

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

Form numbers in this area Area no.

Mid Cambridge

MC I.2

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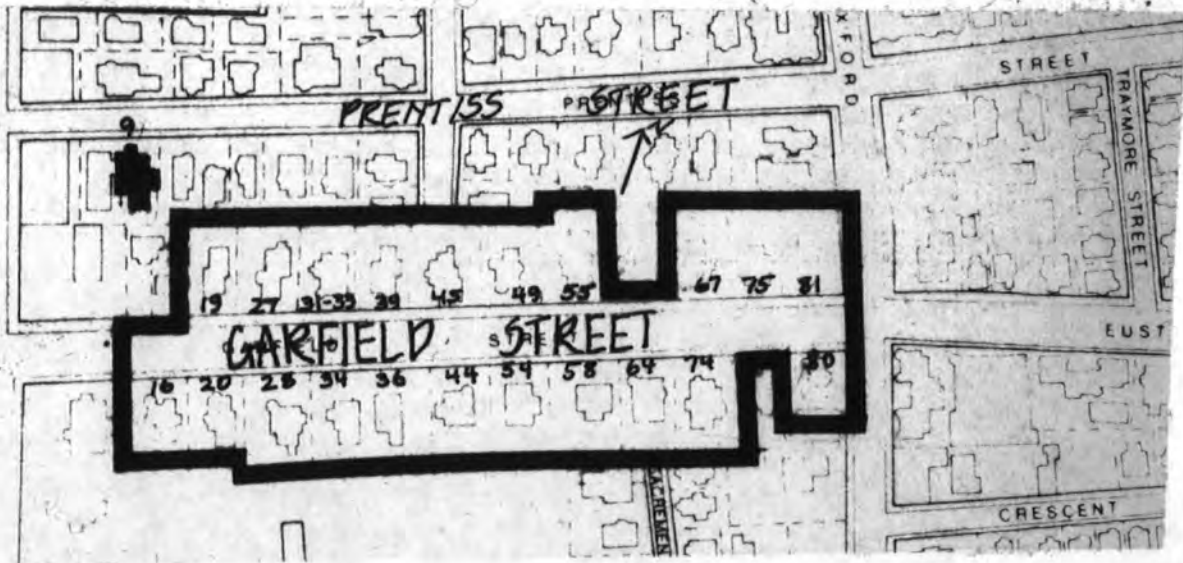
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Photo number 1105-51105-71105-81105-91. Town CambridgeName of area (if any) Garfield StreetNational Register District3. General date or period 1885-1895

4. Is area uniform (explain):

in style? Yes, Queen Anne.in condition? Yes, good to excellentin type of ownership? Yes, privately ownedin use? Yes, residential.

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



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7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

Garfield Street is an outstanding example of a late nineteenth century Queen Anne period development and provides an excellent catalogue of Queen Anne architecture. The street was laid out in 1883 and built up between 1885 and 1891; all but three of these original houses remain. Most were architect-designed, and range from small side-entrance houses averaging \$4500. in cost, to full-blown Queen Anne examples costing as much as \$10,000.

Although unity is provided by the consistency of lot size, setback and house height, the impression of the street is one of diversity, with a wide variety of forms and abundant decorative detail. Many of the houses have wrap-around porches, towers and bays, and a rich variety of surface textures and embellishments. Mastic work, terra cotta in swirling foliated patterns, and porch posts and balusters of varying silhouettes are particularly prominent. Windows vary in size and placement, and include much colored and leaded glass. The houses are all well-maintained and the street retains its original nineteenth century appearance.

1. Herbert Shepherd House (1886), 31-33 Garfield Street

A center-hall, cross-gable Queen Anne house built by Herbert Shepherd, a Harvard Square grocer. Notable features of the elaborate porch include cast ornament in the form of a woman's head in the gable, a spindle screen and turned posts.

2. Edward Shepherd House (1885), 39 Garfield Street

This gable-roofed Queen Anne house contains a Palladian motif in the gable. The unusual porch has jigsaw ornament including rosettes, in the spandrels. This was the home of Boston bookkeeper Edward Shepherd.

3. J. W. Estabrook House (1886), 45 Garfield Street

A hip-roofed Queen Anne house with a deep porch across the facade, this 1886 structure has a round oriel bay on the corner with a pagoda turret.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

4. A.S. Bartlett House (1888), 49 Garfield Street

Architect Eugene Clark designed this Queen Anne house. The wrap-around porch encircles a three-story conical turret.

5. Dewey House (1889), 55 Garfield Street

This Queen Anne house is almost Shingle style in feeling. The arcaded, wrap-around porch has shingled posts. The house was designed by Eugene Clark.

6. Cornelius Sullivan House (1889), 67 Garfield Street

A classic example of the Queen Anne style with a gable roof and full-width porch with a spindle screen.

7. John Rollins House (1891), 16 Garfield Street

William Sidebottom was the architect of this Queen Anne house with a two-story, corner octagonal bay. A square oriel with rounded corners is located in the center of the facade.

8. Edward Wood House (1886), 18 Garfield Street

This Queen Anne dwelling has outstanding porch detail; a sun-burst pattern in the gable and cut-out scroll decoration beneath a spindle screen. The house was designed by architect John Steadman.

9. Robert Farquhar House (1890), 34 Garfield Street

A Queen Anne house with a polygonal corner turret and a wrap-around porch supporting a balustraded balcony. The detailing is Colonial Revival in style.

10. Sarah Coon House (1887), 36 Garfield Street

James Fogerty was the architect of this cross-gabled Queen Anne house with a corner turret.

11. Bertha Thayer House (1888), 44 Garfield Street

This cross-gabled Queen Anne house with a corner turret and a deep full-width porch was designed by architect Eugene Clark.

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12. Roscoe Green House (1890), 54 Garfield Street

A commodious house with a Queen Anne silhouette and all Colonial Revival detail, designed by architects Rand & Taylor.

13. George Worcester House (1890), 58 Garfield Street

A Queen Anne house with a gable-on-hip roof and Colonial Revival detail.

14. Frank Allen House (1891), 64 Garfield Street

This Queen Anne house has a wrap-around porch with clustered columns and a corner octagonal bay.

15. Charles Farnsworth House (1897), 74 Garfield Street

This late Queen Anne house was designed by architect William Goodwin. Notable features include an octagonal bay supporting a balcony and a deep wrap-around porch.

16. Elijah Ball House (1887), 80 Garfield Street

A Queen Anne-Stick style house with excellent pavilion treatment, designed by architect James Fogerty.

The Garfield Street National Register District includes both sides of Garfield Street from Massachusetts Avenue to Oxford Street (see Cambridge Community Development P. D. Quad Map 11). Its boundaries delineate a dense nineteenth century streetscape of Queen Anne residences. The district represents a significant and distinguishable grouping and so meets criterion C.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Garfield Street Historic District

Property: (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 _____

☒ RETURN 6-10-82

REJECT _____

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maps _____

_____ resubmission

_____ nomination by person or local government

_____ owner objection

_____ appeal

Substantive Review: _____ sample _____ request _____ appeal _____ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Return per agreement by MA. SHPO to resubmit to State Review Board

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Patrick Andrews

Discipline Historian

Date 6/10/82

_____ 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	Check one	Check one
_____ excellent	_____ deteriorated	_____ original site
_____ good	_____ ruins	_____ moved date _____
_____ fair	_____ unexposed	_____ altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

_____ summary paragraph
_____ completeness
_____ clarity
_____ alterations/integrity
_____ dates
_____ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

U.S. References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Patrick Andrus

Signed W.H. Brannan

Date 6.10.82

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- ✓ 11. Garfield Street Historic District

Keeper

Bruce Mac Craig 6/30/83

Attest

Harvard

- ✓ 12. Harvard Street Historic District

✓ Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

- Result ✓ 13. Kirkland Place Historic District

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 5/19/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 5-14-86

- ✓ 14. Maple Avenue Historic District

Keeper

Bruce Mac Craig 6/30/83

Attest

- ✓ 15. City Hall Historic District

✓ Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

- ✓ 16. Ash Street Historic District

✓ Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

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- ✓ 17. Avon Hill Historic District

✓ Keeper

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Return 4.13.82

Attest

- ✓ 18. Berkeley Street Historic District

✓ Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

- ✓ 19. Cambridge Common Historic District

Keeper

Bruce Mac Craig 6.30.83

Attest

- Harvard

- ✓ 20. Gold Coast Historic District

Keeper

Pat 6/10/82

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United States Department of the Interior
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Substantive Review

Garfield Street Historic District (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MAWorking No. 11.14.80-2862Fed. Reg. Date: 5-7-84Date Due: 7/4/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/30/83☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept/cReviewer Mr. BrownDiscipline A-1+Date 6.30.83☐ see continuation sheet

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

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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