

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb.	09 IIB11

1. Town Cambridge

is 29 Follen Street

Mann House - "Cloverden"

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ent owner Detlev F. & Dorothy L. Vagts

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Outbuildings (describe) -----

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with floor-length windows flanking
entrance, light Doric columns

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

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

Approximate frontage 65 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
20 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

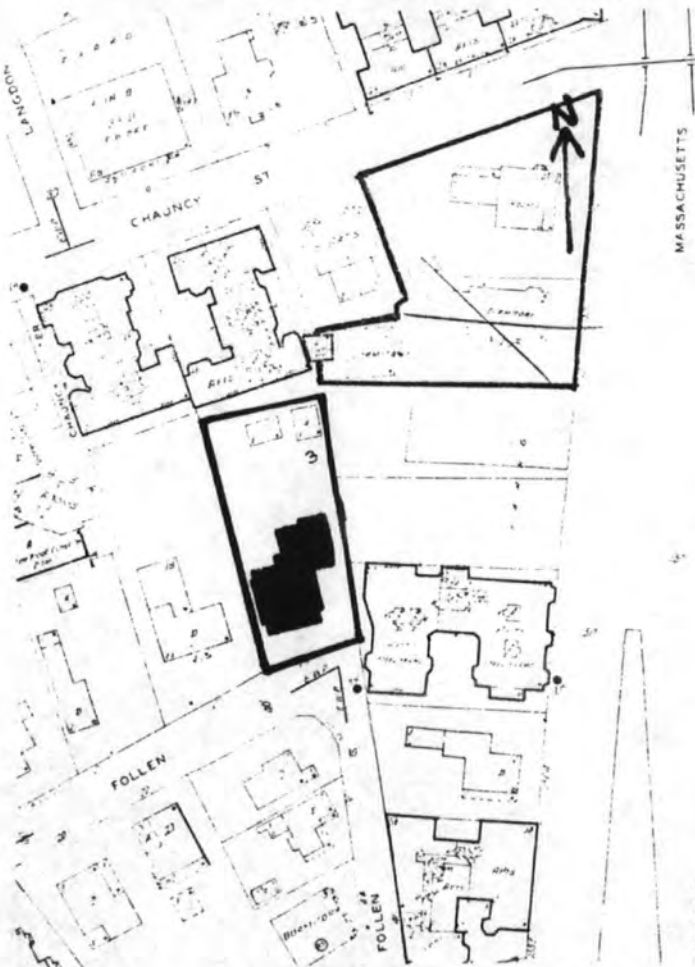
Organization Cambridge Historical

Date 1964

UTM - BOSTON NORTH

19/325320/4693940

4. Map. 1098-33
in relation to nearest cross streets
other buildings. Indicate north.



ASSESSOR #172-16

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7. Original owner (if known) Mary Ann Fales

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

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The house was the home of Horace Mann's mother, Mary Mann. In 1852, the house became the home for a group of Harvard students, who later became prominent scholars in their respective fields: Joseph Winlock, George Martin Lane, Josiah Whitney and Benjamin Apthorp Gould. It is likely that during the early 1850s, Winlock installed an observatory containing one of the largest telescopes in the country behind the Mann House. The name "Cloverden" is generally attributed to Josiah Whitney who coined the phrase to describe "an old Bachelor Hall."

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Mann House (Cloverden)
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 1
maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

This property seems to be nominated for its associations with individuals who ~~as~~ later became prominent in their fields. ~~These~~ these brief periods of associations significant enough to justify N.R. listing? Keeping in mind the N.R. policy of listing bldgs. associated with the productive years of a noted person's life. Architectural significance is not addressed.

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Braun
Discipline Arch. Historian
Date 4.2.82
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
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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 _____

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 _____

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Danville Andrews

Signed Bill Brannan Date 4.12.82 Phone: 202 272-3504

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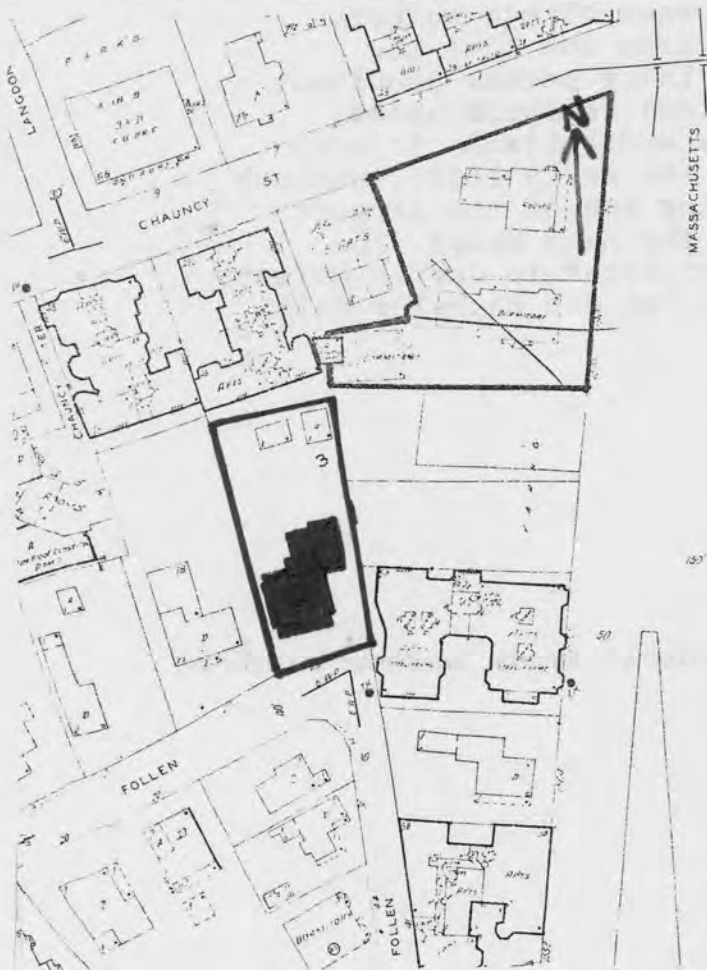
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")

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Photo number 1098-33

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



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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Old Cambridge	Form No: OC II. B.11
Property Name: Cloverden	

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

Cloverden is a center entrance, five bay variant of the local Greek Revival vernacular with a Doric portico across the entire front of the house. It is comparable to several other notable Cambridge houses of the period, notably the S. D. Brown House at 112 Brattle Street (1846, Old Cambridge National Register District), the Elizabeth Frost Tenant House at 35 Bowdoin Street (1812, National Register), and the twin Greek Revival houses at 1707-1709 and 1715-1717 Cambridge Street (1845, National Register).

The house was built in 1837 for Mary Ann Fales, about whom nothing is known. In 1852, the house was rented to Josiah Dwight Whitney, a professor of geology at Harvard for whom Mount Whitney is named. Whitney's tenancy in the house, which coincided with his pioneering work at Harvard with Louis Agassiz, was described as follows:

It chanced about the time when Josiah Whitney was establishing himself in his new profession, that he made the acquaintance of two "funny boys," friends of his brother William, - Francis Child, later the great Anglo-Saxon scholar, and George Martin Lane, the Latinist, both then, as for the remainder of their working lives, teachers in Harvard College. To the younger Cambridge set of the day belonged also Benjamin Apthorp Gould, the astronomer, who at that time was determining longitudes for the Coast Survey.

"Gould, Lane, and I," Whitney wrote his brother, "have been trying to get a nice, quiet and retired house in Cambridge, for the purpose of establishing an old Bachelor Hall, to which by a sort of counting our chickens before they were hatched, we have given the name of 'Clover Den.'"

Fales
After no little trouble with landlords who were "afraid of letting a house to such young men," Clover Den finally materialized itself in April of 1852, in the old Mann house at the elbow of Follen Street, close to the Cambridge green and just off what is now Massachusetts Avenue, but was then "the road to Porter's." The three original "denizens" added to their number another astronomer, Jospeh Winlock, who had already begun his work on the "Nautical Almanac," and a man and his wife by the name of Marshall, who between them kept the house.

The memory of Clover Den has not yet faded out of Cambridge. All four of its inhabitants were on the way to distinction; Lane was all his life a famous wit, and between linguists and men of science, the College and Coast Survey, when all roads led to Boston, the Den entertaining largely, brought together a brilliant company of guests.

(see continuation sheet)

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During this time Doctor Gould and Professor Winlock established a small observatory in the back yard of Cloverden, said to be the first observatory in Cambridge.

The house was purchased in 1866 by Mary Mann, mother of Horace Mann, who moved from Concord when her sons were ready to attend Harvard. The house stayed in the Mann family until about 1890.

Cloverden is significant under Criterion B for its associations with Whitney, Gould, and Winlock, and under Criterion C as an important example of the Greek Revival style.

Bibliography:

Brewster, Edwin Tenny, Life and Letters of Josiah Dwight Whitney,
pp. 123-137.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 101. Harvard Graduate Center | DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Keeper | <u>Ret 6/10/82</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Harvard</u> |
| 102. Child, Francis J., House | Substantive Review ✓ | Keeper | <u>Bramley 6.30.83</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 103. Hill, Aaron, House | Substantive Review ✓ | Keeper | <u>Bramley 6.30.83</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 104. Cook, William, House | Substantive Review ✓ | Keeper | <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 105. Building at 10 Follen Street | Substantive Review ✓ | Keeper | <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 106. Hall Tavern | Substantive Review ✓ | Keeper | <u>Bramley 6.30.83</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 107. Cloverden (Mann House) | Substantive Review ✓ | Keeper | <u>Bramley 6.30.83</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 108. The Fairfax | DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Keeper | <u>Ret 6/10/82</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Harvard</u> |
| 109. Larches, The | Substantive Review ✓ | Keeper | <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 110. Holmes, Joseph, House | Substantive Review ✓ | Keeper | <u>Bramley 6.30.83</u> |
| | | Attest | |

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Cloverden (Man House) (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MA

Working No. 1114.80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 7/4/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/30/83

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Significance provided

Recom./Criteria B+C/Script

Reviewer Mr. Paul

Discipline A.H.

Date 6-30-83

☐ see continuation sheet

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☐ substantive reasons discussed below

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Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

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Cloverden

29 Follen St.

Cambridge MA, Ma

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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