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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREAFORM NO.

116

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo.
Staple to left side of form.

Town Somerville MRAAddress 85 Benton Rd.Historic Name C. C. Crowell HouseUse: Present residenceOriginal residenceDESCRIPTIONDate ca. 1890Source map researchStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboard and shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition very goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting Southeast corner of Benton Rd.
& Hudson St., well maintained urban
residential neighborhood, one block
from main route, Highland Ave.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation
PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate 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

UTM REFERENCE 19 - 326/710 - 4694/970USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The C. C. Crowell House, an elaborately ornamented, patternbook based example of the Queen Anne style, retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling 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 Crowell House is a 2 1/2 story cross gable Queen Anne style house distinguished by a broad semicircular porch with elaborate turned posts and jigsaw struts. A full height polygonal bay on a panelled base stands beside the porch. Wall materials include clapboards and wood shingles in a variety of patterns.

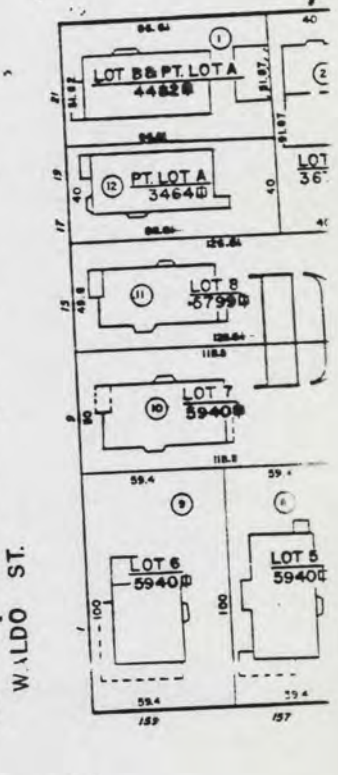
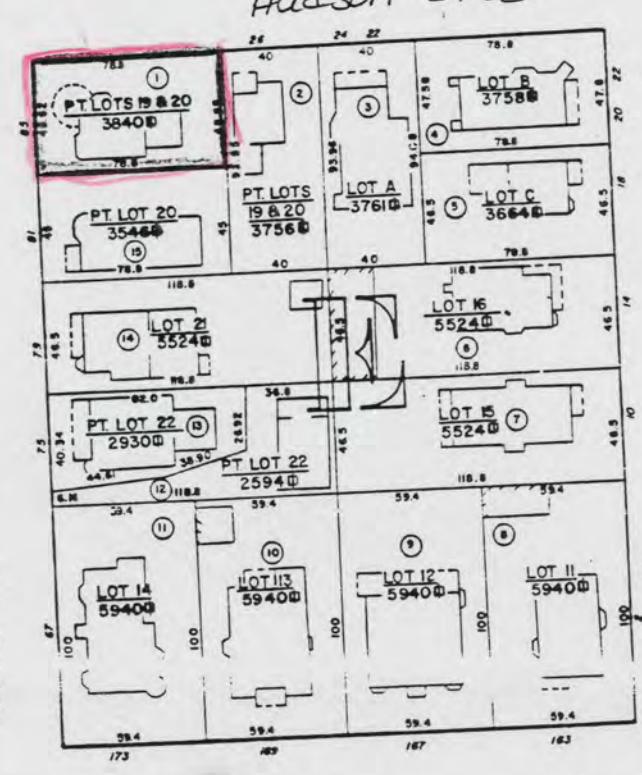
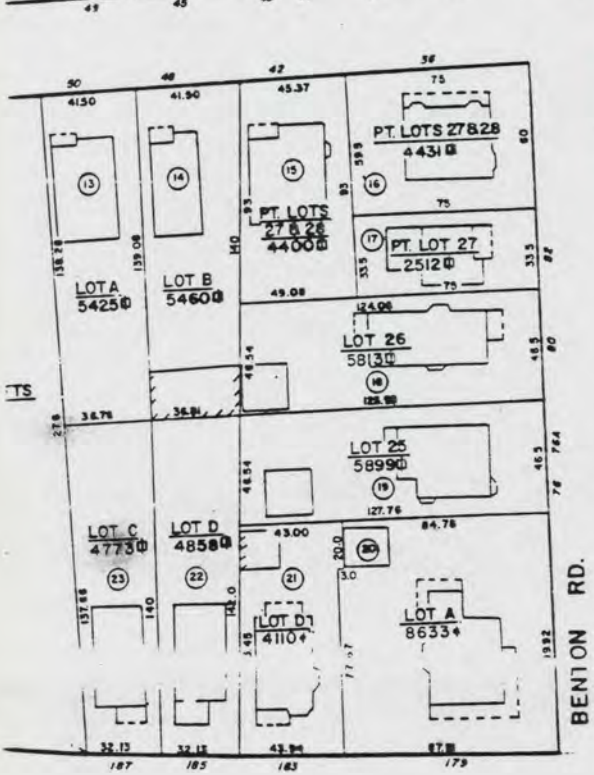
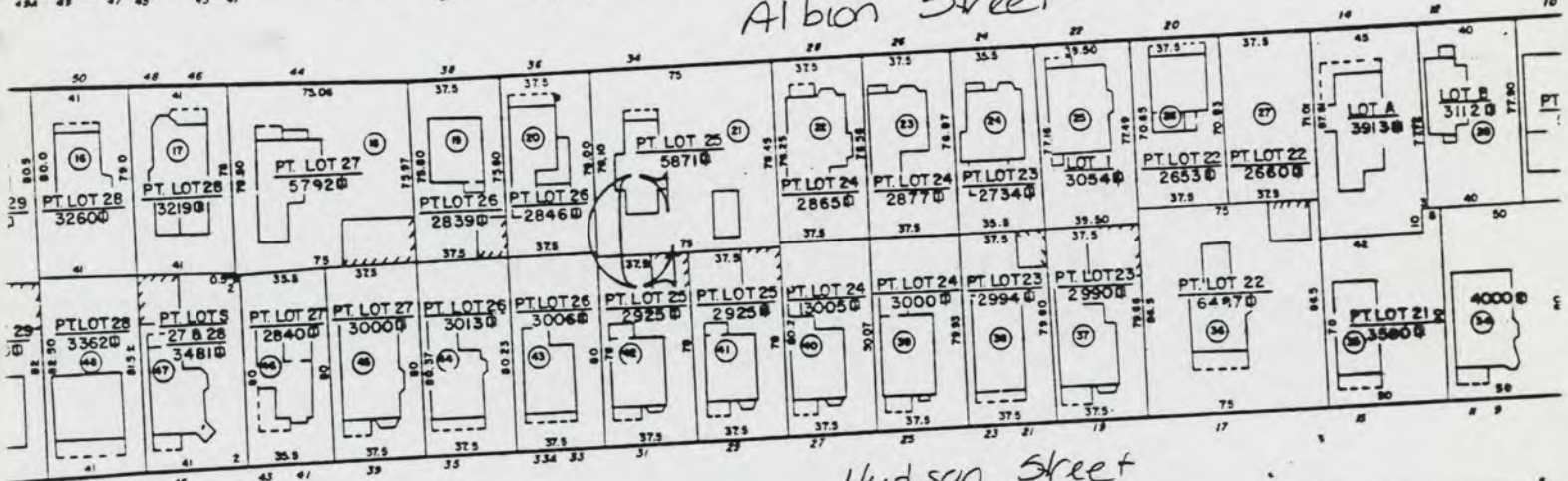
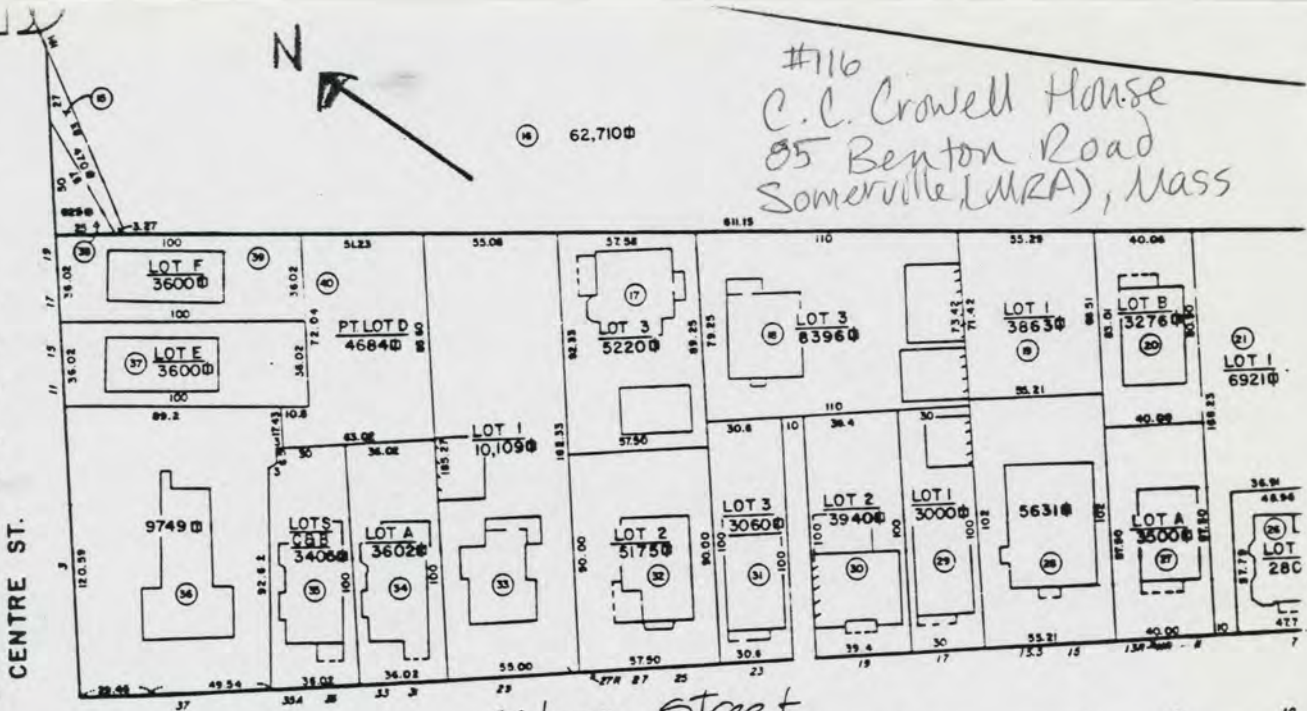
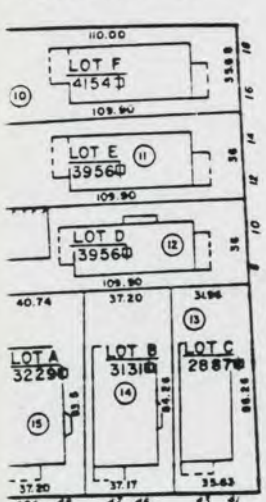
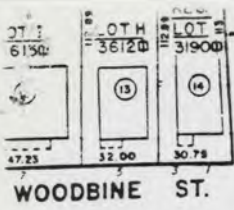
This patternbook Queen Anne house bears a resemblance to its neighbor, the Lemuel Snow Jr., house at 81 Benton Road, and both may possibly be the work of the same builder. The detailing of the Crowell House is lighter and more delicate, however, the form and decorative vocabulary are remarkably similar.

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

Several high quality houses were built on the extension of Benton Avenue, called Benton Road, in the early 1890s. C. C. Crowell, the owner of this property in 1895, was a printer.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Bromley, G. W. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1895
City Directories



Highland Avenue 1"=100'

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Crowell, C.C., House

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper *Alvina Byers* 9/18/89

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22. Downer Rowhouses (Adams Street)

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23. Downer Rowhouses (Central Street)

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24. First Unitarian Church

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25. First Universalist Church

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26. Foster, Alexander, House

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27. Gaut, Samuel, House

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28. Grandview, The

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29. Highland, The

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30. Hollander Blocks

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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: Crowell, C. C., 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: 89001236

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
___UTMs ___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. 85 Benton Rd.
2. Somerville, MA
3. Carol Zellie
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking northeast
7. #116

Cranwell, C. G., Hase
Somerville, MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253