

FORM B - BUILDING

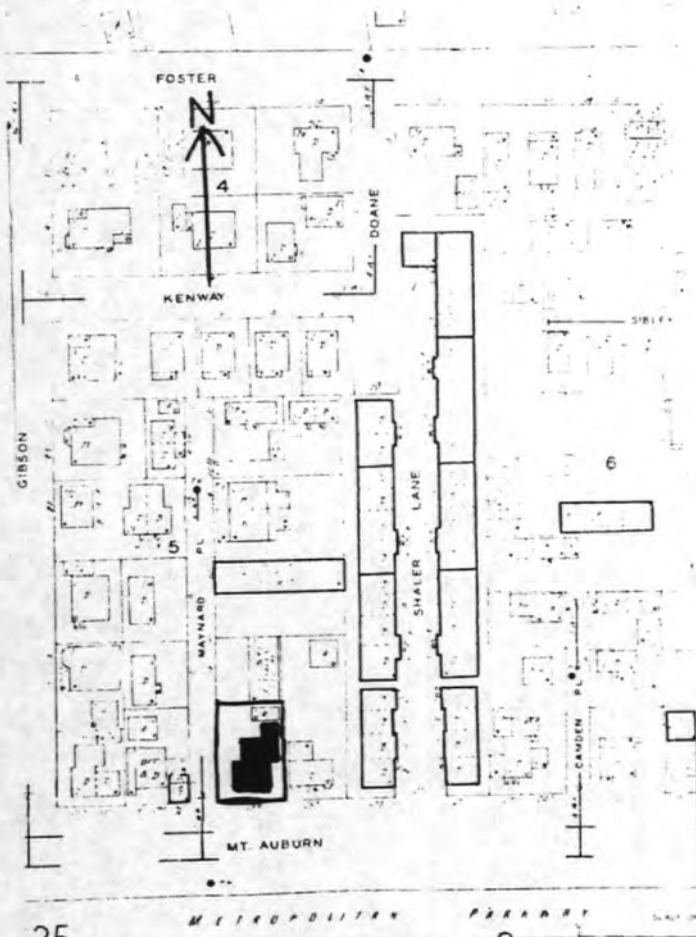
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
State House, Boston

In Area no. Old Camb.	Form no. <u>∞</u> IIB15
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1100-42A(0)

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



Cambridge

259 Mount Auburn Street

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c. 1850

source deed records

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Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric Aluminum siding

Outbuildings (describe) -----

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rather small in size, but topped
by an enormous projecting lid.

Altered possibly- ell Date unknown

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5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre

Approximate frontage 45 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
10 feet

6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1974

UTM- NEWTON

19/324440/4693380

Assessor # 221-50

7. Original owner (if known) 1858 owner: Alexander McDonald (not the
original owner)
 Original use not known for sure . may have been a railroad depot
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
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Architectural	<u>XX</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
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9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Building at 259 Mount Auburn Street
Property: (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
☒ RETURN 4/13/82
☐ REJECT

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

photos 1
maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

Since past use as a railroad structure cannot be documented,
it is hard to consider what criterion is satisfied in
consideration for the N.R.

Architectural significance is
not explicit enough to list under c.

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Braunam
Discipline Arch. Hist.
Date 4-13-82
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

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☐ 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 _____

USGS Reference _____

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 Andrus

Signed Bravham Date 4/18/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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1. Town Cambridge

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Name -----

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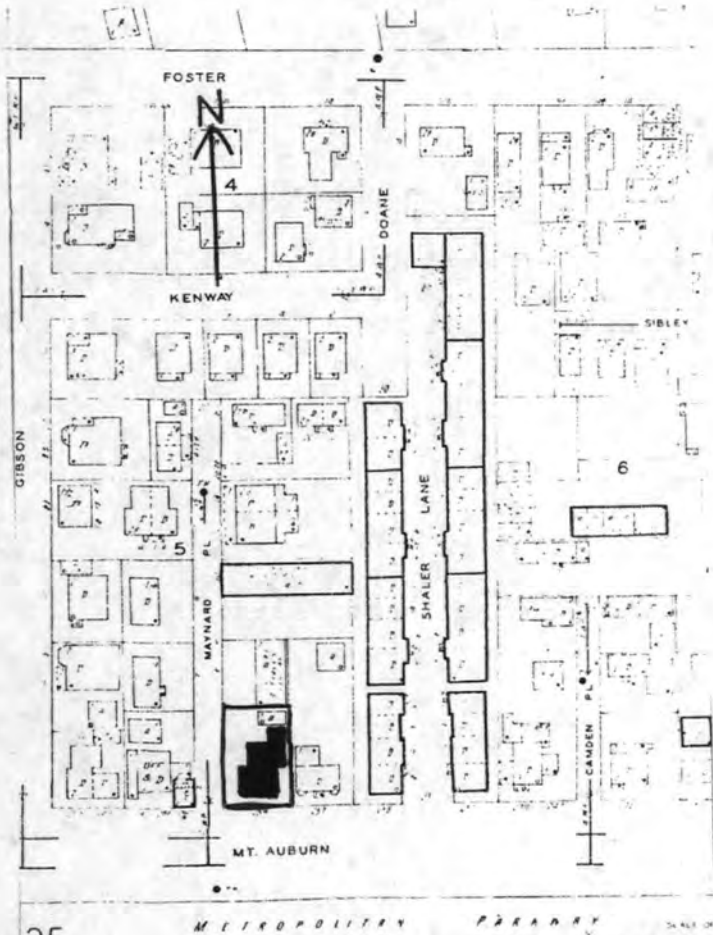
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Old Cambridge	Form No: OC II.B.15
Property Name: 259 Mount Auburn Street	

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

The house at 259 Mount Auburn Street is a miniature version of the exaggerated Tuscan architecture seen elsewhere in Cambridge in the Deane Williams House at 21-23 Fayette Street (1848; listed on the National Register) and the Valentine-Fuller House at 125 Prospect Street (also 1848; demolished, 1937). In these elaborate Italianate villas, the roof projects as much as five feet and the overhang is supported by paired brackets. Both were built of masonry, with stucco scored to resemble flush boarding, and used cast iron balconies and porches for decorative effect.

The 259 Mount Auburn Street House cannot be fully documented, but clearly draws from the same spirit that motivated the architects of the elaborate villas of Mid Cambridge. The diminutive scale of its main block, 22 by 18 feet, contrasts strikingly with its strongly projecting overhang and almost lacy brackets. The house offers a clear expression of the term "vernacular" as applied to a popular interpretation of an academic architectural vocabulary.

This building meets Criterion C for its unique design.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

111. * Mason, W. A., House

Substantive Review Keeper

Bruce L. Doyle 6-30-83

Attest

112. Building at 259 Mount Auburn Street

Substantive Review Keeper

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Attest

113. Howells, William Dean, House

Substantive Review Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

Attest

114. Mount Auburn Cemetery Reception House

Substantive Review Keeper

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Attest

115. Mount Auburn Hospital - Main Building

Determined Eligible

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

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Attest

116. Higginson, Colonel Thomas Wentworth, House

Substantive Review Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

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117. Noyes, J. A., House

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118. Coolidge, Josiah, House

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119. Orne, Sarah, House

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120 Hooper-Eliot House

Substantive Review Keeper

Bruce L. Doyle 6-30-83

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Building at 259 Mount Auburn Street (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MA

Working No. 11.14.80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 7/4/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/30/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

☒ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
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☐ appeal

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept/c

Reviewer W. D. [unclear]

Discipline 6-30-83

Date A.H.

see continuation sheet

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UMT References _____

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Building at 259 Mt. Auburn St.
1100-42A(0) Cambridge MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275