

In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb.	OC IIB1



1099-36

Cambridge

Address 17 Brown Street

Name Aaron Hill House

Present use residential

Present owner Natalie Saville Hewitt
Dwight Andrews

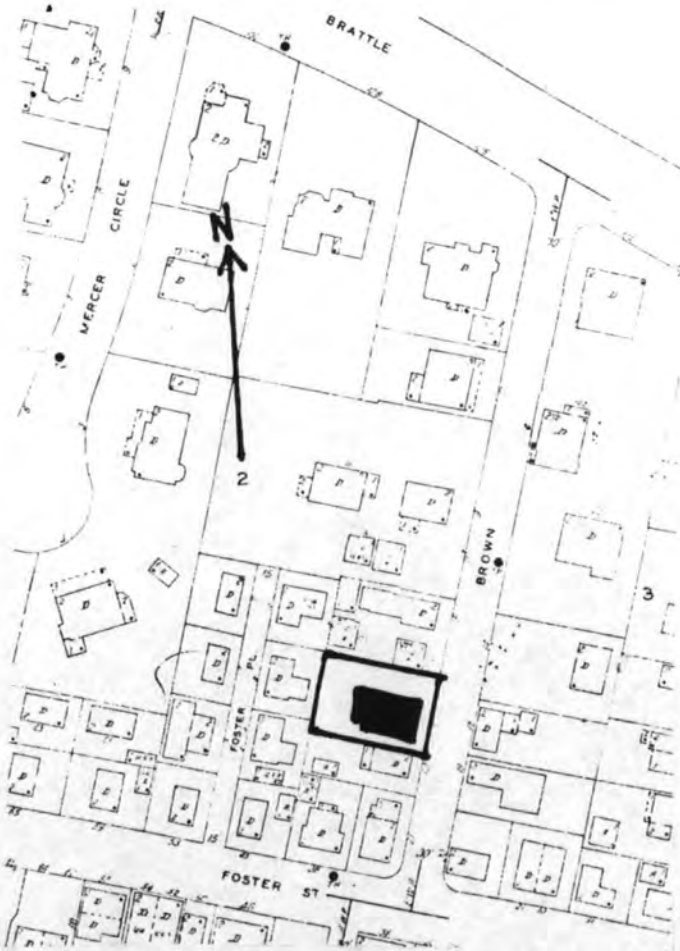
Description:

c. 1754

Source Deed records

Late Georgian/Federal

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



ASSESSOR # 220-60

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) garages

Other features originally built as a two-story structure, now three stories, gambrel roof.

Altered Altered -Yes Date c. 1867

Moved Yes Date c. 1867

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre

Approximate frontage 53 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 8 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1964

UTM - LEXINGTON

19/324680/4693520

7. Original owner (if known) Aaron Hill
 Original use residential
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

The Aaron Hill house was constructed in the mid-eighteenth century at what is now the site of 99 Brattle Street. Built originally as a two story house, a third story was added when the house was moved to its present location c. 1867. The original roof was probably quite steeply pitched and was later lowered by converting it into a gambrel.

Other features include a number of interesting nine-over-six, and eight-over-twelve windows on the rear (south) elevation, and a bowing of the window lintels on the second story.

Hill was the First Church Deacon and a prominent salesman. As with most early Cambridge buildings extant, the Hill house has survived due to a move. When the Episcopal Theological School began developing at 99 Brattle Street, the house was moved to a nearby side street. Despite this, the building still merits recognition for its architectural importance.

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Aaron Hill House
 (Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2863

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 4/17/82

Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 4/13/82
 REJECT

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

photos 1
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Stronger statement of architectural significance is needed. Is it significant solely as a survivor? Please discuss architectural context.
 Return

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Brauman
Discipline Arch His
Date 4.6.82
 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 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 _____ 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 _____

USPT 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 _____

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed Bralham

Date 4/13/82

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb.	OC IIB1

1. Town Cambridge

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Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1964

UTM - LEXINGTON
19/324680/4693920

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 1099-36

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



ASSESSOR # 220-60

7. Original owner (if known) Aaron Hill

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8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Old Cambridge	Form No: OC II.B.1
Property Name: Aaron Hill House	

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

Deacon Aaron Hill (1730-1792) was a prominent Cambridge mason who held various positions in the town government as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor; he was also a representative to the Massachusetts Legislature in 1789-90 and Deacon of the First Church, 1774-92. The Hill House was moved from Brattle Street in 1867-68 and raised one story. As built it was a two-story gambrel, the present first story having been put under it when it was moved. Descriptions of it before it was moved speak of it as a large low house, painted white, with green blinds and a piazza across the west end (the end now facing Brown Street).

Comparable structures surviving in Cambridge have almost all been moved from their original sites. They include the Daniel Watson House, 30 Elmwood Avenue (1754, Old Cambridge N.R.D.), moved from North Cambridge in 1960; the Abraham Watson House, 181-183 Sherman Street (c. 1750, N.R.), moved in 1850; the Edward Marrett House (1760), moved from Dunster Street to Manchester, Massachusetts, in 1926; the John Hicks House, 64 Boylston Street (1762, Harvard Houses N.R.D.), moved in 1928; and the James Munro House, 8 Willard Street (by 1765, Old Cambridge N.R.D.), moved in 1908.

This house is one of seven of the period remaining in Cambridge, all but one of which have been moved from their original locations, that were occupied by patriots during the Revolution and which illustrate the social and architectural distinctions between the Tories, with their elegant mansions on Brattle Street, and the patriots, who occupied more modest vernacular houses. It meets Criterion A for its associations with the Revolutionary period in Cambridge, Criterion B for its associations with an important local figure, and Criterion C as an example of Mid-18th century residential architecture.

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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
101. Harvard Graduate Center DOE/OWNER OBJECTION	Keeper <u>Ret 6/10/82</u> Attest <u>Harvard</u>
102. Child, Francis J., House Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 6.30.83</u> Attest _____
103. Hill, Aaron, House Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 6.30.82</u> Attest _____
104. Cook, William, House Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
105. Building at 10 Follen Street Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
106. Hall Tavern Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 6.30.83</u> Attest _____
107. Cloverden (Mann House) Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 6.30.83</u> Attest _____
108. The Fairfax DOE/OWNER OBJECTION	Keeper <u>Ret 6/10/82</u> Attest <u>Harvard</u>
109. Larches, The Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
110. Holmes, Joseph, House Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 6.30.83</u> Attest _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Hill, Aaron, House (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MA

Working No. 11.14.80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 7/4/83
Action: ACCEPT 6/30/83
 RETURN
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Significance
Classified*

Recom./Criteria A, B, C, G/secors
Reviewer Mar. Boyd
Discipline A.H.
Date 6.30.83
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

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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 date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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- ✓
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UNIT References _____

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title _____ date _____

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Cambridge MPA, Ma
Hill, Aaron, House

17 Brown 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