

FORM B - BUILDING

1291

AREA**FORM NO.**

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AUG 04 1989

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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.

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

UTM REFERENCE 19 - 327/330 - 4694/400
USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North
SCALE 1:25,000

Town Somerville
Address 48 Vinal Avenue
Historic Name Silas Parker (developer)
James Burnett (owner-resident)
Use: Present residential
Original residential
DESCRIPTION
Date 1873-1874
Source map research / deed research
Style Italianate
Architect unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards
Outbuildings none
Major Alterations (with dates) none
Condition excellent
Moved no Date n/a
Acreage less than one acre
Setting West side of Vinal Ave. at
head of Pleasant Ave., surrounded by
late 19th century dwellings in well
established Prospect Hill neighborhood
Recorded by Gretchen G. Schuler
Organization Mass. Historical Commission
Date September, 1988

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Parker/Burnett House is historically and architecturally significant for its representation of the Italianate building style in Somerville during a period of rapid residential growth in the Prospect Hill area. The house retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and 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.

The well detailed Italianate dwelling is a focal point at the end of the Pleasant Avenue streetscape. It is representative of a popular house type in Somerville's rapidly developing post-Civil War neighborhoods. The well conserved house of clapboards retains its paired cornice brackets, its two-story bay with molding and the projecting entrance porch with brackets, squared columns and pilasters and paired panelled entrance door. There is a large two-story rear ell.

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

Prospect Hill, one of the most prosperous residential neighborhoods, evolved throughout the late-19th century. Prior to that it was an agricultural community of farms. Large tracts of land were purchased by real estate investors and well-to-do merchants in the mid 1800s. Pleasant, Grandview and Vinal Avenues were part of the 1870 subdivision plans of Ira Hill and others. Ira Hill, who lived at #91 Boston Street, was a principal in most Prospect Hill subdivisions. Many of the lots were subdivided a second time prior to development. Early residents were prosperous Boston and Union Square businessmen.

Lot #27 of Hill's 1870 Plan was subdivided by Robert Vinal and sold in 1873 and 1874 to Silas and Emma Parker who owned and developed many other Prospect Hill properties. The Parkers built this well conserved dwelling and sold it to James and Sophia Burnett. Burnett was a machine blacksmith in Boston.

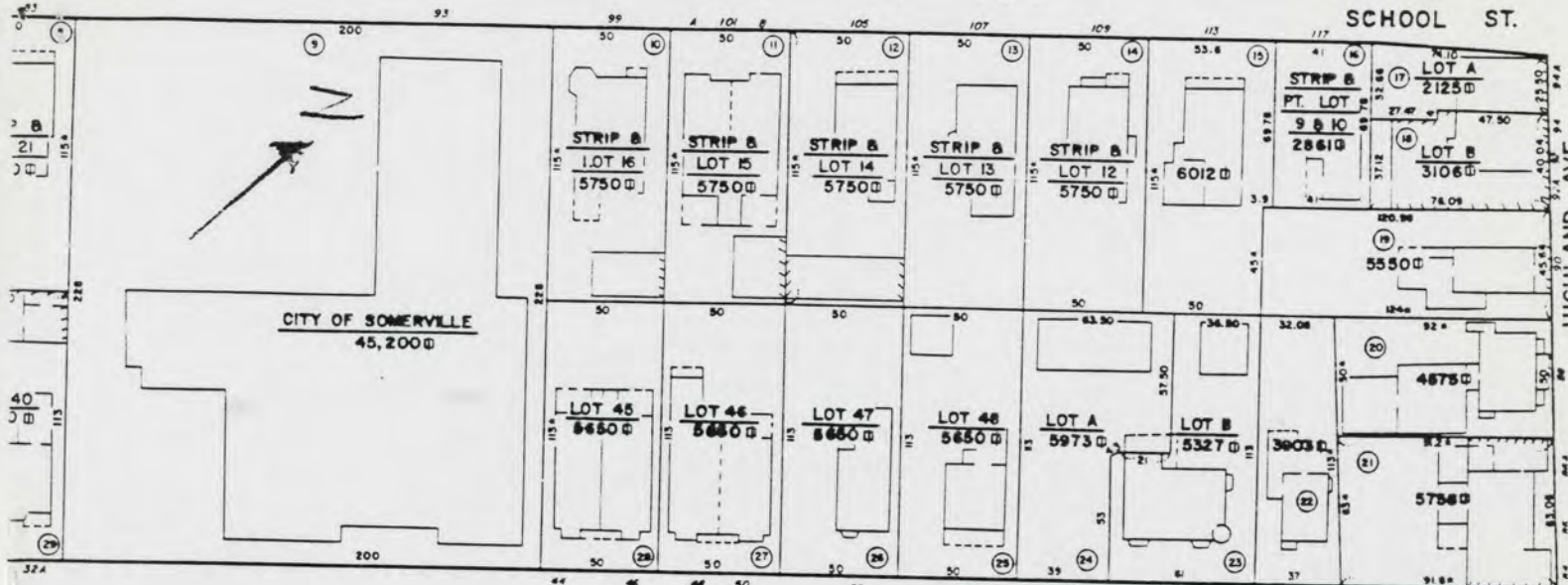
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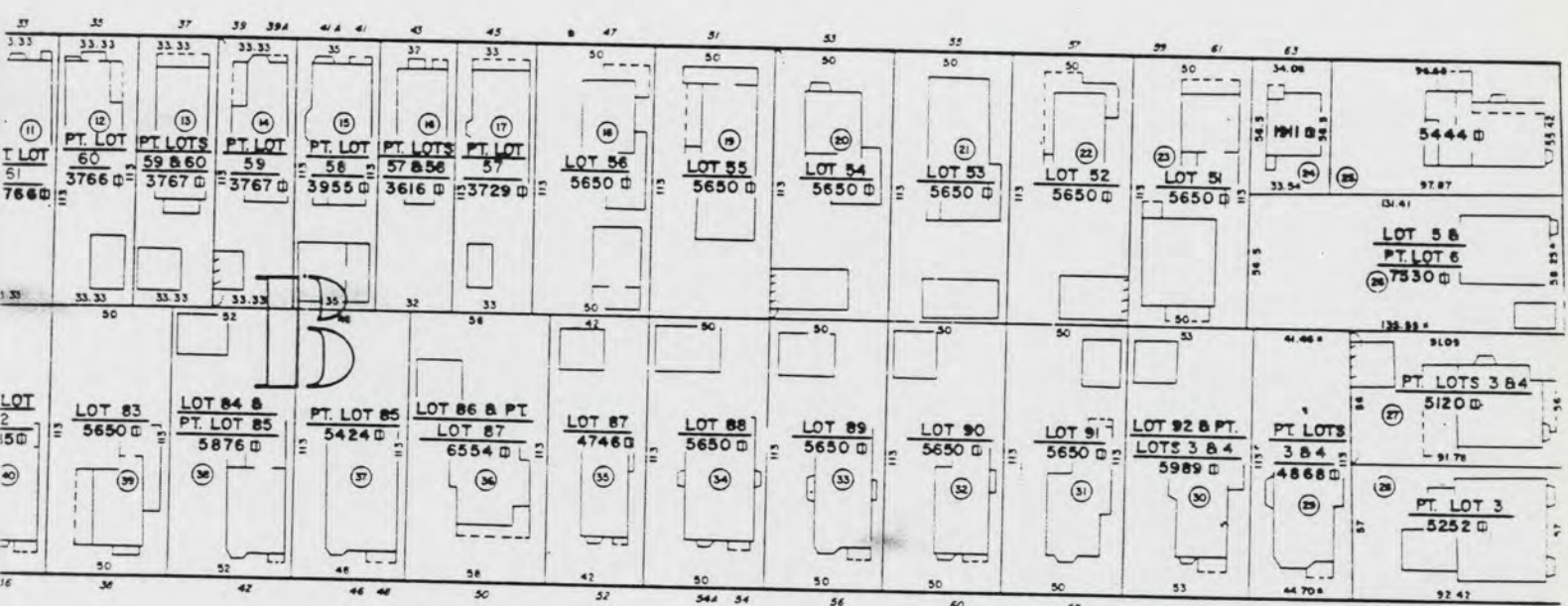
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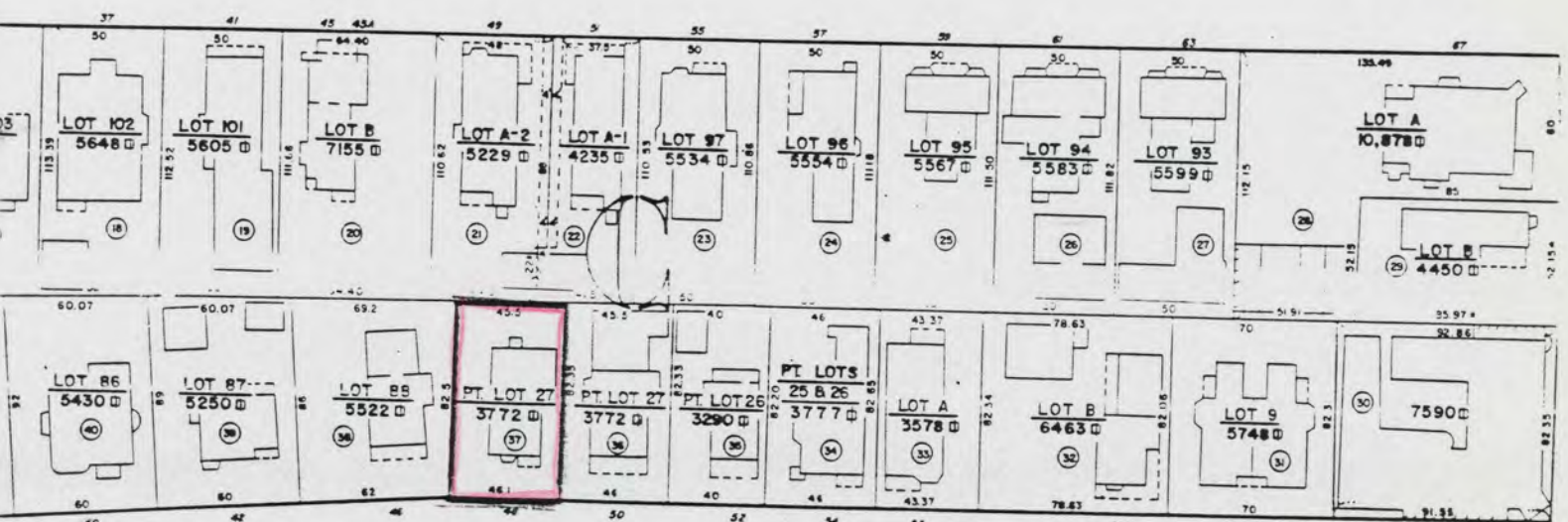
SCHOOL ST.



PRESCOTT ST.



PUTNAM ST.



VINAL AVE.

48 Vinal House
Somerville (MRA), Mass.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National 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

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| 61. Old Cemetery | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelous Byers</u> 9/18/89 | Attest _____ |
| 62. Otis--Wyman House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelous Byers</u> 9/18/89 | Attest _____ |
| 63. Parker--Burnett House | Entered in the
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| 65. Russell, Philemon, House | Entered in the
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| 66. Russell, Susan, House | Entered in the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Parker--Burnett House

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: 89001291

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
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



48 Vinal

1. 48 Vinal Avenue
2. Somerville, MA
3. ~~← Zett~~ G. Schuler
4. 1988
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking west
7. #173

Parker-Burnett House

Somerville MA, MA

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

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