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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

134

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

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M REFERENCE 19 - 327/370 - 4695/080
IGS QUADRANGLE Boston North
SCALE 1:25,000

Town SomervilleAddress 21 Dartmouth Street

Historic Name _____

Use: Present residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1890Source map researchStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric shingle and clapboardOutbuildings garage (NC) 1930Major Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting urban residential, late 19th century dwellings, single and two-family,

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate June 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

21 Dartmouth Street retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and feeling, as well as associations with the process of development by local businessmen/entrepreneurs in late-19th century Somerville. Displaying a number of intact decorative features typical of the Queen Anne style, the building fulfills Criteria A and 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.

The Queen Anne style house at 21 Dartmouth Street bears a strong resemblance to others nearby at #13, 15, 17, 19 and 23 Dartmouth Street; it is likely that all are the work of the same builder. Notable features of the design include the pargetted gable, threaded chimney with terracotta tiles, and the shingle application to the contours of the porch roof.

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

Rufus Stickney and his partner John Poor, of the mustard and spice firm bearing their names, entered a plat of the area in 1883. The large lots were intended for the construction of ample businessmen's homes. By 1880, a fine collection of residences in a variety of styles and had been constructed. The owners deed research indicates that this may have been Stickney's own house.

21 Dartmouth Street is one of only a few houses remaining in near original condition in the Stickney subdivision, which consists of Dartmouth, Thurstone and School Streets between Medford Street and Broadway. Most of the high quality, and handsomely detailed houses in the subdivision have been altered.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Bromley, G.W., Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1895.
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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
31. Hopkins, Elisha, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
32. House at 10 Arlington Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
33. House at 14 Chestnut Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
34. House at 16--18 Preston Road Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
35. House at 197 Morrison Avenue Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
36. House at 21 Dartmouth Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
37. House at 25 Clyde Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
38. House at 29 Mt. Vernon Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
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40. House at 35 Temple Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byers</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 House at 21 Dartmouth Street
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: 89001255

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
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



- House
1. 21 Dartmouth St.
2. Somerville, MA MRA
3. Carol Zellie
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. Looking northeast
7. #134

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253