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AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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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

UTM REFERENCE 19 327/190 4695/550

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

Town Somerville

Address 404 Broadway

Historic Name Broadway Winter Hill

Congregational Church

Use: Present religious

Original religious

## DESCRIPTION

Date 1890-1891

Source Samuels, Somerville Past and

Present

Style Shingle Style

Architect Hartwell and Richardson

Exterior Wall Fabric granite / shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Southwest corner of Broadway

and Central St., on main route among

multi-family residential apartment

houses, some offices. Urban setting

Recorded by Gretchen G. Schuler

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date September, 1988

### **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church, a Hartwell and Richardson design in the Shingle Style is significant for its association with the development of the Winter Hill area of Somerville, and its association with well known architectural firm. It retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and 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 Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church is one of Somerville's finest architect designed buildings and one of the only Shingle Style institutional structures. Characteristic of the Shingle Style are the multiple slate covered roofs of varying shapes including pyramidal, conical and gable, the granite and shingle clad facades and the various architectural shapes that form the building. The materials are of interest and include local slate "Somerville Stone" from the Fitzgerald's Quarry in Somerville for the square tower, blue Rutland marble for the sills, copings and steps, and rough granite block stone for the corner tower.

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

In 1863, under the leadership of Samuel Carlton, Winter Hill residents organized a Sabbath School. In 1865 a congregation of 28 was formed. By 1881 there were issues of division and the congregation split with some members forming the Broadway Congregational Church and others organizing as the Winter Hill Congregational Society. It was the latter group that remained in alliance with the Sabbath School. The Winter Hill Congregational Society used a Gothic Chapel, built in 1871, for worship prior to the construction of this building in 1890.

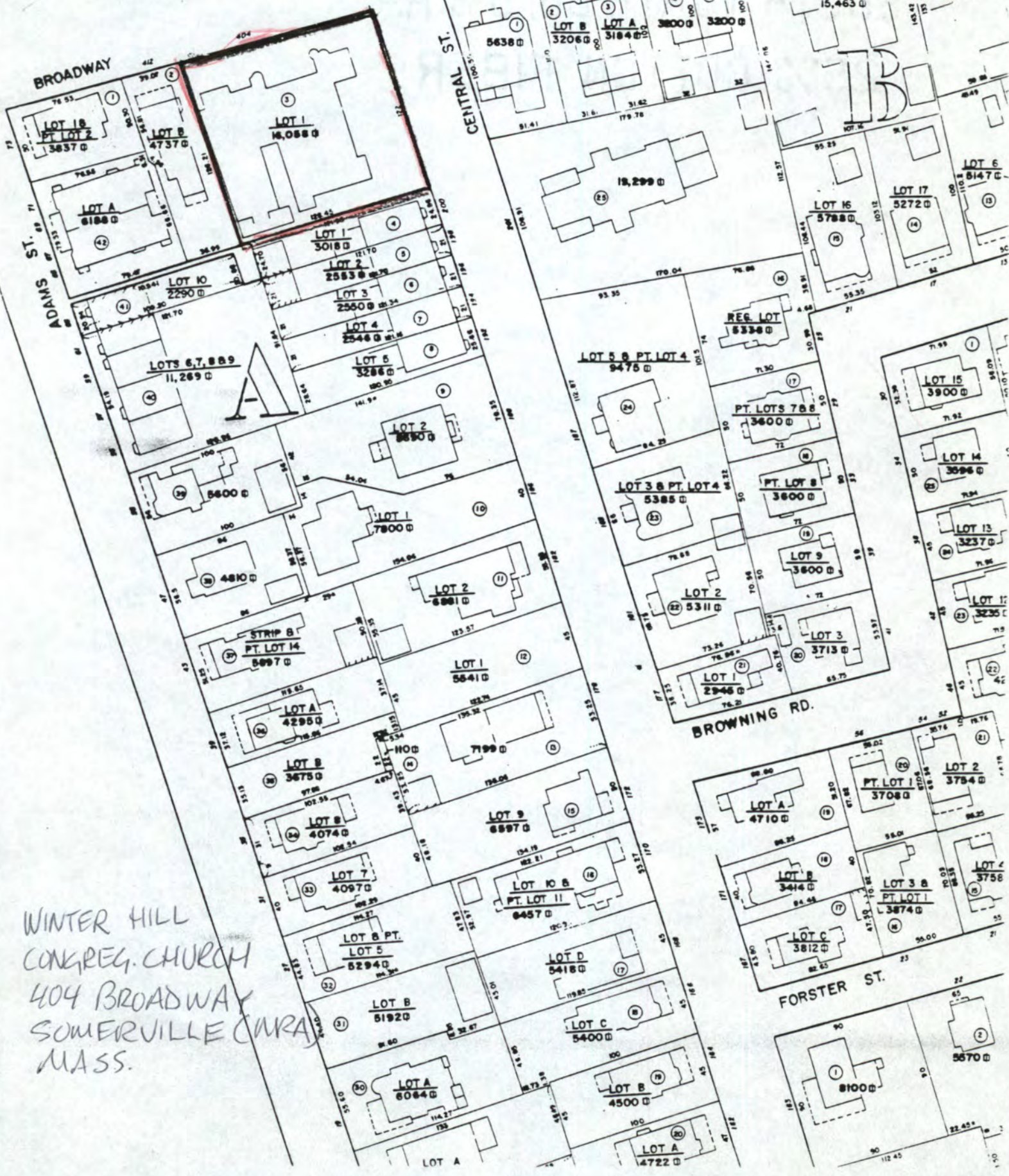
Renown architects Hartwell, Richardson, and Driver designed this church building in the Shingle Style. The building is significant for its well defined architectural style and its association with the well known architectural firm. It is also important for its association with the development of the Winter Hill community and religious organization in Somerville.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Bromely, G.W., Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1894.  
Samuels, Edward, Somerville: Past and Present, 1897.  
Somerville Journal, November 15, 1890.

1" = 100'

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WINTER HILL  
CONGREG. CHURCH  
404 BROADWAY  
SOMERVILLE (MRA)  
MASS.

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

- 11. Adams--Magoun House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Bacon, Clifton, House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 500 13. Barnes, Walter S. and Melissa E., House  Substantive Review  Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/8/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Brackett, S.E., House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Brooks, James H., House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Central Library Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Cliff, Z.E., House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
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- 19. Cook, Thomas, House Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Cooper--Davenport Tavern Wing Entered in the National Register  Keeper Arlow Byers 9/18/89  
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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: Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church

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: 89001238

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



NO  
HEAVY  
TRUCKING

404 Broadway

1. 404 Broadway

2. Somerville, MA

3. E. Zellie

4. 1981

5. Somerville City Hall

6. looking southwest

7. # 118

Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church  
Somerville MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253