

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.
NW CAMB.

Form no.
NWC
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1105-24

1. Town Cambridge

Address 11 Russell Street

Name Lawrence Soule House

Present use residential

Present owner Caspar, Inc.
1348 Cambridge St., Camb.

3. Description:

Date 1879

Source deed records

Style Queen Anne

Architect Frank Maynard Howe

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features rich surface texture of
various brick patterns, hip roof
complicated by cross-gables and ir-
regularly placed chimneys.
Altered: No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre

Approximate frontage 60 feet

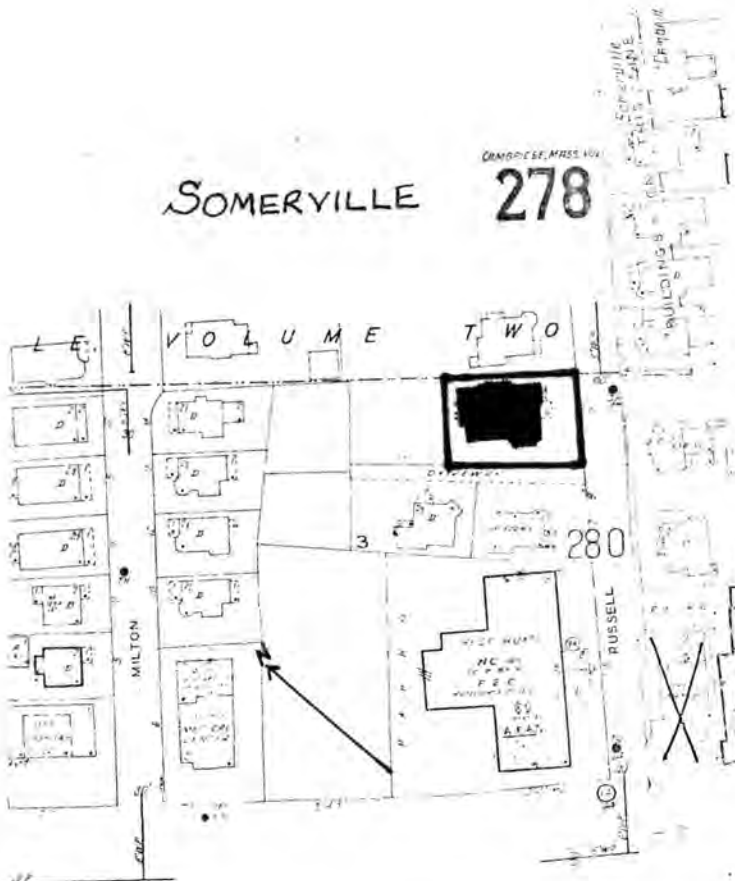
Approximate distance of building from street
25 feet

6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1972

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



Assessor #181-190

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7. Original owner (if known) Lawrence Soule

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

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

A brick Queen Anne structure, 11 Russell Street was designed by Frank Maynard Howe in 1879 for Lawrence Porter Soule. Its complex design and fine craftsmanship represent the peak of vernacular Queen Anne design in Cambridge. Soule, a local mason and builder, was a typical entrepreneur and skilled craftsman, one of many who transformed North Cambridge from farmland to affluent suburb. Soule's work in Cambridge appears in numerous other Cambridge buildings.

Frank Maynard Howe was an apprentice with the well-known firm of Ware & Van Brunt. In 1879, during his partnership with Van Brunt, his design for 11 Russell Street was published in American Architect & Building News. This is a rare documented example of his early independent work.

The two-and-one-half story brick house in the Queen Anne style has overtones of the Stick Style and Panel Brick style. Its massing, rich textural variety and robust detail make it one of the finest brick Queen Anne residences in Cambridge. Architect-designed houses in North Cambridge are rare; for this reason and because of the high quality of the design, the Soule house is especially noteworthy.

This house was voted eligible for the National Register in 1978.

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

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

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource AreaState MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

151. Day, Anna, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

152. Kingsley, Chester, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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153. Watson, Abraham, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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154. Wyeth Brickyard Superintendent's
House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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155. Greek Revival Cottage

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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156. ✓ St. James Episcopal Church

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Thomas J. Dray 6.30.83

Attest

157. Kidder-Sargent-McCrehan House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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158. Henderson Carriage Repository

Substantive Review

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159. Soule, Lawrence, House

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160. Wyeth-Smith House

Substantive Review

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Substantive Review
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Soule, Lawrence, House (Cambridge
Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 4-17-82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/13/82

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

photos /

maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Locally significant for its architectural quality - one of
the finest Queen Anne style brick houses in
Cambridge.

Recom. / Criteria Accept - c

Reviewer Patrick Andrus WMB

Discipline Historian

Date 3/23/82

☐ 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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ 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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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 _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Cambridge MRA, Ms

Soule, Lawrence House

11 Russell St.

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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