

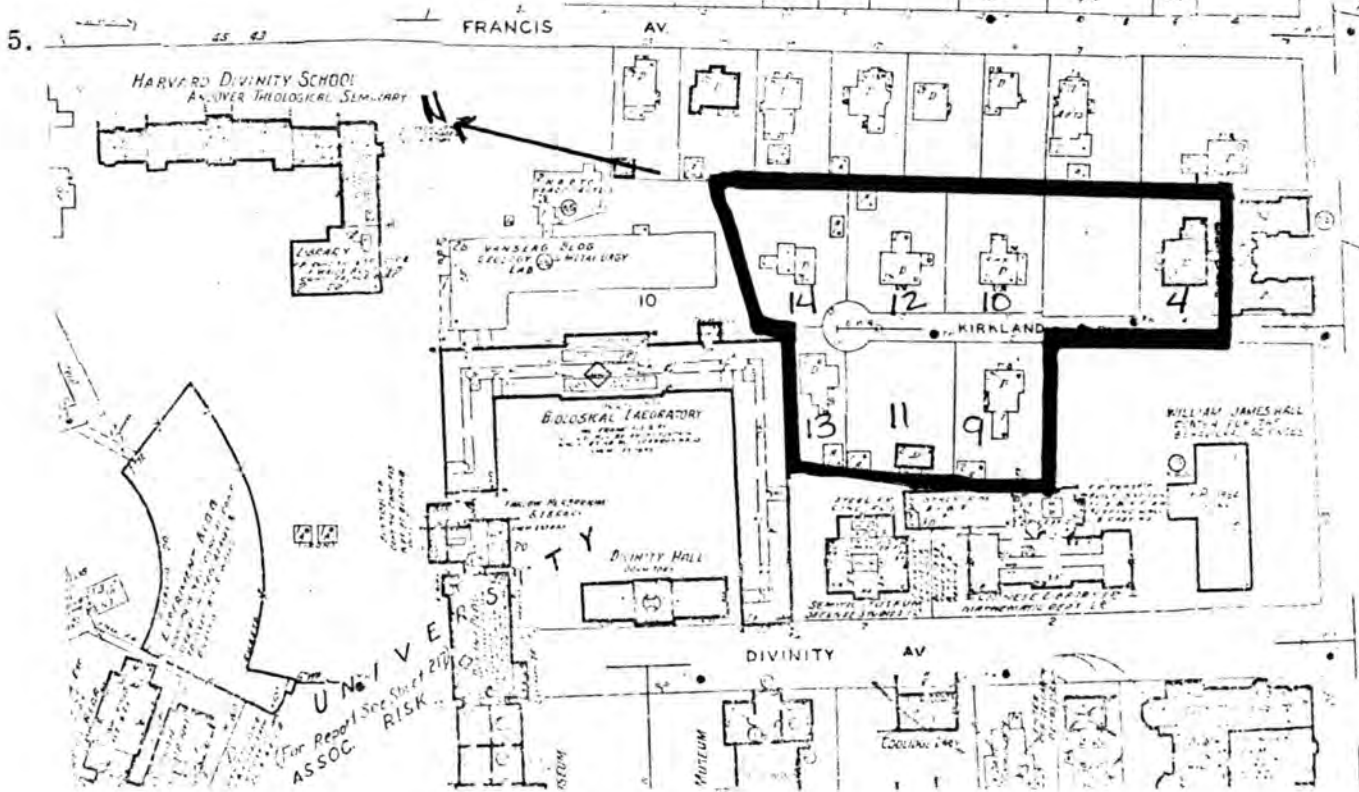
FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

Form numbers in this area	Area no.
Mid Cambridge	MC I.4.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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1. Town Cambridge
Name of area (if any) Kirkland Place
National Register District
3. General date or period 1839-1857
4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? no, a mix of mid-nineteenth century styles.
in condition? yes, good to excellent
in type of ownership? yes, private
in use? yes, all residential



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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

1.923 ACRES

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6. Recorded by B. Bunting/ R. Rettig
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
Date 1964/1968

UTM- BOSTON NORTH
19/326000/4693680

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

Kirkland Place is the most architecturally distinguished street in the Shady Hill area of Mid-Cambridge. This short cul-de-sac laid out in 1854 contains seven houses, six of which are fine examples of mid-nineteenth century architecture completed by 1857.

The earliest, 14 Kirkland Place, was erected by John Ware in 1839 for his daughters, but it was the subsequent owner, Isaac Cutler, a local builder, who established the character of Kirkland Place by building additional houses in the 1850s. Isolated from Kirkland Street, Kirkland Place has remained in excellent condition and is now the only intact enclave of houses surviving from "Professors' Row."

1. Ware House (1839), 14 Kirkland Place, architect unknown

The Ware house is the earliest Kirkland Place residence, built in 1839 by John Ware for his daughters. It was moved back on the lot in 1855-56 to make room for Isaac Cutler's houses.

2. John Merrill House (1855), 9 Kirkland Place, Isaac Cutler, builder

This typical 1850's center-gable Bracketed house was built for John Merrill, a Boston real estate broker.

3. Loring-Pierce House (1856), 4 Kirkland Place, Henry Greenough, architect

Built in 1856, 4 Kirkland Place is important as one of architect Henry Greenough's early Mansard Houses and one of the earliest examples of this style in the Boston area. Henry Greenough was an artistic amateur and dilettante, a member of the distinguished family that included sculptors Horatio and Richard Saltonstall Greenough. His trips abroad lent a sophistication to his work, unusual in Cambridge in the mid-nineteenth century. The Loring-Pierce House is one of only four Greenough Mansard houses which are still standing. Among the early owners of this houses were Judge Edward Loring and mathematician Benjamin Pierce.

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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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Property Name: Kirkland Pl. N.R.D.	

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

4. Southworth Shaw House (1856), 10 Kirkland Place, Isaac Cutler,
builder

This house was the residence of Southworth Shaw, a Boston businessman.

5. Isaac Cutler House (1857), 12 Kirkland Place, Isaac Cutler,
builder

Cutler owned 12 Kirkland Place for a number of years, but never resided here. The house is a simple Bracketed center-gable design, typical of other houses which Cutler built on this street.

6. George Cutler House (1857), 13 Kirkland Place, Isaac Cutler,
builder

A Bracketed Italianate center-gable house of the 1850's; the residence of George Cutler, a local carpenter.

7. Louise Green House (1921), 11 Kirkland Place, Ernest Seaverns,
builder

This red brick residence, which fits no specific stylistic category, is the only house built on Kirkland Place after 1857.

The Kirkland Place National Register District includes all extant houses on Kirkland Place, a short cul-de-sac platted in 1854 (see Cambridge Community Development P. D. Quad Maps 9 & 10). The district represents a significant and distinguishable grouping of mid-nineteenth century houses 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

Property: Kirkland Place Historic District
(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

photos 4

maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

*Small mid. Cambridge concentration
of mid-19th century houses*

*Returned 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	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		☐ date _____

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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT 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 Andrews

Signed

W.H. Bratton

Date

6.10.82

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

FORM A - AREA

APR 4 1986
MAY 19 1986

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02108

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
Mid-Cambridge	M.C. I.4.

USGS Map: KP

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Town Cambridge, Mass.
Cambridge MRA

Name of area (if any) Kirkland Place

Historic District

4-14 KIRKLAND Pl.

General date or period 1839-1857

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)

SEE ATTACHED MAP

USGS Quad: Boston North

2.424 acres

UTM's A-19/326010/4693810
B-19/326040/4693640
C-19/326000/4693640
D-19/325940/4693660
E-19/325920/4693640
F-19/325900/4693760
G-19/325940/4693760

Recorded by B. Bunting/R. Rettig/
T. Alduino

Organization Cambridge Historical Co

Date 1964/1968/1985

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

Kirkland Place is the most architecturally distinguished street in the Shady Hill area of Mid-Cambridge. This short cul-de-sac contains seven houses, six of which are fine examples of mid-nineteenth century architecture completed by 1857. Insulated from the busy thoroughfare of Kirkland St. by William James Hall and an early twentieth-century apartment building at 37-41 Kirkland St., Kirkland Place has retained its significance and integrity as a grouping of mid-nineteenth century residential architecture, and so meets criterion C.

Perhaps the finest house on Kirkland Place is number 4, the Loring-Pierce House, an early example of the Mansard style, designed by Henry Greenough in 1856, and the only survivor of four mansard roofed houses known to have been designed by Greenough in Cambridge.

Although Greenough received no formal architectural training, he
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific). Continued

Kirkland Place was laid out in 1855 by local architect/builder, Isaac Cutler, who designed four of the houses on the street: numbers 9 (1855), 10 (1856), 12 (1857) and 13 (1857), all variants of the Bracketed Italianate style. In 1855 the Ware house, built in 1839 by John Ware (architect unknown) for his three daughters, and now located at 14 Kirkland Place, was moved to the back of its lot by then owner, Isaac Cutler, to make room for these four houses.

Although Kirkland Place is generally considered to be part of Professors' Row, most of the early owners do not appear to have been connected with Harvard. Of the four houses designed by Cutler, number 9 was built for John Merrill, a Boston real estate broker, number 10 for Southworth Shaw a Boston businessman and number 13 for George Cutler, a local carpenter. Cutler himself owned 12 Kirkland Place while never residing there. Early owners of the Loring-Pierce House at 4 Kirkland Place included Judge Edward Loring and Professor Benjamin Pierce (mathematics).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

SEE ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Cambridge Mass. Cambridge MRA	M.C. I.4
Property Name: Kirkland Place	

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

Architectural Significance con't.

belonged to a distinguished family that included sculptors Horatio and Richard Saltonstall Greenough, and his trips abroad lent a sophistication to his work, unusual in Cambridge in the mid-nineteenth century. His designs were done almost exclusively for his relatives and friends, and while he employed the Italianate, Gothic and Palladian styles, he is best known for his mansards which were among the earliest Greater Boston examples of this style.

The Loring-Pierce House has the square and symmetrical proportions and low mansard typical of the early phase of this style, but with unusual refinement of scale and detail. Its material is of brick with a lightly stuccoed or sanded surface that is nearly worn away. In 1908, the house was moved back slightly and turned so it faced a secluded terraced garden, one full house lot in size. By turning its back on Kirkland St., it defines Kirkland Place as a world apart.

The Louise Green House at 11 Kirkland Place, designed in 1921 by Ernest Seaverns, is the only building on Kirkland Place constructed after 1857. Its small size and generous set-back keep this brick house from being intrusive.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No:
Cambridge Mass.	M.C.
Cambridge MRA	I 4
Property Name: Kirkland Place	

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

Criteria For Evaluation

Kirkland Place is an enclave of mid-nineteenth century residential architecture that possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling and meets Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places. The Kirkland Place National Register District was found to be significant under the theme of mid-nineteenth century residential architecture, as proposed by Dr. Cynthia Zaitzevsky to the Review Committee for the Study of Architecture of Harvard University and its Environs in Cambridge.

There are only seven houses on Kirkland Place. Four of them are Bracketed Italianate in style and were designed by local architect/builder, Isaac Cutler, who also platted Kirkland Place. The other three are distinguishable examples of the Mansard and Greek Revival styles and a Neo-Georgian house at number 11 (1921, E.R. Seaverns), which because of its small size and generous setback, is not intrusive. Kirkland Place is a cul-de-sac that maintains its quiet residential quality close to Harvard University.

The boundaries of the Kirkland Place National Register District were drawn to include all extant houses on Kirkland Place, a short cul-de-sac platted in 1855. To the west and northwest are the institutional complexes of Harvard University, while to the east, the district is set off from the late nineteenth century neighborhood of Shady Hill. The busy thoroughfare of Kirkland Street forms a man-made boundary to the south.

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Cambridge Mass.
Cambridge MRA

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Property Name: Kirkland Pl. N.R.D.

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DISTRICT DATA SHEET

MAP #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE *	C/NC **
145,29	Loring-Pierce House	4 Kirkland Pl.	1856	MS	C
145,38	John Merrill House	9 Kirkland Pl.	1855	BI	C
145,9	Southworth Shaw House	10 Kirkland Pl.	1856	BI	C
145,39	Louise Green House	11 Kirkland Pl.	1921	none	NC
145,10	Isaac Cutler House	12 Kirkland Pl.	1857	BI	C
145,45	George Cutler House	13 Kirkland Pl.	1857	BI	C
145,11	Ware House	14 Kirkland Pl.	1839	GR	C

* GR=Greek Revival; BI=Bracketted Italianate; MS=Mansard.

** C=Contributing; NC=Non-Contributing.

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

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|---|---|
| ✓ 11. Garfield Street Historic District
<i>Substantive Review</i> | Keeper <u>Bruce M. Paige 6/30/83</u> |
| | Attest <u>Harvard</u> |
| ✓ 12. Harvard Street Historic District
<i>Substantive Review</i> | ✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brachman 4.13.82</u> |
| | Attest _____ |
| <i>Result</i> ✓ 13. Kirkland Place Historic District
<i>Substantive Review</i> | ✓ Keeper <u>Patrick Andrews 5/19/86</u> |
| | Attest <u>Beth L. Sarge 5-14-86</u> |
| ✓ 14. Maple Avenue Historic District
<i>Substantive Review</i> | Keeper <u>Bruce M. Paige 6/30/83</u> |
| | Attest _____ |
| ✓ 15. City Hall Historic District
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| ✓ 16. Ash Street Historic District
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<i>Substantive Review</i> | ✓ Keeper <u>Bruce M. Paige 6-30-83</u> |
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<i>Substantive Review</i> | ✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brachman 4.13.82</u> |
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| ✓ 19. Cambridge Common Historic District
<i>Substantive Review</i> | Keeper <u>Bruce M. Paige 6-30-83</u> |
| | Attest <u>- Harvard</u> |
| ✓ 20. Gold Coast Historic District
<i>Substantive Review</i> | Keeper <u>Pat 6/10/86</u> |
| | Attest <u>Harvard</u> |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kirkland Place Historic District (Cambridge MRA) *Substantive Review*
 Middlesex County
 MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. APR 4 1986
 Fed. Reg. Date: _____
 Date Due: 5/19/86
 Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5-19-86
 ☐ RETURN
 ☐ REJECT
 Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

architecturally distinguished 19th century residential district

Recom./Criteria accept c
 Reviewer Patrick Sullivan
 Discipline Historian
 Date 5/19/86
 _____ 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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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 _____

UTM 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: _____



Kirkland Place N.R.D.

12 Kirkland Place 77-13

Cambridge MRA, Ma



Kirkland Place N.R.D.

13 Kirkland Place 78-24

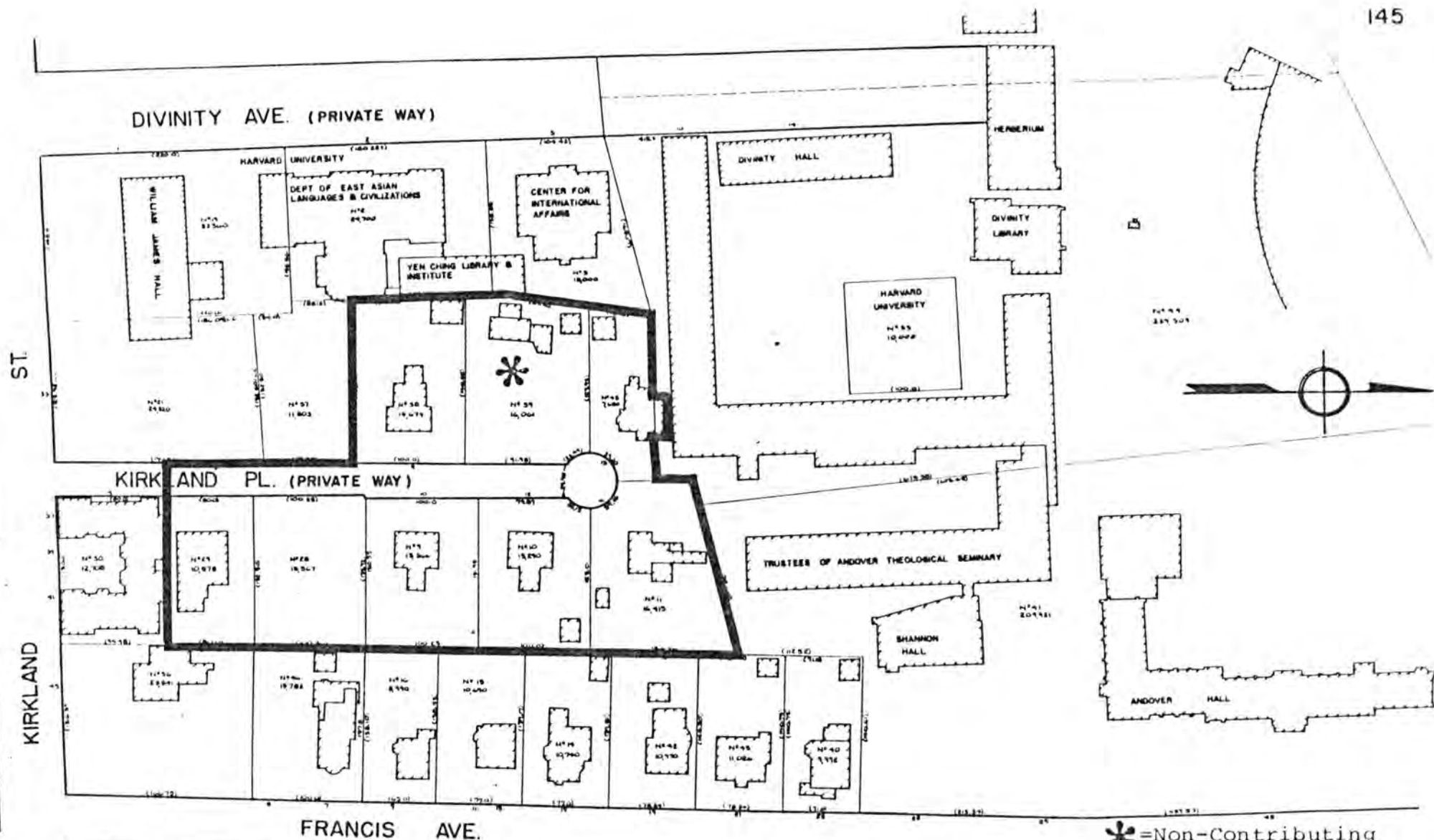
Cambridge MA, Ma



Kirkland Place N.R.D.

4 Kirkland Place 77-16

Cambridge MRA, Ma



* = Non-Contributing
 KIRKLAND PLACE N.R.D.
 Cambridge Mass., Cambridge MA

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Base: City of Cambridge
 Assessor's Plans

January 1983

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275