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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Davis Sq.

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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 197 Morrison AvenueHistoric Name unknownUse: Present residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1860Source Stylistic AnalysisStyle Gothic RevivalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric BrickOutbuildings Garage (earlier 20th c.) (NC)

Major Alterations (with dates) Side portion
or wrap-around porch removed

Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage Less than one acre. 1/2 of City lot.
(rear lot)

Setting The house occupies half a City
lot set far back from Morrison Street

Access is via a long set of stairs
directly to house or driveway just
east of #195 Morrison.

Recorded by Betsy FriedbergOrganization Massachusetts Historical Comm.Date May 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 - 325/530 - 4695/870USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

197 Morrison Avenue retains integrity of location, design, materials, feeling, workmanship, and association. The building is Somerville's finest vernacular example of the Gothic Revival style 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.

Somerville's best example of the picturesque Gothic Revival Style is half hidden behind a later dwelling on the same lot. This 1 1/2-story, two-bay house of brick has a full-width Doric columned porch with medallions and frieze. The double entrance door has upper panels of segmental-arched glazing. Original features include the lancet gable window, cusped bargeboards, and a floor-length facade window.

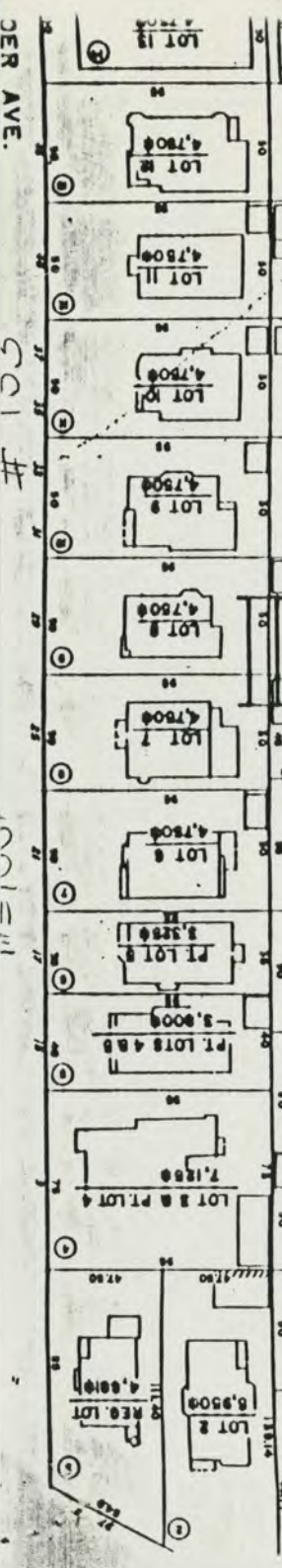
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

This house and the one at 201 Morrison, next door, share a ridge above Morrison Avenue, set far back from the street. Many Somerville lots have later houses constructed on their front laws. The houses on the ridge somewhat pre-date the speculative development of Morrison Avenue, which occurred in 1870's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville 1874.

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

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

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
31.	Hopkins, Elisha, House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
32.	House at 10 Arlington Street Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
33.	House at 14 Chestnut Street Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
34.	House at 16--18 Preston Road Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
35.	House at 197 Morrison Avenue Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
36.	House at 21 Dartmouth Street Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
37.	House at 25 Clyde Street Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
38.	House at 29 Mt. Vernon Street Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
39.	House at 343 Highland Avenue Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
40.	House at 35 Temple Street Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i> 9/18/89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House at 197 Morrison Avenue

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: 89001273

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
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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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- architectural classification
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- descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)	

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summary paragraph
completeness
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applicable criteria
justification of areas checked
relating significance to the resource
context
relationship of integrity to significance
justification of exception
other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

____ acreage ____ verbal boundary description
____ UTM's ____ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentatio

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



- House at*
1. 197 Morrison Avenue
 2. Somerville, ^{MRS} MA
 3. C. Zelle
 4. 1983
 5. Somerville City Hall
 6. looking north
 7. # 153

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253