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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
OLD CAM.	II B 25B

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

USGS Map #4

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number 55-18A

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Recorded by T. Alduino
Organization Cambridge Historical Com.
Date 1985

UTM 19/325370/4694090

USGS Quad: Boston North

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town Cambridge MRA
Cambridge, Mass.
Address 1654 Massachusetts Avenue
Historic Name The Dunvegan

Use: Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1898

Source building permit

Style Italian Renaissance

Architect W.M. Bacon

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings NA

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date NA

Approx. acreage .2066 acres

Setting Today the northern part of Massachusetts Ave. towards Porter Square is largeley a commercial strip interspersed with a few wel preserved Queen Anne and Colonial Revival mansions. Closer to Harvard Square, the Avenue is anchor by several notable early 20th cen tury apartment houses, including the Bay State, Dunvegar Montrose and the Harvard.

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

The Dunvegan is a six story yellow-grey brick building that effectively wraps around its corner lot. Italian Renaissance details include rusticated first two stories, a copper cornice with modillions, differentiated window treatments on each story and belt courses. The center entrance is recessed behind a limestone arch. As such, the Dunvegan is significant under Criterion C.

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

The Dunvegan, along with its neighbor, the Montrose, were the first luxury, French flat apartment houses constructed in Cambridge. Originally, the buildings had two units to a floor, each with ten rooms. The Dunvegan had two-room, "bachelor" apartments also. After the turn of the century, Massachusetts Avenue's large homesteads increasingly gave way to apartment buildings and then commercial development, as the trolley brought in a different class of residents. For its importance in understanding this process of transformation along Mass. Ave., the Dunvegan is significant under Criterion A.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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

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Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

171. Cambridge Common Historic District
(Boundary Increase) *Substantive Review*
Entered in the National Register *Kept automatically listed* 1/26/88
Attest
172. Dana-Palmer House *Substantive Review*
Kept Keeper Patrick Andrus 5/19/86
Attest Betty L. Searge 5-14-88
173. Dunvegan, The *Entered in the National Register*
for Keeper Melvyn Byers 5/19/86
Attest
174. Eliot Hall at Radcliffe College
Entered in the National Register
for Keeper Melvyn Byers 5/19/86
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175. Follen Street Historic District
Substantive Review
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176. Fogg Art Museum *Entered in the National Register*
for Keeper Melvyn Byers 5/19/86
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Dunvegan, The (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. APP 14 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 5/1/86 — 5/19/86

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5-7-86

☐ 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	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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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 _____

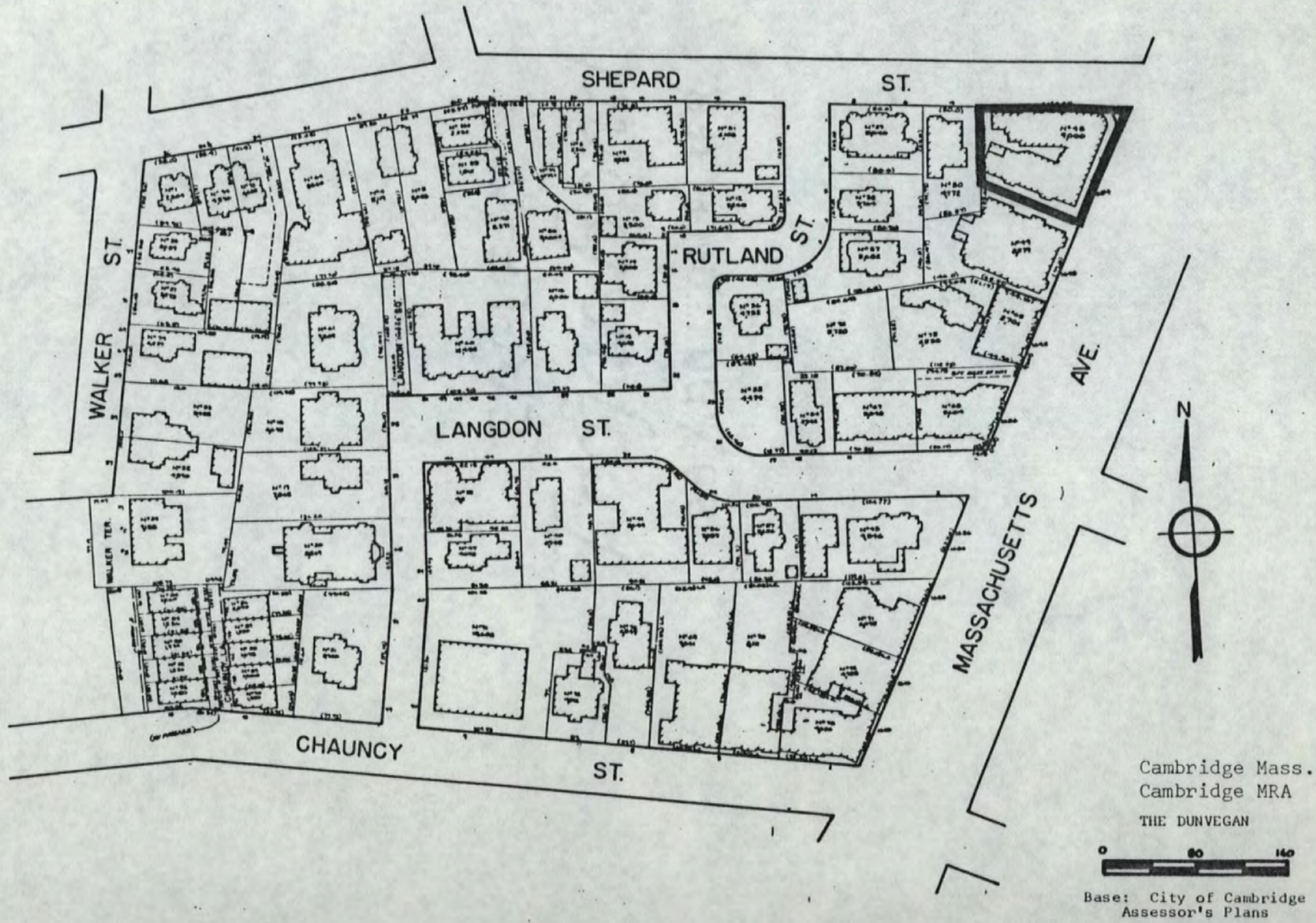
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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1654 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge MRA, 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