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AREA	FORM NO.
East Somerville	154

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

Town Somerville MRA

Address 8 Mt. Pleasant Street

Historic Name Daniel Worthen House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1850-1860

Source map research

Style Gothic Revival

Architect none

Exterior Wall Fabric stucco

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) Stucco

probably replaced. Clapboard exterior finish.

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acres Less than one acre.

Setting The house is located in an area of single and multifamily housing and commercial properties in East Somerville.

UTM REFERENCE Z E N 19 - 328/890 - 4694/420

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Massachusetts Historical Comm.

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Daniel Worthen House displays unusually well-detailed Gothicized trim on an otherwise modest sidehall-plan residence. The house's construction ca. 1850-1860 is representative of prewar construction for the working and middle classes in increasingly subdivided East Somerville. The Worthen House retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, 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 Worthen House is unique to its neighborhood, 3-bay, 1 1/2 story Gothic Revival house which contributes a picturesque quality to the Mt. Pleasant/Perkins area. The house is distinguished by its intact foliated vergeboard and turned drop porch trim. The sidehall plan entrance has glazed sidelights and transom.

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

Mt. Pleasant Street was one of the two streets (in the Mt. Vernon Street) platted in 1840 as part of a subdivision of the extensive Stearnes estate. Situated near the narrow peninsula connecting Somerville with Charlestown, the area known as East Somerville, was soon built up with industry, rail lines, and housing both for Boston businessmen and local laborers. Both single and multifamily dwellings were constructed. The first owner of this house, Daniel Worthen, was a distiller.

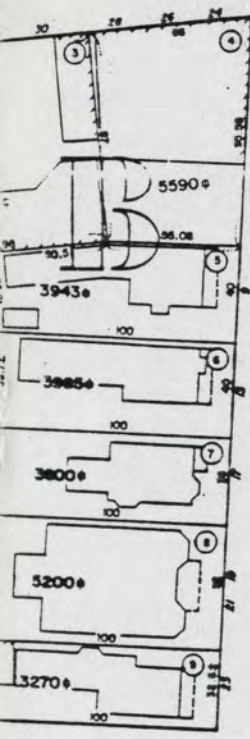
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Draper, Martin, Map of Somerville, 1852

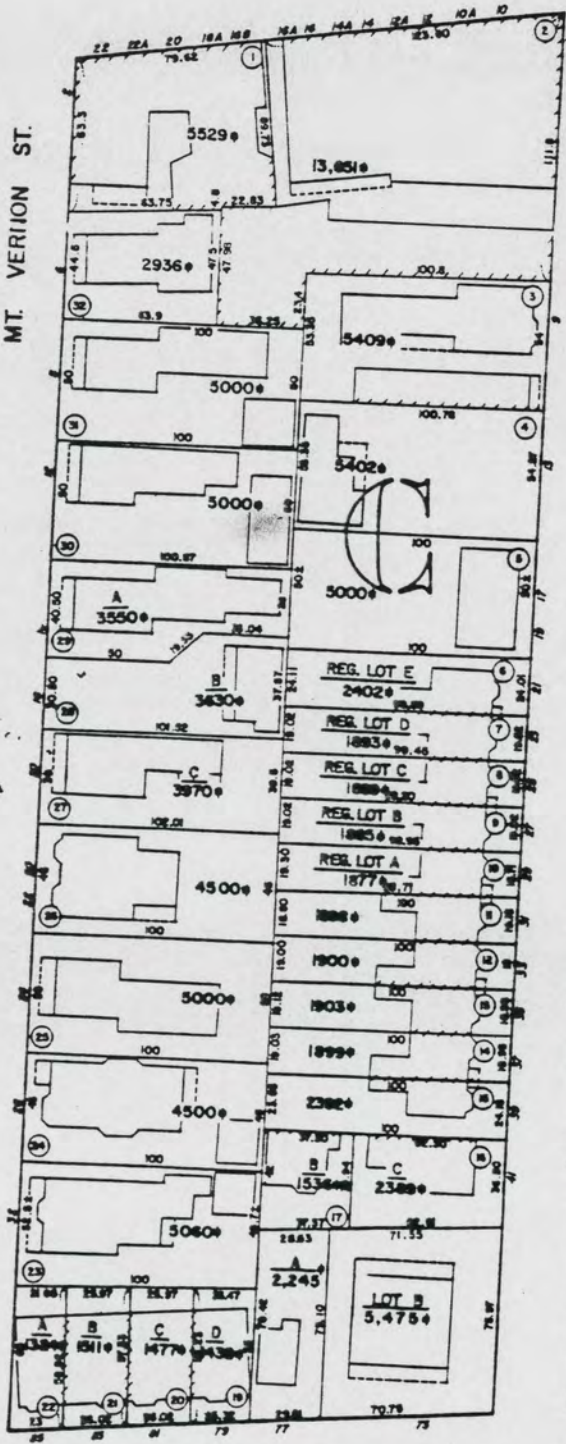
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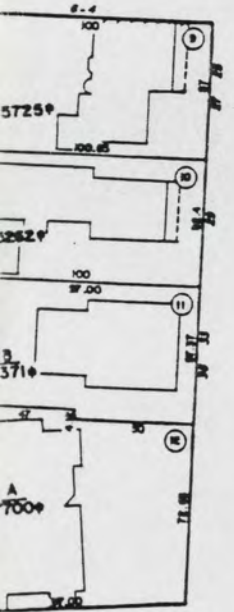
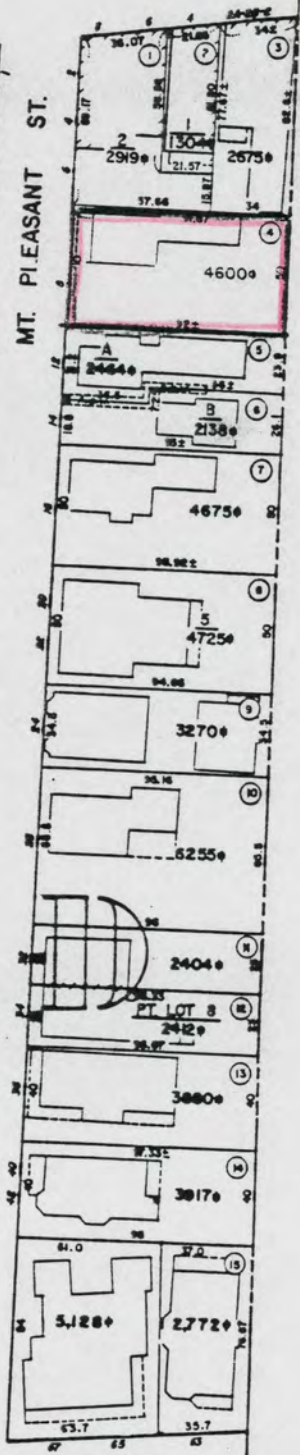
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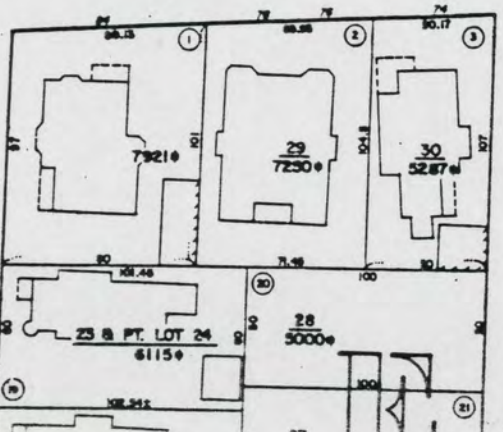
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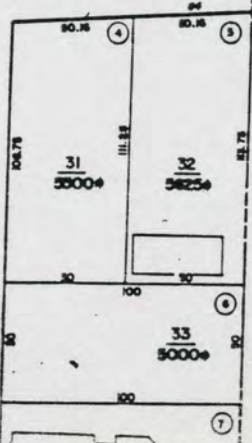
MT. PLEASANT ST.



PERKINS ST.



MT COURT



Daniel Worthen House
 8 Mt. Pleasant st.
 Somerville (MRA),
 Mass.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

- | Nomination/Type of Review | Date/Signature |
|---|---|
| 71. Tufts, Peter and Oliver, House
<small>Entered in the
National Register</small> | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 72. Warren, H., House
<small>Entered in the
National Register</small> | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 73. West Somerville Branch Library
<small>Entered in the
National Register</small> | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 74. Williams, Charles, House
<small>Entered in the
National Register</small> | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| SEN 75. Williams, Charles, Jr., House
<small>Substantive Review</small> | for Keeper <u>Betty L. Savage</u> 9-18-89
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| 76. Williams, F.G., House
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National Register</small> | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89
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| 77. Worthen, Daniel, House
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| 78. Wright House
<small>Entered in the
National Register</small> | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/18/89
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| SEN 79. Wyatt, George, House
<small>Substantive Review</small> | for Keeper <u>Betty L. Savage</u> 9-18-89
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| 80. Somerville Theatre
Entered in the
National Register
<small>Substantive Review</small>
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National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 1/20/90
Attest _____ |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Worthen, Daniel, House

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: 89001272

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 _____



1. 8 Mt. Pleasant St,
2. Somerville, MA
3. C. Zellie
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking east
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Worthington, Daniel House
Somerville MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253