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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET
 BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

West	147
Highland	
Ave. Area	

Town Somerville MRAAddress 343 Highland AvenueHistoric Name unknown

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

Use: Present two-family residenceOriginal two-family residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1880Source map researchStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings garage (20th c.) (NC)Major Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting The house is located in a densely built area of northwestern Somerville.

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 Map

JTM REFERENCE 19 - 325/790 - 4695/500

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

343 Highland Avenue, a two-family residence typical of those built on the site of Somerville's brickyards in the late-19th century, retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The Queen Anne-style building is distinguished by its particularly ornate exterior embellishments, and thus fulfills Criteria A and 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.

343 Highland Avenue is a good example of one variety of the Queen Anne-style: the 2 1/2 story two-family house. Distinctive characteristics of this variety are the elaborate jigsaw ornamental bargeboard and friezework, which adorn the first and second story porches. The building is otherwise a simple two family residence with paired brackets on its front facing gable and modest dentilated lintels adorning its 1/1 windows. This residence is one of the best conserved of a group of approximately twenty such two-family houses in the Davis Square and Somerville Highland Station area.

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

This area was not open for residential development until the Tufts brickyard, which extended over a large portion of the Powerhouse neighborhood and included this corner, was divided in the 1870s. Once divided, the area filled quickly, primarily with two-family homes intended for commuters. 343 Highland Avenue may have been the work of Somerville builder A. D. Rice, known for residences which were simple in plan but richly embellished with a variety of ornament.

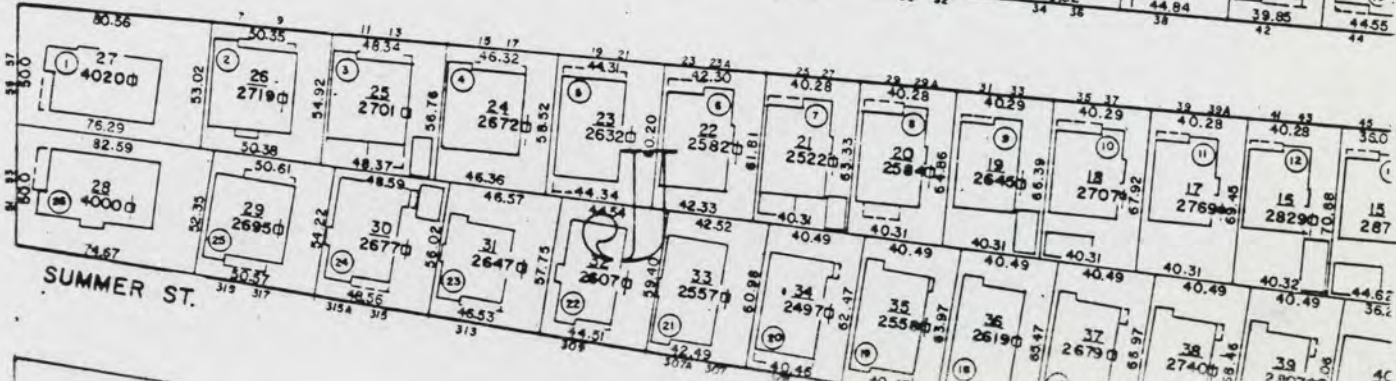
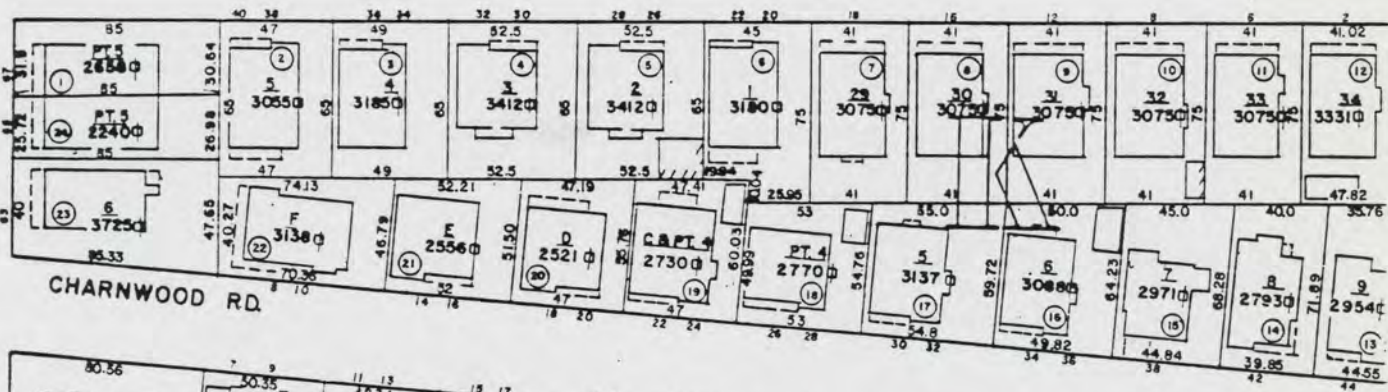
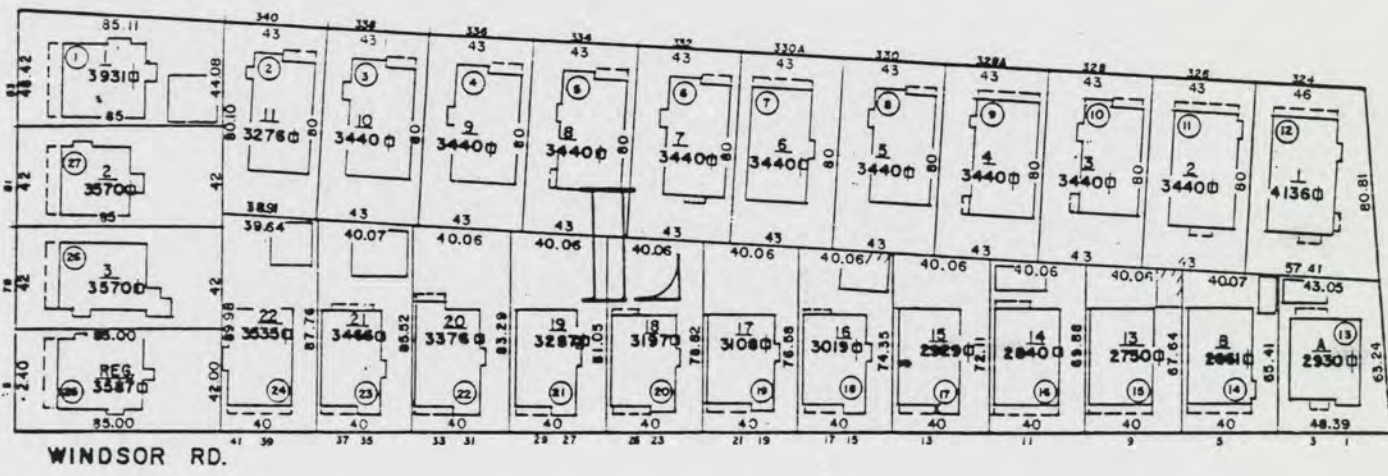
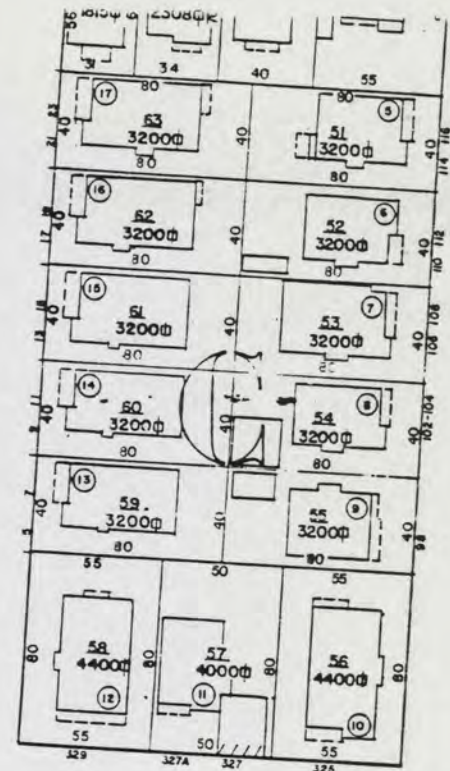
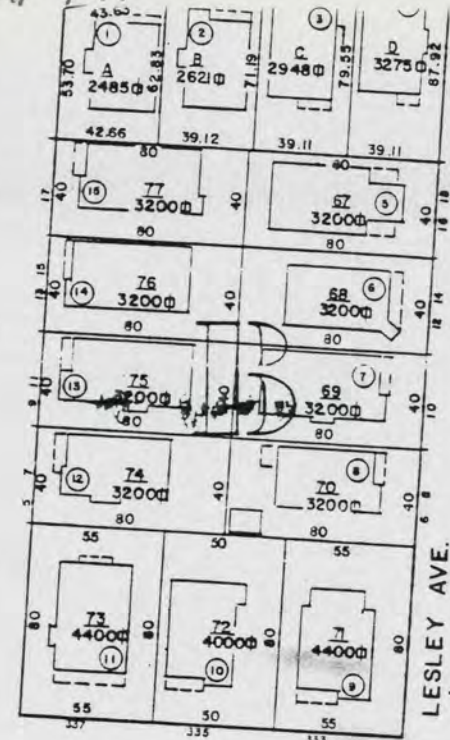
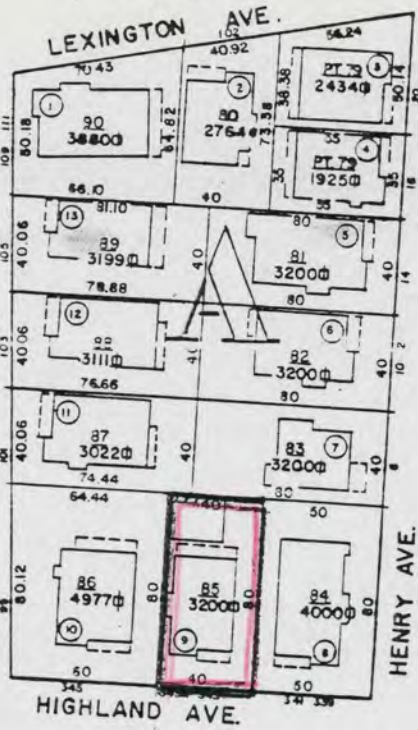
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WILLOW AVE.



343 Highland Ave.
Somerville (MRA), Mass.

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
31.	Hopkins, Elisha, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> <u>9/18/89</u> Attest _____
32.	House at 10 Arlington Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> <u>9/18/89</u> Attest _____
33.	House at 14 Chestnut Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> <u>9/18/89</u> Attest _____
34.	House at 16--18 Preston Road Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> <u>9/18/89</u> Attest _____
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38.	House at 29 Mt. Vernon Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> <u>9/18/89</u> Attest _____
39.	House at 343 Highland Avenue Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> <u>9/18/89</u> Attest _____
40.	House at 35 Temple Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> <u>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 343 Highland 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: 89001267

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



House at
343 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA *MRA*

Carol Zellie

Spring 1980
Somerville City Hall
looking north
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343 Highland

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253