

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. NW CAMB.	Form no. NWC IIC13
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1. Town Cambridge

Address 2200 Massachusetts Avenue

Name Alpheus Mead House

Present use professional offices

Present owner Carmello P. Evelyn J. Rinaldo

3. Description:

Date 1867

Source deed records

Style Mansard

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features modillions under cornice, double door, very large lintels, center arch with pediment, mansard roof.

Altered Yes- Date on several occasions

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre       

Approximate frontage 88 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 30 feet

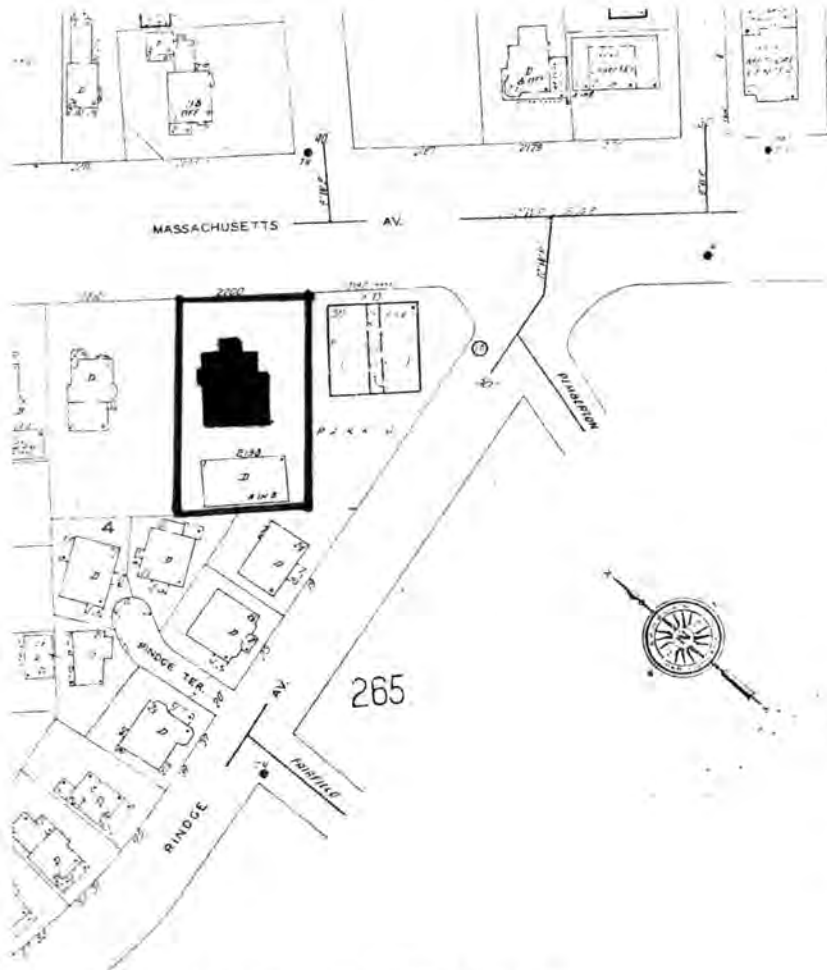
6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1972

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number 1105-26

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



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7. Original owner (if known) Alpheus Mead

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential/commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Alpheus Mead House (1867) is a typical center entrance Mansard house of the mid-1860s, and one of the best houses of its type remaining on the Avenue. Original features include the entrance porch with quadrant struts, the alternating gabled and segmental dormers, and projecting bracketed cornice.

Alpheus Mead was a local butcher. Although aluminum siding has been added, the original trim was retained and the house could easily be returned to its original clapboarding underneath. This house, with the Daniel Snow and R. H. Farwell Houses, represents the only three residences in the same proximity which document the style and scale of houses which once lined this route. Intensive development along Massachusetts Avenue has already transformed what was once, in this section, a spacious residential streetscape into commercial uses and new construction. This cluster of houses provide the only visual evidence of the earlier history of this road.

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

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



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

161. Mead, Alpheus, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

162. Snow, Daniel, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

determined eligible

163. Wyeth, John, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

164. HOMER-LOVELL House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Wm Duke 12/22/83

Attest

165. Reversible Collar  
Company Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Michael Dwyer 9.27.85

Attest

50yrs 166. Ash Street Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

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167. Berkeley Street Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 5-19-86

168. Bertram Hall at Radcliffe College

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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Melvin Byers 5-19-86

169. Bennink-Douglas Cottages

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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170. Brabrook, E. H., House

Entered in the  
National Register

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Melvin Byers 5-19-86

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Mead, Alpheus, House (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 4/13/82  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

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

photos   
maps \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*1 of 3 such residences - remaining examples of Mass Ave residential development*

Recom./Criteria C  
Reviewer Braun  
Discipline Arch Hist  
Date 4-13-82  
 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  good  fair  deteriorated  ruins  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

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## **8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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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## **9. Major Bibliographical References**

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## **10. Geographical Data**

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

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## **11. Form Prepared By**

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## **12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Site \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **13. Other**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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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