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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
10 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	126

Town Somerville MRA

Address 25 Clyde Street

Historic Name unknown

Use: Present residential

Original residential

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1850 (undocumented)

Source map research

Style vernacular workers housing

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric high brick foundation, shingle above

Outbuildings garage.

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

Major Alterations (with dates) addition at grade (first story)

Condition fair

See Attached Assessor's Map

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Clyde Street, once the site of many brickworkers' houses near the city's brickyards, is now an urban residential area.

JTM REFERENCE Z 19 - E 326/370 - N 4695/510

JGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The simple worker's cottage at 25 Clyde Street retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Representative of a building type found in several locations in Somerville (in all cases, near the sites of former brickyards with whom the occupants of these houses were associated), 25 Clyde Street is a well-preserved example. 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.

25 Clyde Street is best example of a mid-nineteenth century brickworker's house in the Clyde-Murdock Street area. The usual high brick foundation of the brickworkers house is used here as a first story wall. The three-bay facade with Central entry, approached by a flight of stairs, is characteristic of the type. The building is unadorned.

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

The Clyde-Murdock Street area was developed as a small neighborhood of brickyard worker's houses. The 1857 Walling Map indicates at least eight houses on Clyde Street. The extensive yards of the Boston Brick Company were situated on Cedar Street, adjacent to the residential development.

Architecturally, several of the simple houses are distinctive because of their high brick foundations and three-bay facades. They are similar to brickworkers' houses of Northwest Cambridge built 1820-1850.

Asa Murdock developed some of the property in this area. A Cambridge trader and land speculator, his Cambridge brickyards near Concord and Huron Avenues were described as the first to "incorporate house lots for brickyard laborers, creating a miniature village in which worker's homes were set behind those of the brickyard owners." (Survey of Northwest Cambridge, Cambridge Historical Commission 1977, p. 51). In Somerville, this pattern was not the case (no brickyard owner seems to have lived nearby) but the small cottages nevertheless formed a worker's community.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

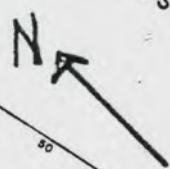
Beyond the Neck: The Architecture and Development of Somerville, Massachusetts
Office of Planning and Community Development, 1982

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1"=100'

25 Clyde St.
Somerville
MA
Mass

DIVISION - BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD



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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

- | Nomination/Type of Review | | Date/Signature |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| 31. | Hopkins, Elisha, House
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 32. | House at 10 Arlington Street
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 33. | House at 14 Chestnut Street
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
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| 34. | House at 16--18 Preston Road
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
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| 35. | House at 197 Morrison Avenue
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National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
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| 36. | House at 21 Dartmouth Street
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| 37. | House at 25 Clyde Street
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| 38. | House at 29 Mt. Vernon Street
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| 39. | House at 343 Highland Avenue
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| 40. | House at 35 Temple Street
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House at 25 Clyde Street

MULTIPLE NAME: Somerville MPS

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: 89001247

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



25 Clyde

House
at

1. 25 Clyde St.
2. Somerville, MA ^{MRA}
3. Carol Zellie
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. Looking southwest
7. #126

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253