

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary

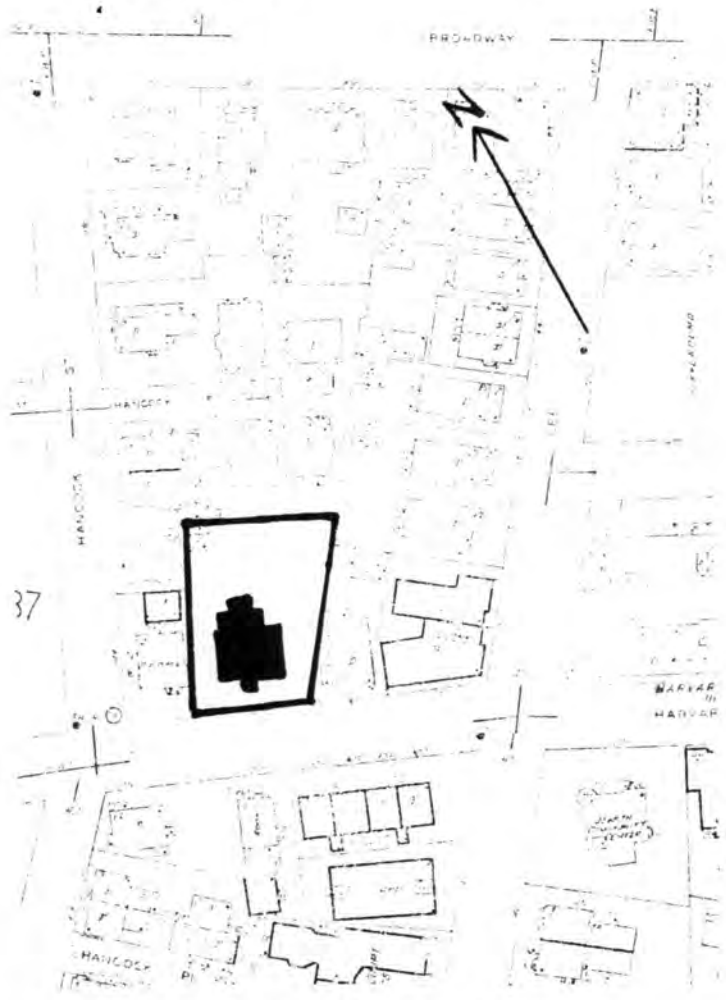
In Area no. MID CAMB.	Form no. MC II B ²⁵
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1094-23A

City Cambridge
 Address 307 Harvard Street
 Name William R. Jones House
 Present use residential
 Present owner Edexos R. Travers
 Construction date 1865
 Source deed records

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



ASSESSOR # 115-16

Style Mansard
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wood
 Outbuildings (describe) -----
 Other features mansard curved-plate shingles, wide overhang to cornice with large paired brackets at corners and at gable break.
 Altered No Date -----
 Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less XX Over one acre
 Approximate frontage 80'
 Approximate distance of building from street 16'

6. Recorded by A.F. Downing
 Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
 Date 1966

UTM-BOSTON SOUTH
 19/326530/4692800

7. Original owner (if known) William R. Jones

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: William R. Jones 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

RETURN 4/13/82

REJECT

photos 1

maps _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Please provide a stronger justification for N.R. eligibility. Associates with Wm. Jones should be expanded. Architectural context should be discussed.

Recom. / Criteria return
Reviewer Patrick Andrews WAB
Discipline Historian
Date 3/18/82
 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
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

NPS use only

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 _____

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 Brasham _____ Date 4.13.82 _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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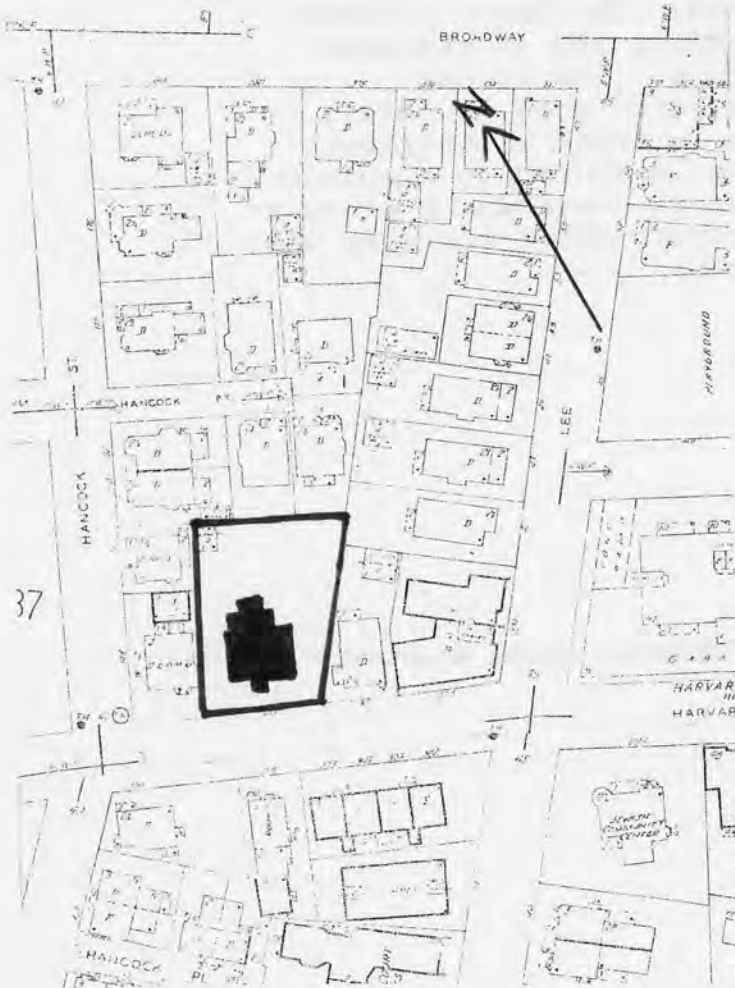
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1966

UTM-BOSTON SOUTH
19/326530/4692800

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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other buildings. Indicate north.



ASSESSOR # 115-16

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|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
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| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | <u>XX</u> | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Mid Cambridge	Form No: MC II.B.25
Property Name: William Jones House (1865) 307 Harvard Street	

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

This William R. Jones House is notable as one of three surviving houses in the city built in the Mansard style with a curvilinear facade gable. The house is also important as a substantial residence of high quality which played a role in the early suburbanization of Cambridge.

When Harvard Street was completed in 1808, it served as a link between Harvard Square and Boston via the West Boston Bridge. The street was therefore promoted by real estate agents as a prestigious residential address with great convenience for commuters to Boston. The Jones House was built for a prosperous Boston soap manufacturer.

The Jones House gains further significance as one of only ten surviving single family homes on Harvard Street, which was once lined with large residences set on elevated sites above the street. Built on land that was once formerly part of the Dana estate, the portion of Harvard Street between Prospect Street and Massachusetts Avenue was divided into house lots in the 1830s, and by 1854 thirty-three houses had been built. Fully built up by 1900, Harvard Street was one of the handsomest streets in Cambridge.

The William Jones House is significant under Criterion A for its role in the development of Harvard Street and Dana Hill, and under Criterion C as an important example of its type and style.

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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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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area

State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

81. Buildings at 15-17 Lee St.

✓ Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

Substantive Review

82. Eliot, Charles M., House

Keeper

ret 6/20/82

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

83. Sanders, Charles Hicks, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Retirement eligible

84. Jones, William R., House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Tom M. Dwyer 6.30.83

Attest

85. ^{House} Building at 16 Prescott St.

6/ Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/12/86

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

own objection withdrawn

Betty L. Saorge 9/12/86

86. Dexter, D. Gilbert, House

Keeper

ret 6/14/82

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Harvard

87. Keen, Alden T., House

Keeper

ret 6/14/82

Attest

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Harvard

88. Bradbury, William F., House

✓ Keeper

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89. Hyatt-Durant House

Substantive Review

Keeper

ret 6/14/82

Attest

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Harvard

90. James, William, House

Keeper

ret 6/14/82

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

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United States Department of the Interior
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Substantive Review

Jones, William R., 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: _____

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Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

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*SIGNIFICANCE CLARIFIED/
CONTEXT PROVIDED*

Recom. / Criteria AC
Reviewer Mac Dwyer
Discipline A-G
Date 6-30-83
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Cambridge MA, Ma
Jones, William R., House

307 Harvard 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