

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
NW CAMB.	NWC IIC2

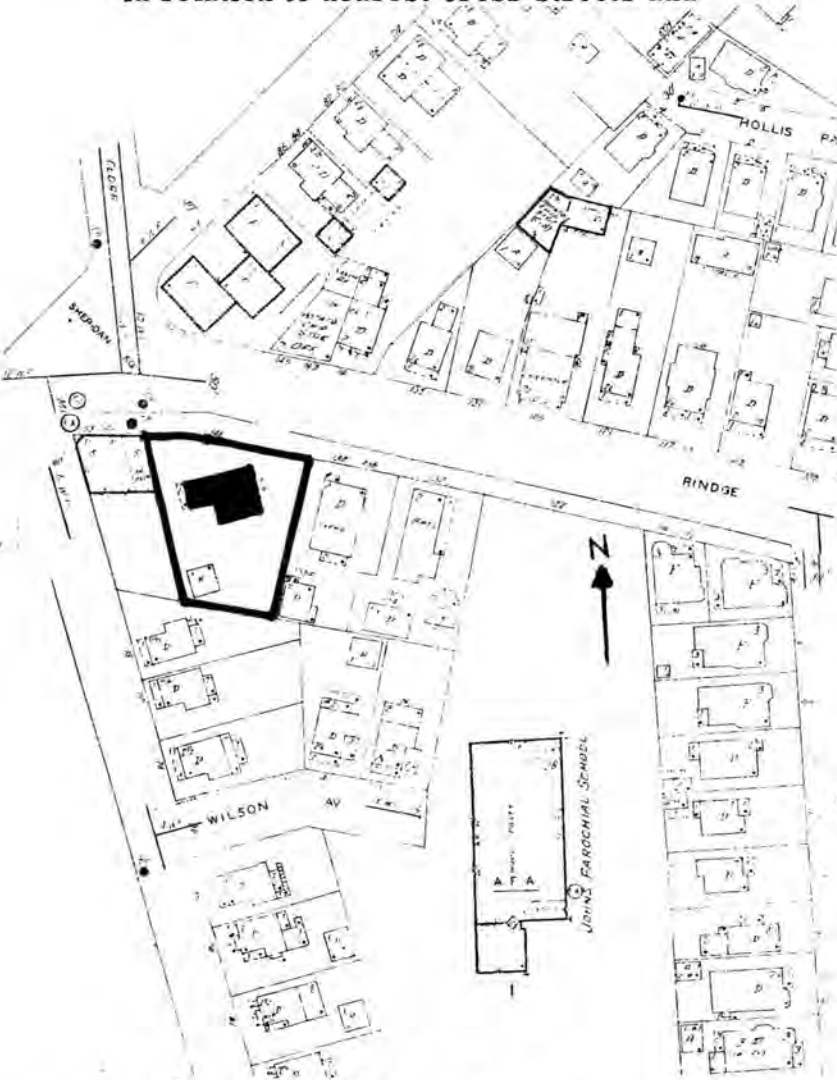
1. Town Cambridge
 Address 146 Rindge Avenue
 Name Kidder-Sargent-McCrehan House
 Present use residential
 Present owner Susan A. Hamilton

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
 Staple to left side of form
 Photo number 1110-34A

3. Description:
 Date c. 1792
 Source deed records

Style: Federal
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) garage
 Other features original condition,
angled on lot to face east, double
chimney, Federal style second story
windows.
 Altered Yes, shingles Date: 1920s
added. One wall restored.
 Moved No Date ----

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
 in relation to nearest cross streets and



5. Lot size:
 One acre or less XX Over one acre
 Approximate frontage 110 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
20 feet

6. Recorded by Arthur Krim
 Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
 Date 1972

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 19/324580/4695380

7. Original owner (if known) Nathaniel Kidder

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u>XX</u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u>XX</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u>XX</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Kidder-Sargent-McCrehan house is the finest rural vernacular example of the Federal style in Northwest Cambridge and the only pre-nineteenth century farmhouse that has survived with its original features intact. The curious siting, at an angle to Rindge Avenue, allows the front entrance to face east in the colonial manner. The house has a typical eighteenth century four-room, center-hall plan, but reveals the Federal style in the small second-story windows, short eaves, and sidelight entry.

The Kidder family acquired the property upon which the house sits in 1706 and it remained in the family until 1835 when the land and the present house were sold to Solomon Sargent. Sargent eventually sold sections of the surrounding farm acreage as building lots during the 1840s, a time of increasing residential development in the North Cambridge area, and eventually sold the house and its present lot to Jeremiah McCrehan in 1867. The house remained in the McCrehan family until the 1940s.

The house is valuable for its well-preserved condition and its historical significance as the only eighteenth century farmhouse to survive on its original site. It was

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

voted eligible for the National Register in 1977.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
151. Day, Anna, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
152. Kingsley, Chester, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
153. Watson, Abraham, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
154. Wyeth Brickyard Superintendent's House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
155. Greek Revival Cottage <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
156. ✓ St. James Episcopal Church <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>Tomer Jan Drazel 6.30.83</u> Attest _____
157. Kidder-Sargent-McCrehan House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
158. Henderson Carriage Repository <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
159. Soule, Lawrence, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
160. Wyeth-Smith House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Kidder-Sargent-McCrehan House
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-1480-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4-17-82
Action: ACCEPT 4/13/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

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

photos
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Rare surviving example

Recom./Criteria C
Reviewer Bravham
Discipline 4.5.82
Date _____
 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		<input type="checkbox"/> date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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 _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Cambridge MA, Ma

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Kidder - Sargent - McCreehan House

146 Rindge Ave.

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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