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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Davis Sq.

135

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.

UTM REFERENCE 19 - 325/180 - 4695/610

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

Town Somerville MRA

Address 34 Day Street

Historic Name R.A. Knight / Eugene

Lacount

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1870

Source Map Research

Style Second Empire

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Gazebo at rear (c)

Major Alterations (with dates) None

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage Less than one acre.

Setting The nominated property is located near commercial Davis Square, in an area now densely built with multi-family houses and apartment blocks.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Massachusetts Historical Comm.

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

34 Day Street retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The property is significant as an intact Second Empire-style cottage; the style was a popular choice among Somerville builders for both modest and pretentious residences following the Civil War. The house 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.

34 Day Street, built ca. 1870, is a 1 1/2-story two-bay mansard cottage with spring eaves and recessed, segmental-arched dormers. The ample side yard suggests how the grounds of similar houses may have originally appeared. Notable features include polygonal bays, at front and side cornice window lintels and sill inset dormers, and a flat-roofed entrance porch with sawn ornament.

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

A lengthy, detailed autobiography by Eugene Le Count, a later occupant of the house, was acquired for the research file from the current (1984) owner, and describes Le Count's experiences as an enlisted man during the Civil War. Little is known about the history of this modest single-family residence. After the Civil War, Davis Square, serviced by a horse railway and then by steam rail, grew rapidly as a residential and commercial area. The Day estate, which adjoined Massachusetts Avenue, was subdivided in 1867. The mansard cottage was a popular choice for builders in Davis Square area during the 1860s and 1870s. Eugene LeCount, the house's second owner, served as an enlisted man during the Civil War and left a detailed autobiography, now in possession of the building's present resident.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1874.

Knight/Lacount Ho.
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34 Day St.

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1" = 100'

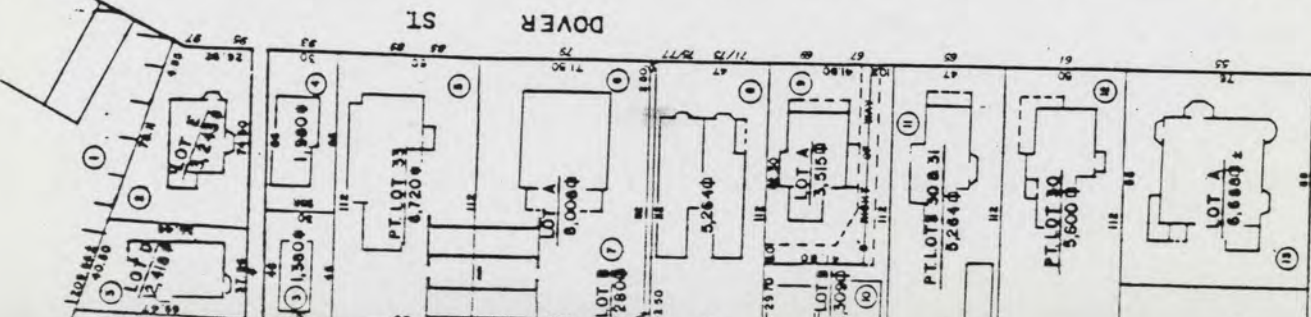
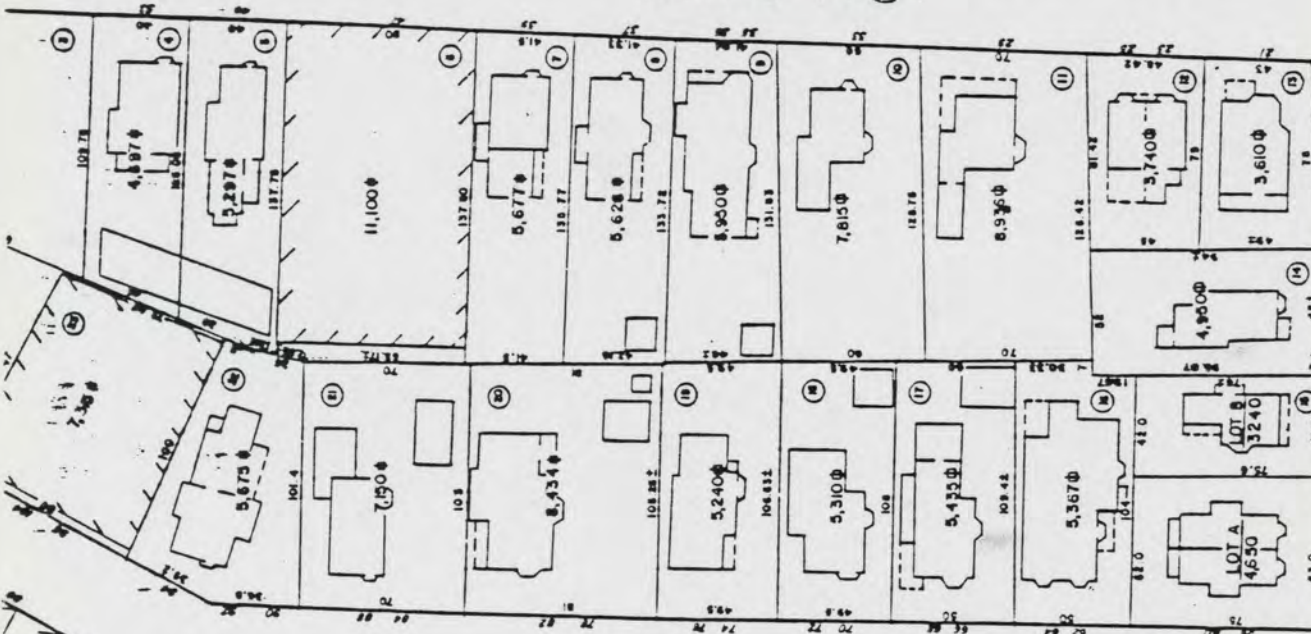
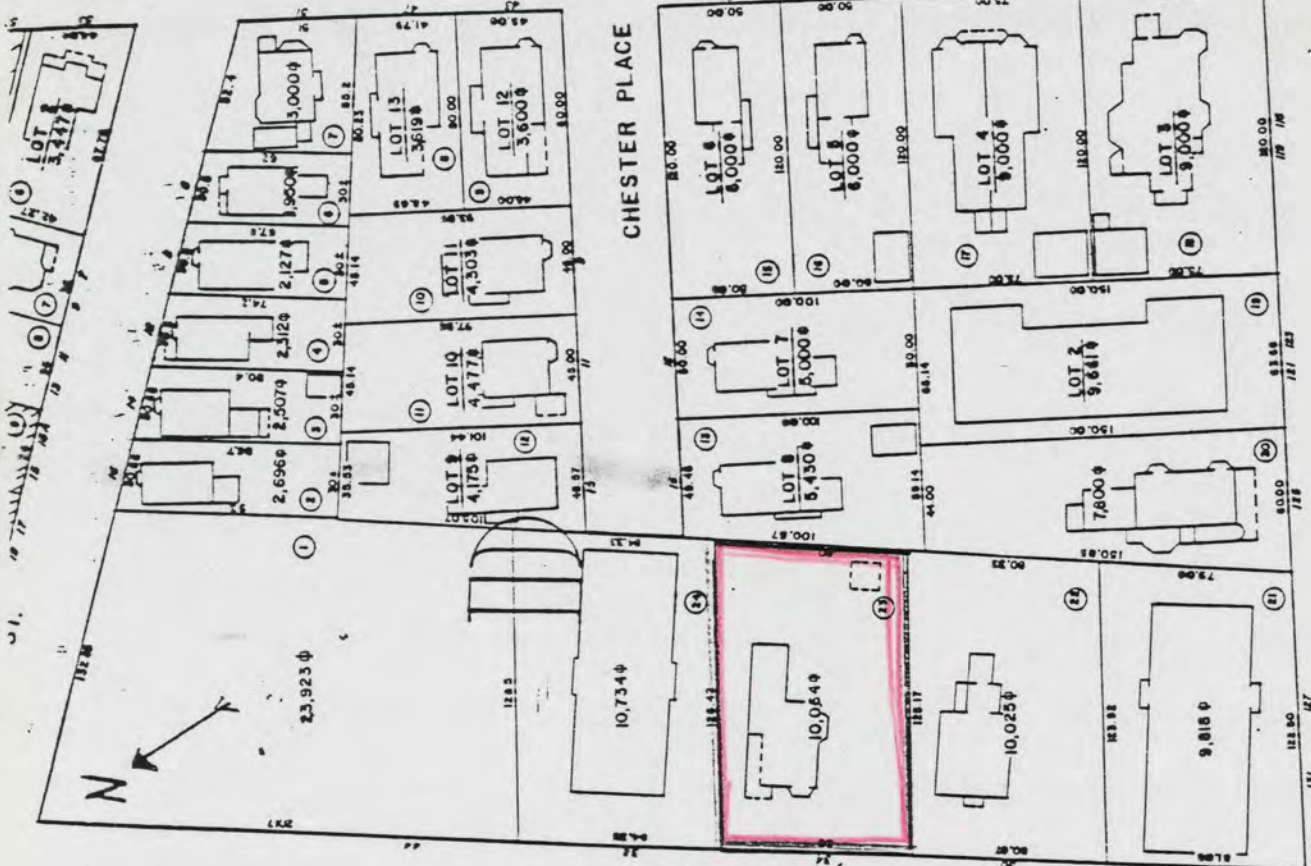
Somerville (MRA), Mass.

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CHESTER PLACE

ORCHARD ST.

DAY STREET



United States Department of the Interior
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National 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
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50. Knight, R.A.--Eugene Lacount House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Knight, R. A.--Eugene Lacount House
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: 89001256

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



34 Day St.

1. 34 Day St.
2. Somerville, MA
3. Carol Zelle
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking northeast
7. #135

Knight R. A. - Eugene Lacourt House
Somerville MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253