

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
C'port	CPT IIC7

1. Town Cambridge

Address 72-74 Hampshire Street

Name Rufus Lamson House

Present use residential

Present owner Owen and Rose McCann

3. Description:

Date 1854

Source deed records

Style Greek Revival

Architect anonymous

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features thin and elegant

Brick moldings cap the main facade forming a complete entablature

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre

Approximate frontage 58 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
8 feet

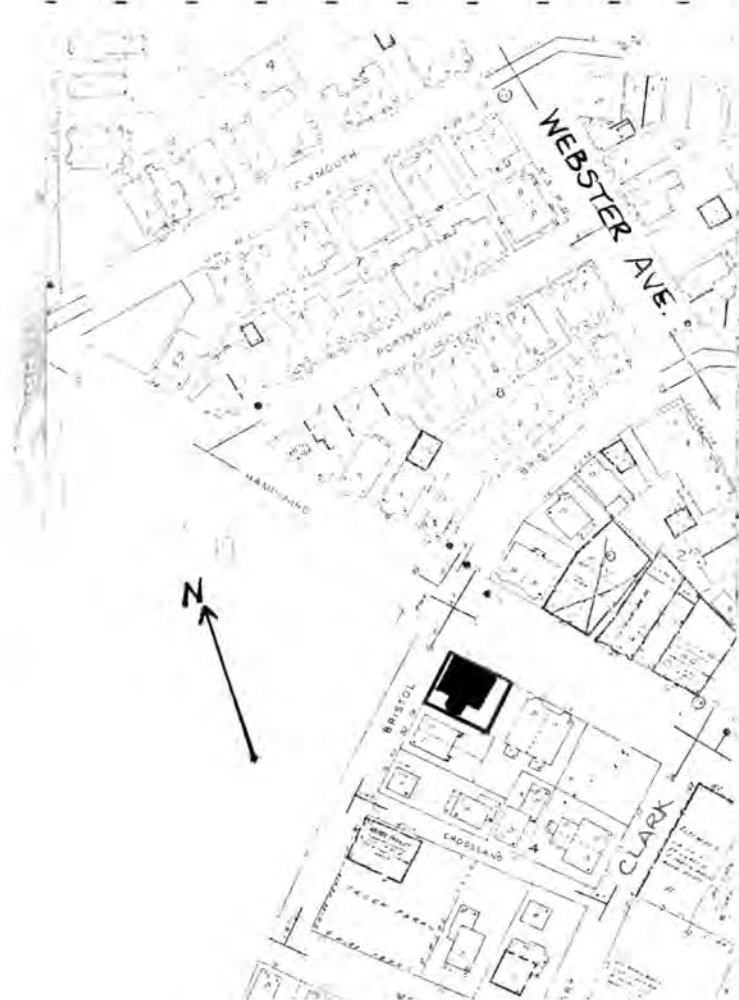
6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1965

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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7. Original owner (if known) Rufus Lamson

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This pressed brick double house is of considerable architectural importance, since freestanding brick examples of the Greek Revival style are relatively rare in Cambridge.

The thin and elegant brick molding that caps the main facade is Greek Revival in style, differing from earlier Federal designs by representing a complete entablature, not just a cornice. Both of these houses also employ a subtle raked cornice of corbelled brick to cap the gabled walls.

72-74 Hampshire Street was the home of Rufus Lamson, a local mason, who was a member of the Common Council from 1854-1855.

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Company

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

✓ Keeper

Return 4/13/82

Attest

42. Davenport Car Works

✓ Keeper

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Attest

43. Ellis, Asa, House

✓ Keeper

Wm. H. Brannan 4/13/82

Attest

44. Flentje, Ernst, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Wm. H. Brannan 4/13/82

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45. Kennedy, The

✓ Keeper

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46. Lamson, Rufus, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

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47. Mason, Josiah, Jr., House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

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48. Newman, Andrew, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

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49. Odd Fellows Hall

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brannan 4.13.82

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50. President's House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

✓ Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Lamson, Rufus, House (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 4/13/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

photos 1
maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

*Rare example of this creek
revival form*

Recom./Criteria C
Reviewer Braunman
Discipline Arch / His
Date 4.2.82
☐ 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	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ 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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS 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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Lamson, Rufus, House

72-74 Hampshire St.

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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