National Register District is principally significant under Criterion C as a distinguishable entity whose complimentary components were designed by some of the finest architects of the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It also qualifies under Criterion A as being associated with the broad patterns of educational history and campus development; under Criterion B for its associations with numerous important people who educated and were educated at Harvard; and under Criterion D as an archaeological resource associated with an early Colonial settlement. The Harvard Yard National Register District was found to be significant under the themes of architecture, landscape architecture and education, as proposed by Dr. Cynthia Zaitzevsky to the Review Committee for the Study of Architecture of Harvard University and Its Environs in Cambridge.

The Harvard Yard National Register District can be divided into three subareas. The Old Yard consists of a large, tree-shaped, roughly rectangular open space, surrounded by several subsidiary quadrangles, and contains the oldest buildings owned by the University. The central space, or Tercentenary Theatre derives its focus from two monumental early twentieth century buildings: Widener Library and Memorial Church, both of which replaced earlier college buildings. The final area consists of the partial quadrangles to the east of Tercentenary Theatre. The result of more than three centuries of growth and several planning schemes, the district derives its cohesiveness from its focus on space, i.e., the basic quadrangle unit, rather than buildings, with several buildings being important to more than one space.

The Harvard Yard National Register District includes all properties within Harvard Yard as defined by the surrounding fence. The Yard is further enclosed by tightly spaced brick dormitories to the south and west, and is walled off from the Harvard Square commercial district. To the north, it borders the institutional complex of the North Yard and Memorial Hall. The eastern boundary is Quincy Street.

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Cambridge Mass Cambridge MRA	Form No:
Property Name: Cambridge Multiple Resource Area	

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Nomination

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DISTRICT DATA SHEET

MAP #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE*	C/NC**
159, 1.1	President's House	Harvard Yard	1911	NG	C
159, 1.2	Boylston Hall	Harvard Yard	1857	MS, RR	C
159, 1.3	Canaday Hall	Harvard Yard	1973	MD	NC
159, 1.4	Emerson Hall	Harvard Yard	1904	NG	C
159, 1.5	Grays Hall	Harvard Yard	1862	MS	C
159, 1.6	Harvard Hall	Harvard Yard	1764	GG	C
159, 1.7	Holden Chapel	Harvard Yard	1764	GG	C
159, 1.8	Hollis Hall	Harvard Yard	1762	GG	C
159, 1.9	Holworthy Hall	Harvard Yard	1811	FD	C
159, 1.10	Houghton Library	Harvard Yard	1941	Fed. Revival	NC
159, 1.11	Lamont Library	Harvard Yard	1947	MD	NC
159, 1.12	Lehman Hall	Harvard Yard	1924	NG	C
159, 1.13	Lionel Hall	Harvard Yard	1924	NG	C
159, 1.14	Massachusetts Hall	Harvard Yard	1718	GG	C
159, 1.15	Matthews Hall	Harvard Yard	1871	GO	C
159, 1.16	Memorial Church	Harvard Yard	1931	NG	C
159, 1.17	Mower Hall	Harvard Yard	1924	NG	C
159, 1.18	Phillips Brooks House	Harvard Yard	1898	NG	C
159, 1.19	Pusey Library	Harvard Yard	1973	MD	NC
159, 1.20	Robinson Hall	Harvard Yard	1900	NG	C

DISTRICT DATA SHEET

MAP #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE*	C/NC
159, 1.21	Sever Hall	Harvard Yard	1878-1880	RR, QA	C
159, 1.22	Stoughton Hall	Harvard Yard	1804-1805	FD	C
159, 1.23	Straus Hall	Harvard Yard	1925	NG	C
159, 1.24	Thayer Hall	Harvard Yard	1869	None	C
159, 1.25	University Hall	Harvard Yard	1813	FD	C
159, 1.26	Wadsworth House	Harvard Yard	1726	GG	C
159, 1.27	Weld Hall	Harvard Yard	1870	QA	C
159, 1.28	Widener Library	Harvard Yard	1913	CL	C
159, 1.29	Wigglesworth Hall	Harvard Yard	1930	NG	C
159, 1.37	17 Quincy Street Gate	Harvard Yard	1936	NG	C
159, 1.38	1857 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
159, 1.39	1870 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
159, 1.40	1873 Tablet	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
159, 1.41	1874 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
159, 1.42	1875 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
159, 1.42	1881 Gate	Harvard Yard	1906	NG	C
159, 1.43	1885 Gate	Harvard Yard	1904	NG	C
159, 1.44	1886 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
159, 1.46	1887 Gate	Harvard Yard	1906	NG	C

DISTRICT DATA SHEET

MAP #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE*	C/NC*
159, 1.47	1888 Gate	Harvard Yard	1906	NG	C
159, 1.48	1889 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
159, 1.49	1890 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
159, 1.50	1880 Gate	Harvard Yard	1902	NG	C
159, 1.52	Bradley Fountain	Harvard Yard	1910	NG	C
159, 1.54	Chinese Steel	Harvard Yard	1796-1821	Oriental	C
159, 1.55	Delivery Gate	Harvard Yard	1948	NG	NC
159, 1.56	Driveway Gate	Harvard Yard	1948	NG	NC
158, 1.57	1908 Gate	Harvard Yard	1936	NG	C
158, 1.58	Emerson Gate	Harvard Yard	1936	NG	C
158, 1.59	Fire Station Gate	Harvard Yard	1970	NG	NC
158, 1.60	Hollis Pump	Harvard Yard	1936	NA	C
158, 1.62	1876 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
158, 1.63	John Harvard	Harvard Yard	1883-1884	NA	C
158, 1.64	Johnston Gate	Harvard Yard	1889	NG	C
158, 1.65	Lamont Gate	Harvard Yard	1948	NG	NC
158, 1.68	Gatehouse	Harvard Yard	1983	PM	NC
158, 1.70	1879 Gate	Harvard Yard	1891	NG	C

DISTRICT DATA SHEET

MAP #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE*	C/NC*
158, 1.72	Onion	Harvard Yard	1965	MD	NC
158, 1.73	Porcellian Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
158, 1.74	Reclining Figure	Harvard Yard	1972-1973	MD	NC
158, 1.75	Robinson Gate	Harvard Yard	1936	NG	C
158, 1.78	1870 Sundial	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
158, 1.81	1877 Gate	Harvard Yard	1901	NG	C
158, 1.83	Hallowell Gate	10 Quincy Street	1928	NG	C

*GG=Georgian; FD=Federal; RR=Romanesque Revival; QA=Queen Anne; CL=Classical Revival; NG=Neo-Georgian;
MD=Modern; BR=Brutalist; NA=Not Applicable; PM=Post Modern.

**C=Contributing; NC=Non-Contributing.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET *H.D.*

Property: *Old Harvard Yard (boundary increase) Historic District*
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: *MA - Middlesex*
Federal Agency: _____
Working No. *11-14-80-2862*
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: _____

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

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

Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN *6-10-82*
 REJECT

photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*return per agreement by MA. SHPO to
resubmit to State Review Board
Is this district not significant under criteria
"A" for education?*

Recom./Criteria *Return*
Reviewer *Patrick Andrus*
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

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Reference _____

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 W.H. Bralman

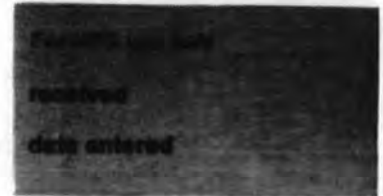
Date 6.10.82

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



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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 Attest Betty L. Savage 5-14-86
- 192. Harvard Graduate Center *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5-5-86
 Attest Betty L. Savage 5/5/89
- 193. Harvard Yard Historic District *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
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- 194. Kennedy, The *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
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- 195. Kresge Auditorium *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
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- 196. Massachusetts Institute of Tech Hist. Dist. *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
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- 197. Metropolitan Storage Warehouse *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
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- 198. M.I.T. Chapel *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
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- 199. Riverbank Court Hotel *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
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- 200. Craigie Arms *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
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Owner objection withdrawn (see 201)

250 yrs

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Determined Eligible

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RESUBMISSION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Harvard Yard Historic District
(Cambridge MRA) Substantive Review
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. APR 4 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 5/19/86

Action: ACCEPT 5-19-86

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Determined Eligible

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Historically & architecturally significant

Recom./Criteria Eligible A&C

Reviewer Patrick Andrus

Discipline Historic

Date 5/19/86

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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
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Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*) _____

- summary paragraph
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- justification of exception
- other

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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 _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Cambridge MRA
Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

201. Harvard Yard Historic District in the
~~located in the~~
National Register

Keeper Alvin Byar 12/14/87

Attest _____

202. Gale, George, House

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper Patrick Andrus 2/10/88

Attest Bert George 2/10/88

203. Central Square Historic District

204. DeRosay--McMamee House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Harvard Yard Historic District (Cambridge
MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. NOV 13 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 12/10/87 - 12/28/87
Action: ACCEPT 12-14-87
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
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 Public Acquisition Accessible

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7. Description

Condition Check one Check one
 excellent unaltered original site
 good altered moved date _____
 fair deteriorated unexposed
 ruins

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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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 _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Harvard Yard N.R.D.

Matthews Hall 85-12A

Cambridge MA, Ma



Harvard Yard N.R.D.

Cambridge MA, Ma

University Hall 84-23A



Harvard Yard N.R.D.

Widener Library 84-27A

Cambridge MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275

DATE 4-7-86

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

2:45

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

SALLY ZIMMERMAN

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

MASS. STATE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION OFFICE

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

CAMBRIDGE MRA

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

DISCUSSED CAMBRIDGE MRA PROPERTIES

- 1) HARVARD OBSERVATORY - X
- 2) DIVINITY HALL - X
- 3) TREADWELL--SPARKS HOUSE - X
- 4) BUSCH--REISINGER MUSEUM - X
- 5) UNIVERSITY MUSEUM - X
- 6) Bldg AT 16 PRESCOTT ST. - X
- 7) LOUGAN'S, JOSEPH, HOUSE - X
- 8) BROOKS, LUTHER, HOUSE - X
- 9) HARVARD HOUSES HISTORIC DISTRICT. - X

THESE WERE ORIGINALLY DOE/OWNER OBJ. BUT NOW
WERE BEING RESUBMITTED FOR LISTING BECAUSE HAR-
VARD HAS WITHDRAWN THEIR OBJ TO ALL OF THEM.
HARVARD DID NOT SEND A LETTER WITHDRAWING
THEIR OBJ SO I TOLD HER THEY ^(HARVARD) MUST SEND A
LETTER (NOT NOTARIZED) WITHDRAWING THE OBJ. I ALSO
TOLD HER THAT THE 9 PROPERTIES WOULD BE DATED
AS RECEIVED FOR THE REVIEW PROCESS ON THE DAY
THE WITHDRAWAL OF OBJ. LETTER WAS RECEIVED. SHE
SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

VENABLE

CONTROL

Yellow

DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

DATE DETERMINED MAY 19 1986

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cambridge Armory (Cambridge MRA)	Middlesex County
✓ Harvard Yard Historic District (Cambridge MRA)	Middlesex County
Metropolitan Storage Warehouse (Cambridge MRA)	Middlesex County
Riverbank Court Hotel (Cambridge MRA)	Middlesex County

Also Notified

NPS REGIONAL OFFICE: Mid-Atlantic
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
The Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW #809
Washington, DC 20004

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Valerie Talmage, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-9536.

NOTARIZED STATEMENT

Robert H. Scott, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Vice President for Administration of Harvard University, the corporate name of which is President and Fellows of Harvard College. I am duly authorized to act for President and Fellows of Harvard College in all matters concerning historic preservation of Harvard University properties, including nominations of such properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

2. I certify that President and Fellows of Harvard College is the sole owner of the Harvard Yard, including all buildings, gates, and other structures listed on Appendix A hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.

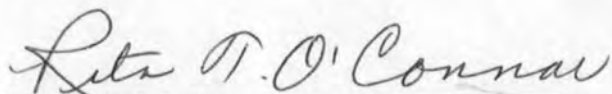
3. President and Fellows of Harvard College objects to the listing of said properties in the National Register of Historic Places, for reasons set forth in my letter of February 11, 1986, to Valerie Talmage, State Historic Preservation Officer.



Robert H. Scott

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Middlesex: SS

There appeared before me this 11th day of February, 1986, the said Robert H. Scott who, being duly sworn, acknowledged the foregoing to be his true act and deed.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

May 22, 1992

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

ROBERT H. SCOTT
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION

MASSACHUSETTS HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138
617-495-4374

June 11, 1986

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief of Registration
National Park Service
Department of Interior
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D. C. 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull,

The Massachusetts Historical Commission has asked us to notify you concerning the status of objections we have filed for the inclusion of Harvard-owned buildings in the Cambridge Multiple Resource Area nomination to the National Register.

On behalf of the President and Fellows of Harvard College, I withdraw previous objections filed for the following National Register nominations:

- 9 Kirkland Place (included in the Kirkland Place National Register District) *listed 5/19/86*
- Harvard Houses National Register District ✓
- 1 Francis Avenue (included in the Shady Hill National Register District) *listed 5/19/86*
- 16 Prescott Street (individual building nomination) ✓
- University Museum, 11-25 Divinity Avenue (individual) ✓
- Divinity Hall, 12 Divinity Avenue (individual) ✓
- Sears Tower, 60 Garden Street (individual) ✓ *Observatory*
- 21 Kirkland Street (individual) ✓ *Treadwell-Spinks House*
- 34 Kirkland Street (individual) ✓ *Brooks, Lither, Hoe. - now a listing*
- 38 Kirkland Street (individual) ✓

Harvard University no longer owns the properties at 19 Francis Avenue and 14-16 Farwell Place, which we did own and did oppose at the time of proposed nomination.

I also withdraw my notarized statement of February 11, 1986, objecting to the inclusion of the Harvard Yard District (including all buildings, gates and other structures as described on the nomination

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Ms. Carol Shull

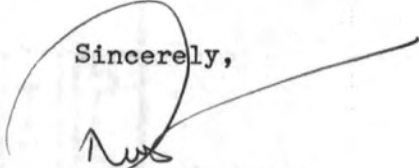
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form). This nomination has been clarified by the Cambridge and Massachusetts Historical Commissions and is now acceptable to Harvard. Please note that this letter does not affect my separate notarized statement of the same date, objecting to inclusion of the Harvard University Graduate Center and the Biological Laboratory at 16 Divinity Avenue.

We look forward to cooperative and informative use of the National Register program.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Scott

RHS/mc

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cc: Valerie A. Talmage, Massachusetts Historical Commission
Charles M. Sullivan, Cambridge Historical Commission