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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
Prospect Hill	175

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Somerville MRA

Address 54 Vinal Avenue

Historic Name Wright House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

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. 1895

Source stylistic analysis and map research

Style Queen Anne/Shingle Style

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting urban residential

late-19th century neighborhood between Prospect Hill to the east and Central Hill (institutional) to the northwest

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date June 1986

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

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UTM REFERENCE 19 - 327/340 - 4694/440

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Wright House, a good example of the amalgamation of Queen Anne-style form and Shingle Style embellishment, retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association and fulfills Criterion 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 Wright House demonstrates Queen Anne-style massing and form embellished by Shingle Style details and wall surfaces. The 2 1/2-story gable roofed house is asymmetrical, typical of the Queen Anne Style with a variety in window size and placement. A conical facade bay is offset to the right; a polygonal bay on an ogee base with a spring eave roof is offset to the left. The front entrance porch has wide shingled posts with a band of sawtooth shingles along the porch frieze. The rest of the house exhibits a variety of patterns in the cut wood shingles.

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

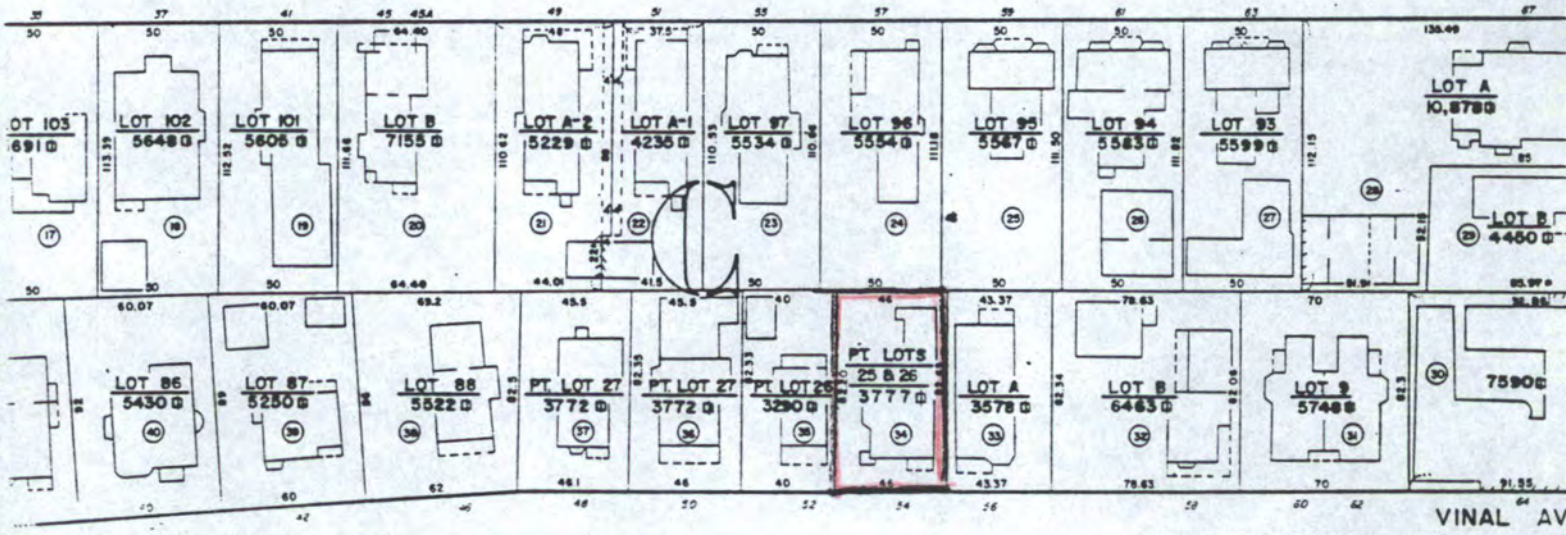
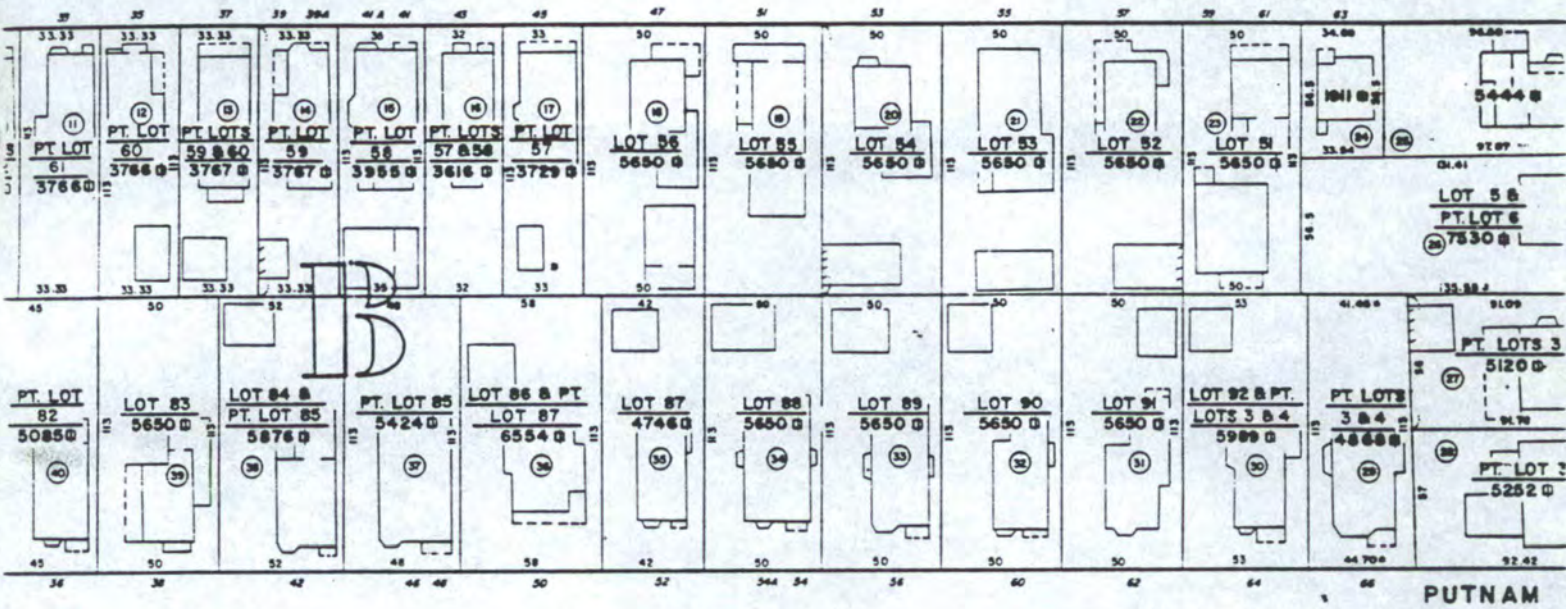
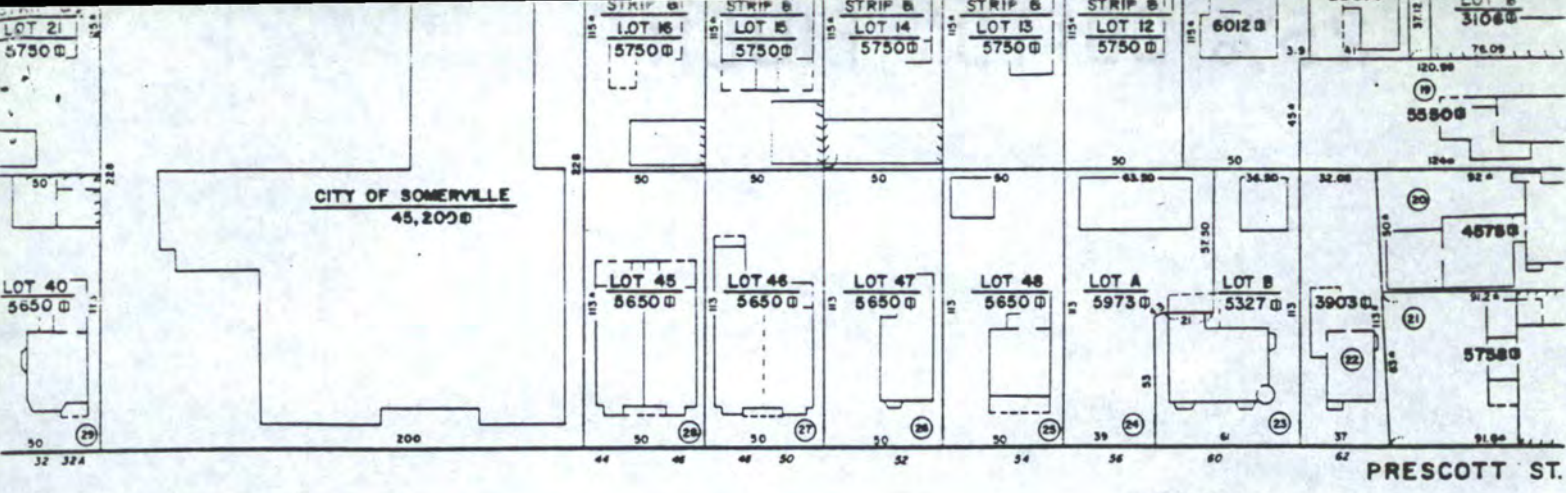
The builder of this late Victorian single-family residence, Walter Wright was a milk can manufacturer with offices in Charlestown. He was active in the Universalist Church nearby.

This house is include in this MRA because it retains the integrity of design associated with the Queen Anne style and Shingle Style and is a particularly well preserved examples of these styles.

The house faces east onto Vinal St. and is part of a residential neighborhood, several other examples of the shingle or Queen Anne style are also presented in this MRA, but this house is the only one nominated which embodies both styles.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Bromley, G. W., Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1895.
1904 Somerville Directory.



SUMMIT AVE.
175

1" = 100'

SANT ST.



GRAND VIEW AVE.

Wright House
54 Vinal Ave.
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
*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper *Melrose Byers* 9/18/89

Attest _____

72. Warren, H., House
*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper *Melrose Byers* 9/18/89

Attest _____

73. West Somerville Branch Library
*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper *Melrose Byers* 9/18/89

Attest _____

74. Williams, Charles, House
*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper *Melrose Byers* 9/18/89

Attest _____

SN 75. Williams, Charles, Jr., House
Substantive Review

for Keeper *Boyd L. Savage* 9-18-89

Attest _____

76. Williams, F.G., House
*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper *Melrose Byers* 9/18/89

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77. Worthen, Daniel, House
*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper *Melrose Byers* 9/18/89

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78. Wright House
*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper *Melrose Byers* 9/18/89

Attest _____

SN 79. Wyatt, George, House
Substantive Review

for Keeper *Boyd L. Savage* 9-18-89

Attest _____

80. Somerville Theatre
~~*Entered in the
National Register*~~
Substantive Review
*Entered in the
National Register*

Keeper *Melrose Byers* 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 Wright House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Somerville MPS
NAME:

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: 89001293

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 _____



54 Vinyl

1. 54 Uinal Avenue
2. Somerville, MA
3. C. Zelle
4. 1984
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking northwest
7. #175
Wright 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