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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Davis
Square

124

Town Somerville MRAAddress 27 Chester StreetHistoric Name Clifton Bacon House

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 residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1885Source map researchStyle Queen Anne/Shingle StyleArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboard and shingleOutbuildings garageMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting The Bacon House occupies a
prominent corner lot in
the Chester Kingsley Chester
Street subdivision (platted
1855)

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation
PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate June 1985

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 Z E N
19 - 325/170 - 4695/550

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Clifton Bacon House is an elaborately detailed interpretation of the Queen Anne style and is one of the few intact high-style examples of the style in Somerville. The building retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association and fulfills Criterion 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.

This is among the most high-styled houses of the Davis Square area in eastern Somerville and one of the last nineteenth century additions to the area. A flanked conical turret with finial and elaborately patterned slate shingles caps a corner polygonal bay. The front porch is composed of an enclosed pediment with scrolled plaque supported by bulbous posts and oversized brackets. Directly above is a gracefully curved bay, while the attic window is set beneath a wavy patterned gable. A variety of carved and shingled treatments enlivens the gable end. An ornamental brickwork chimney is located on the side facade.

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

Chester Kingsley, Cambridge Water Commissioner, laid out a subdivision of large lots intended for high quality homes in 1855. Deed restrictions included requirements and prohibition against "offensive" trades. This key corner lot, at the corner of Chester and Orchard Street (the latter platted in 1845), held by the Kingsley Estate, remained unbuilt until the 1890s.

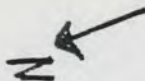
This residence was owned by members of the Clinton M. Bacon family in the late 1880s and 1890s. Bacon was a Boston coal dealer.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Bromley, G. W. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1895
1887 Somerville Directory

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1"=100'

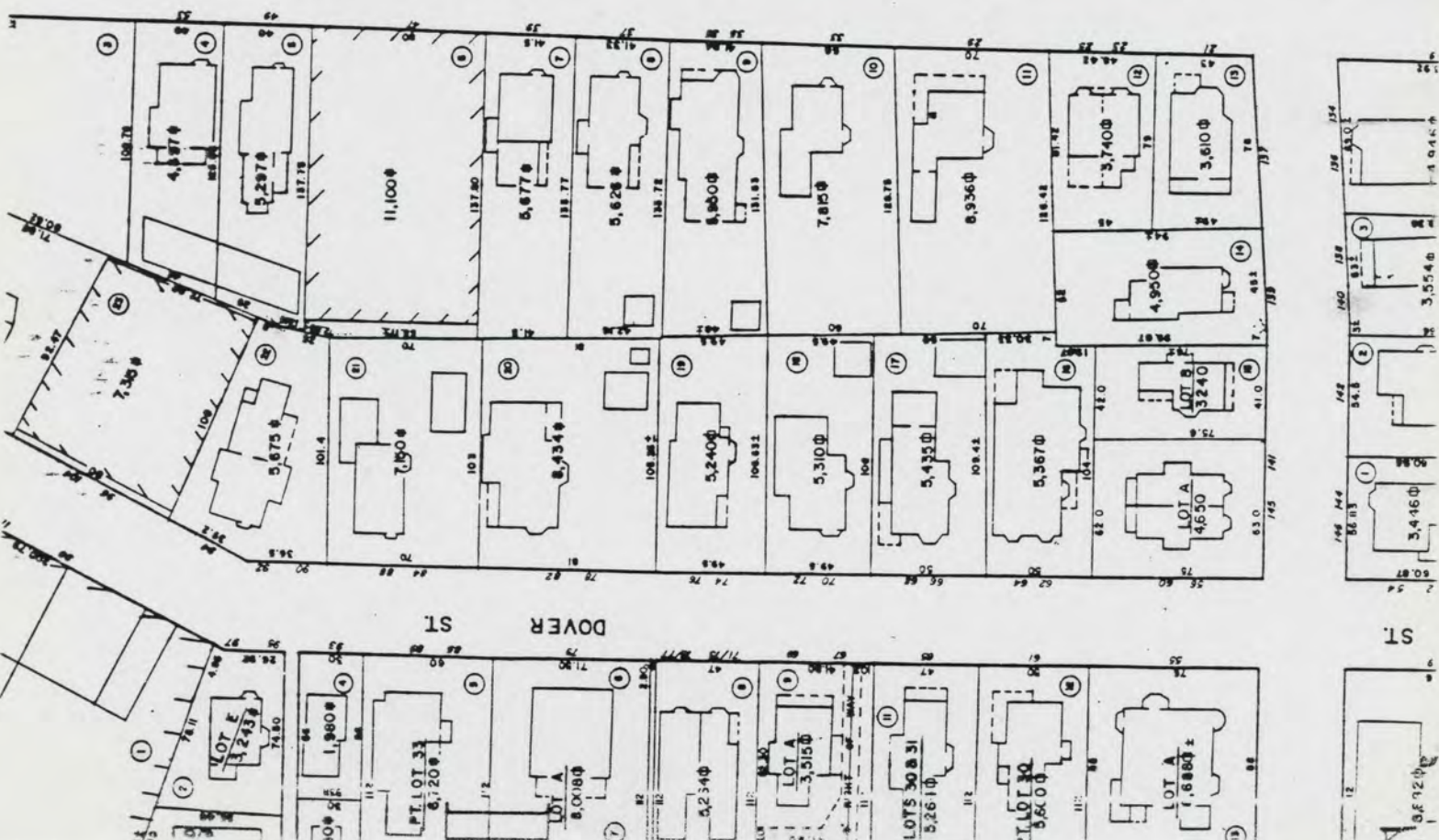
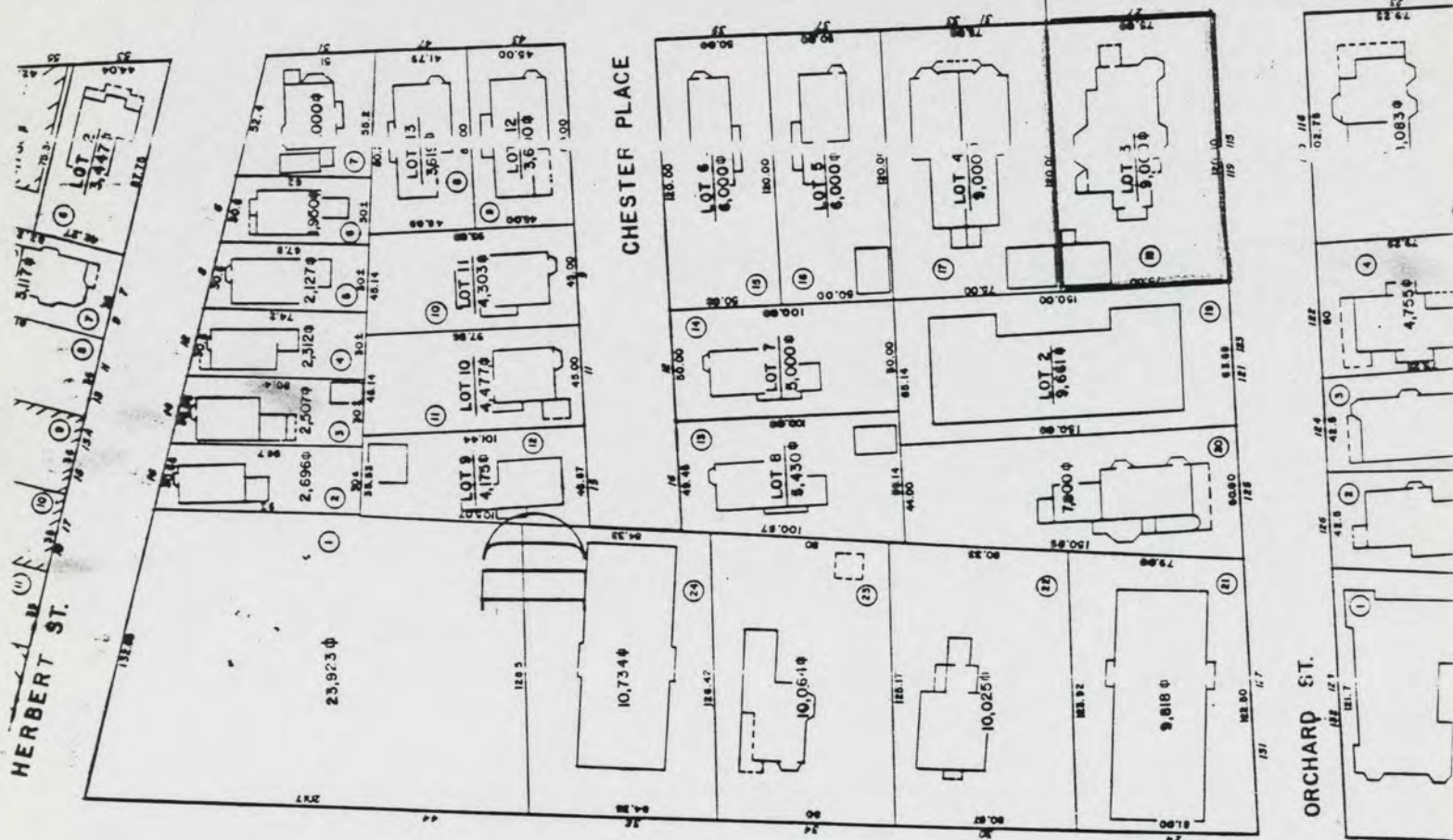


COTTAGE

Bacon House Garage
27 Chester
Somerville (MRA)
MASS.

ORCHARD

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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

11. Adams--Magoun House Entered in the for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
National Register Attest _____
12. Bacon, Clifton, House Entered in the for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
National Register Attest _____
- 5-11 13. Barnes, Walter S. and Melissa E., for Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/8/90
House Substantive Review Attest _____
14. Brackett, S.E., House Entered in the for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
National Register Attest _____
15. Broadway Winter Hill Congregational for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
Church Entered in the National Register Attest _____
16. Brooks, James H., House Entered in the for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
National Register Attest _____
17. Central Library Entered in the for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
National Register Attest _____
18. Cliff, Z.E., House Entered in the for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
National Register Attest _____
19. Cook, Thomas, House Entered in the for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
National Register Attest _____
20. Cooper--Davenport Tavern Wing for Keeper Adelbert Byrum 9/18/89
Entered in the National Register Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Bacon, Clifton, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Somerville MPS
NAME:

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: 89001244

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



1. 27 Chester Street
2. Somerville, MA
3. C. Zelle
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. Looking northwest
7. #124

27 Chester

Baker, Clifton, Heise Somerville, MA, MA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253