

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Joseph K. James House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 83 Belmont Street n/a not for Publication

city or town Somerville N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 02143

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

- As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith B. McDonough
Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

1/7/1998
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Ball

Date of Action 2/11/98

Joseph K. James House
Name of Property

Middlesex, MA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Somerville Multiple Resource Area

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne/Shingle Style/Colonial Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls wood shingle

roof asphalt

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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7. DESCRIPTION

The Joseph K. James house is one of the best preserved examples of a Queen Anne/Shingle Style house in the City of Somerville. Rising from a Brighton stone foundation, the main block has a classic Colonial Revival form of a four-square plan with a steeply pitched hipped roof. On the facade (west) a projecting polygonal corner tower pierces the roof of the main block. A full length porch, supported by clusters of short round columns, contains a pedimented center entrance detailed with an elaborate floral and lion's head design within the pediment. The central bay is characterized by a slightly projecting entrance with a paneled door and an elaborate iron grill over a glass panel, flanked by leaded diamond windows. At the second story, the central bay has a round headed window flanked by oculus windows with tracery and exaggerated keystones. A turret topped dormer completes the elevation.

On the south elevation, the first story contains a modern secondary entrance and polygonal bay window. The slightly flared second story is separated from the first story by a simple string course. The second story contains a set of paired windows to the left of a central window flanked by leaded glass panels. Two pediment-topped dormers complete the elevation. The rear elevation (east) contains a projecting central bay with entrance on the first floor. The fenestration pattern is simple with one-over-one sash windows. A pediment-topped dormer completes the elevation. The south elevation is dominated by the three-story corner turret with octagonal roof with finial. This elevation is completed with large windows with a stained glass transom on the ground floor flanked by narrow single-sash windows.

Original drawings and descriptions of the house describe it as sheathed in "dipped bottle green" shingles, while the roof, which is now covered in asphalt shingles, was clad in weathered wood shingles.

The interior of this property has survived relatively intact as an exceptionally well preserved example of a grand Shingle Style residence. The first floor plan has been maintained with a large central hall, parlor, dining room, and sitting room in the polygonal tower. Architectural features include: original anaglypta wallpaper in the foyer; oak wainscoting in the entrance hall and dining room; original fireplaces with hand-carved mantelpieces, tilework and a cabinet with leaded glass doors built into one mantelpiece; two original light fixtures; and leaded glass and stained glass windows.

The property's original carriage house remains on the northeast corner of the lot. Period accounts describe the building as fitted with two stalls, a carriage room, and a harness room. In 1989 the structure was rehabilitated into a residential dwelling. During the renovation, the original doors were replaced with sliding glass doors. As a result of this and other unsympathetic alterations, the carriage house no longer retains integrity and therefore is considered noncontributing.

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The property is located on the east side of Belmont Street at the corner of Spring Hill Terrace. The house is oriented to face west with a large tree on the southwest corner of the property and is located on the north slope of Spring Hill. The setting and surrounding neighborhood retains much of its original late 19th century residential character, although many structures on the southern end of Belmont Street were demolished in order to accommodate parking areas for the surrounding institutional uses. At 8,166 square feet, the property is one of the largest residential lots in the area and is one of the last remaining well-preserved houses of the period on Belmont Street. One street to the east is the Westwood Road National Register Historic District which encompasses Westwood Road and several properties on Benton Road. Developed several years after the James House, the large-scaled single family residences on Westwood Road exhibit similar architectural characteristics of the Shingle Style as found on the James House.

Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are currently recorded on the property, it is possible that sites are present. Four known sites are recorded in the general area (within one mile), most located to the south and southwest in the vicinity of the Charles River Basin. In general, however, the nominated property does not exhibit locational criteria well suited for most types of prehistoric sites. In particular, the parcel is located over 1,000 feet from the nearest wetlands in an area of dense historic-period development. Given the above information and the small size of the lot (approximately 0.19 acres), a low potential exists for the recovery of significant prehistoric resources.

A low potential also exists for the recovery of historic archaeological resources on the property. Little if any historic period landuse has been identified for the property prior to construction of the James House in 1893-1894. All known historic period structures built with the James House are also still extant. Few if any modifications have occurred on the property that would leave signatures in the archaeological record. Given the above information, a low potential exists for the recovery of significant historic period resources on the property. Sheet refuse patterns may survive from occupational use of the house; however, these resources would be of limited research potential.

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Joseph K. James House

Name of Property

Middlesex, MA

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance

1893-1947

Significant Dates

1893-1894

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Thomas M. James, architect

Thomas F. Farrington, builder

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Massachusetts Historical Commission

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joseph K. James House at 83 Belmont Street possesses integrity of location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association and meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places at the local level. The Joseph K. James House fulfills criterion A for its association with the development of substantial residences for prosperous businessmen in the Spring Hill area of the City of Somerville. The Joseph K. James House also meets criterion C as a well-preserved example of a transitional Queen Anne/Shingle residence dating from the late 19th century.

Historical background and significance

The southeastern portion of Spring Hill was developed during the mid-19th century. After 1870, large single-family homes were still built on ample lots, particularly along Cherry, Craigie, Belmont, Spring, and Laurel Streets. A small community of handsome estates were built in this area for business owners who relied on the rail and horsecar routes along what is now Somerville Avenue and Summer Street to carry them to work in Boston and Charlestown. Belmont Street was the site of several late 19th century houses of substantial size and design. 83 Belmont Street is one of the last remaining, well-preserved homes from this period and represents the development that occurred on Spring Hill due to its prominent topographical location with views of Cambridge and Harvard Square to the south and the Mystic River to the north.

83 Belmont Street was constructed between 1893 and 1894 for Joseph Knightley James, a partner at the Henry James & Sons Soap Company on Columbia Street in Somerville. James previously lived at 16 Brastow Avenue, one block west of Belmont Street, where he lived with his family for ten years. In 1893, he commissioned his 18 year old son, Thomas Marriott James, to design him a house on a prominent lot on Belmont Street to take advantage of the views from Spring Hill to the Mystic River to the north. Over the course of the next year, the house was constructed by Thomas F. Farrington, a local builder. James lived at the property until his death in 1910. James' widow, Elizabeth, sold the property a year later to Almon F. Heald. Over the course of the next 80 years, the property was sold numerous times. In 1924, the Somerville Savings Bank acquired the property and later sold it to Bertha Leback in 1940. She owned it for six years until 1946 when George T. Sullivan purchased the property. He later sold it to Joseph F. Dineen in 1951, who owned the property for the next 28 years. The property continued to change ownership, in 1979 Henry and Margaret Vangel purchased the property, in 1983 it was sold to Nino and Mary Ann Crugnale who in turn sold it to Robert Wiercinski and Susan Ahern. The present owners, Laura de la Torre Bueno and Hayyim Feldman, purchased the property in 1992.

83 Belmont Street was Thomas Marriott James' (1875-1942) first commission as an architect. After working for the architectural office of Samuel J. Brown, James began working as a draftsman with the

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firm of Eugene L. Clark in 1893, a prolific designer of suburban homes. James continued working as draftsman with Clark until 1896, when he was elevated to partnership. This partnership lasted less than two years, however, and after working alone for next seven years, James formed a partnership with Clinton Murdock Hill from 1906-1909. The firm of Hill & James designed residences throughout the Boston area, including Neoclassical style houses for Oren Cheney Sanborn and Annie Remick in Winchester, and Shingle, Tudor, Classical, and Spanish Revival houses in Brookline and Cambridge. The firm also received commissions throughout New England, including the 1905 Frank E. Anderson House in Nashua, New Hampshire.

In 1909, James formed his own architectural firm, Thomas M. James & Company. The firm specialized in designing bank buildings in styles ranging from Neoclassical to Spanish Revival. The firm designed a number of banks throughout New England and the Midwest, including banks in Augusta, Lewiston and Waterville, Maine, New London, Connecticut, Providence, Rhode Island, and Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Northampton and Waltham, Massachusetts. Buildings in the Boston area include the 1931 Byzantine Revival East Cambridge Savings Bank, constructed in granite, marble and bronze. The firm also designed other public buildings including the 1910 Shubert Theater and the 1929 Art Deco State Street Trust Building, both in Boston.

Although he concentrated on institutional design, James continued to accept residential commissions. He designed an English Revival cottage and a Shingle Style Tea House in Marblehead, Massachusetts, a Colonial Revival house in Augusta, Maine for Guy P. Gannett in 1911, and the Craftsman style Waban Neighborhood Club in Newton, Massachusetts in 1917. No records indicate that James designed any other buildings in Somerville other than his father's home.

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Joseph K. James House
Name of Property

Middlesex, MA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 8,166 square feet

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19	326440	4694830		3.		
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
2.			4.			
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

Patricia Conley, Director, Somerville Historic Preservation Commission
name/title with Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission
organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date July 1997
street & number 225 Morrissey Boulevard telephone (617) 727-8470
city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Laura de la Torre Bueno and Hayyim Feldman
street & number 83 Belmont Street telephone 617-623-5232
city or town Somerville state MA zip code 02143

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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City of Somerville, Beyond the Neck: The Architecture and Development of Somerville, Massachusetts, 1983.

Reed, Roger G. "Hill & James: Beaux Arts Splendor in a Suburban Setting." *The Architects of Winchester, Massachusetts*. Number 1, 1994.

Somerville City Directories: 1880's-1890's.

Somerville Journal. March 17, 1894, p. 1.

Somerville Journal. February 18, 1910, p.10. (Joseph K. James obituary)

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal boundary justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Joseph K. James House.

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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: James, Joseph K., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Somerville MPS

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/13/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/26/98
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/11/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/27/98
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98000095

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 2/4/98 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in the
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



JOSEPH JAMES House

83 BELMONT ST.

SOMERVILLE, (MIDDLESEX) MA.

PHOTO #1

facing south

Taken Jan 1997



JOSEPH JAMES HOUSE

83 BELMONT ST.

SOMERVILLE (MIDDLESEX) MA

PHOTO #2

facing NE.

Taken Jan 1997



JOSEPH JAMES HOUSE
83 BELMONT ST.
24071-D1-TM-025

Boston North

MASSACHUSETTS
SOMERVILLE (MIDDLESEX), MA

1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map

7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

1985

Produced by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts agencies
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Supersedes Boston North and Lexington 1:25,000-scale maps dated 1971
Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS chart 13272 (1982)
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10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, maintained zone, 1927 North American Datum
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There may be private subdivisions within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

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OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.3 METER
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS
DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.9 METERS

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CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM	ADJOINING MAPS		
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To convert feet to meters multiply by 0.3048			4	5	6

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7 Boston South
8 Hull

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Topographic Map Symbols

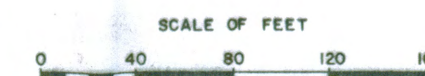
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Secondary highway, hard surface	
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface	
Unimproved road, trail	
Route marker: Interstate; U. S. State	
Railroad: standard gage; narrow gage	
Bridge: drawbridge	
Footbridge; overpass; underpass	
Built-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown	
House; barn; church; school; large structure	
Boundary	
National, with monument	
State	
County, parish	
Civil township, precinct, district	
Incorporated city, village, town	
National or State reservation; small park	
Land grant with monument; found section corner	
U. S. public lands survey; range, township, section	
Range, township, section line; location approximate	
Fence or field line	
Power transmission line, located tower	
Dam; dam with lock	
Cemetery; grave	
Campground; picnic area; U. S. location monument	
Windmill; water well; spring	
Mine shaft; prospect; shaft or core	
Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation	
Contour: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression	
Distorted surface: strip mine, lava, sand	
Bathymetric contours: index; intermediate	
Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream	
Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small	
Submerged marsh; marsh, swamp	
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A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request



SOMERVILLE MASSACHUSETTS

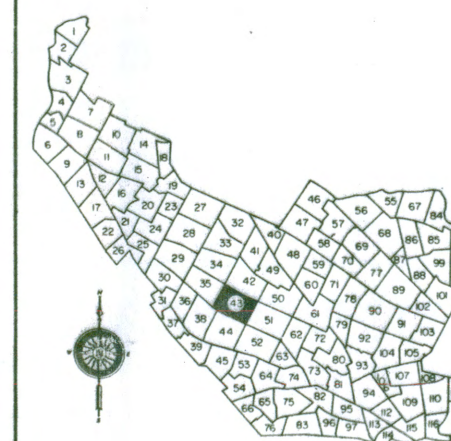
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LEGEND

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- STREET LINE
- RIGHT OF WAY LINE
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- SQUARE FOOTAGE OF LOT (AREA)
- DIMENSION (FROM DEED OR SURVEY)

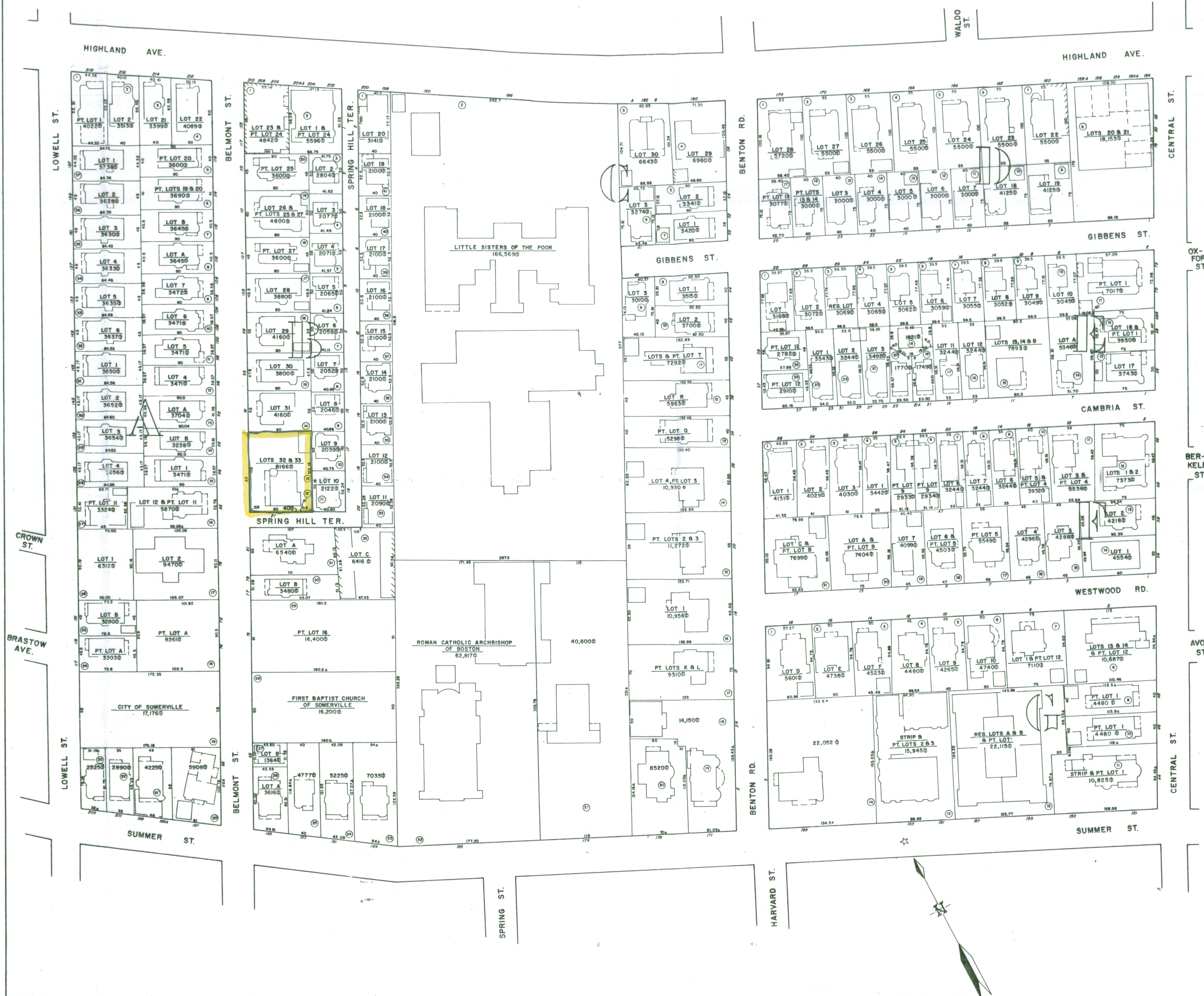
NOTES AND REVISIONS



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RESEARCH
CONSULTANT: Mick Campbell

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

July 10, 1997

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form, which is an amendment to the Somerville MRA:

Joseph K. James House, 83 Belmont Street, Somerville (Middlesex Co.), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Since the city of Somerville is a participant in the Certified Local Government Program, the owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 60 to 120 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Laura de la Torre Bueno and Hayyim Feldman, owners
Somerville Historic Preservation Commission
Michael Capuano, Mayor, City of Somerville

Joseph K. James House, Somerville
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US Postal Service

Receipt for Certified Mail

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Street & Number	NPS
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Postage	\$
Certified Fee	
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Restricted Delivery Fee	
Return Receipt Showing to Whom & Date Delivered	
Return Receipt Showing to Whom, Date, & Addressee's Address	
TOTAL Postage & Fees	\$
Postmark or Date	7/1

PS Form 3800, April 1995



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

January 6, 1998 William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Ms. Alexis Abernathy
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service, Cultural Resources
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240



Dear Ms. Abernathy:

Enclosed is a resubmitted NR nomination for the Joseph James House, Somerville (Middlesex Co.), MA. It is identical to the nomination submitted this summer, except for a current signature from the Massachusetts SHPO and the extent of photo documentation.

I would appreciate an expedited review on this nomination. Thank you for checking on this one for us.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or if I can help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Bergen".

Philip Bergen
National Register Assistant
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

January 7, 1998

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We request an expedited review of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Laura de la Torre Bueno and Hayyim Feldman, owners
Somerville Historic Preservation Commission
Michael Capuano, Mayor, City of Somerville