

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

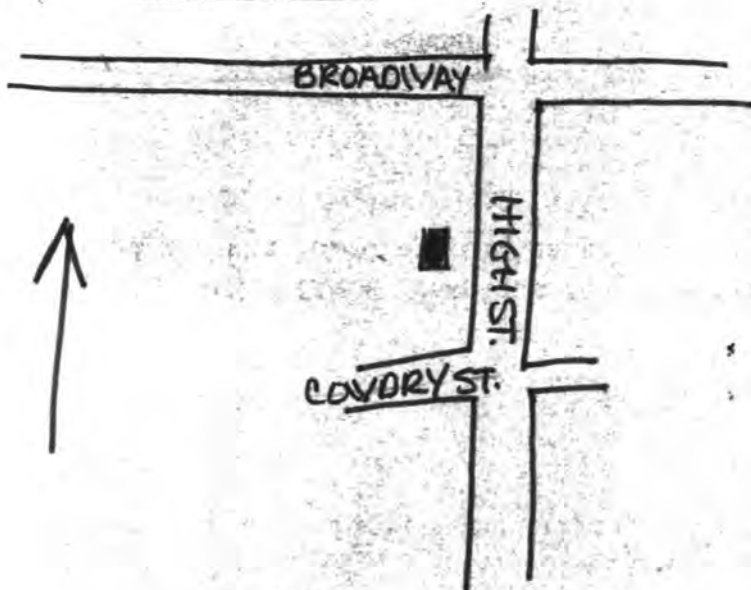
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PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Stoneham
 Address 42 High Street
 Historic Name George Cowdrey House
 Use: Original residential
 Present residential
 Ownership: Private individual Robert C. and Ann Yardamian
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner George Cowdrey

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1865
 Source map research
 Style Second Empire
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings E. 20th century garage
 Major alterations (with dates) porch (c. 1900)
 Moved no Date N/A
 Approx. acreage 24,500 sq. ft.
 Setting Turn-of-the-century residential neighborhood.

Recorded by Candace Jenkins with Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research

Date June 1979

Assessor's Map #11-263

UTM - Boston North Quad 19/327760/4706170

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The George Cowdrey House is one of Stoneham's few Second Empire residences to retain its original form, features, and setting intact. Constructed c. 1865, it is a side hall cottage with rear and side wings. Typical features include a bracketed cornice and segmentally arched dormers with scrolled enframements. A later (c. 1900) feature which complements the original fabric, is an open porch with corner gazebo which is supported on Tuscan columns. The entry is framed by leaded stained glass side lights, also a later addition.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The George Cowdrey House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant as a good local example of a Second Empire Cottage and as the home of a local shoe manufacturer. As a well preserved and typical representative of Stoneham's residential development during its greatest period of prosperity, the Cowdrey House meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The builder of this Mansard roofed residence took full advantage of the slope of Farm Hill; the views to the west are extraordinary. It appears that although this is a small residence, the builder took care to finely detail all aspects of the design.

George Cowdrey, the first owner, was born in Stoneham and engaged in shoe manufacturing. He was active in town business and also in the State Legislature. Cowdrey Street is named after him; his land holdings included other lots abutting it.

Hill Street had few houses along the northern end until the 1880's. The Cowdrey House is the finest early residence, beginning a tradition which resulted in several architecturally conscious houses in the immediate area.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Stevens, History of Stoneham, p. 197
1874 Plat map

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Buswell, Clara, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Selma Byers 4/13/04

Attest

12. Chamberlain, Samuel, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Selma Byers 4/13/04

Attest

13. Cogan, Bernard, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Selma Byers 4/13/04

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14. Cogan, James, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Selma Byers 4/13/04

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15. Colonial Beacon Gas Station Entered in the
National Register

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16. Cowdrey, George, House Entered in the
National Register

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17. Daniels, Blake, Cottage Entered in the
National Register

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18. Dean, Silas, House Entered in the
National Register

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19. Dow Block Entered in the
National Register

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20. Durgin, E. A., House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Selma Byers 4/13/04

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Cowdrey, George, House (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 3/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the _____
National Register _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<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

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 _____

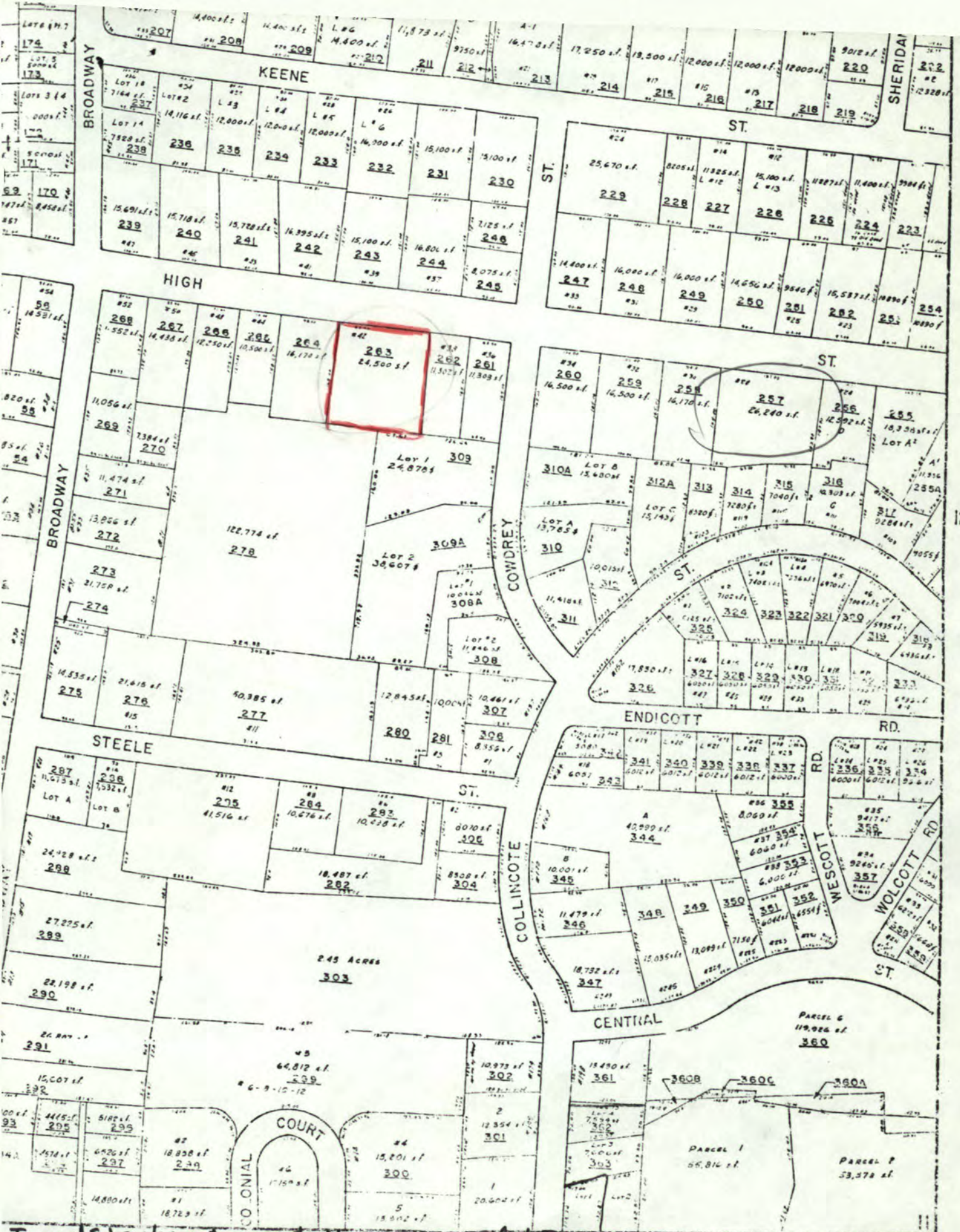
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Cowdrey, George, House

Stonham MRA, Ma

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Town of Stoneham Assessors's Maps page 11, lot 263
 present date

SCALE 1" = 200'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295