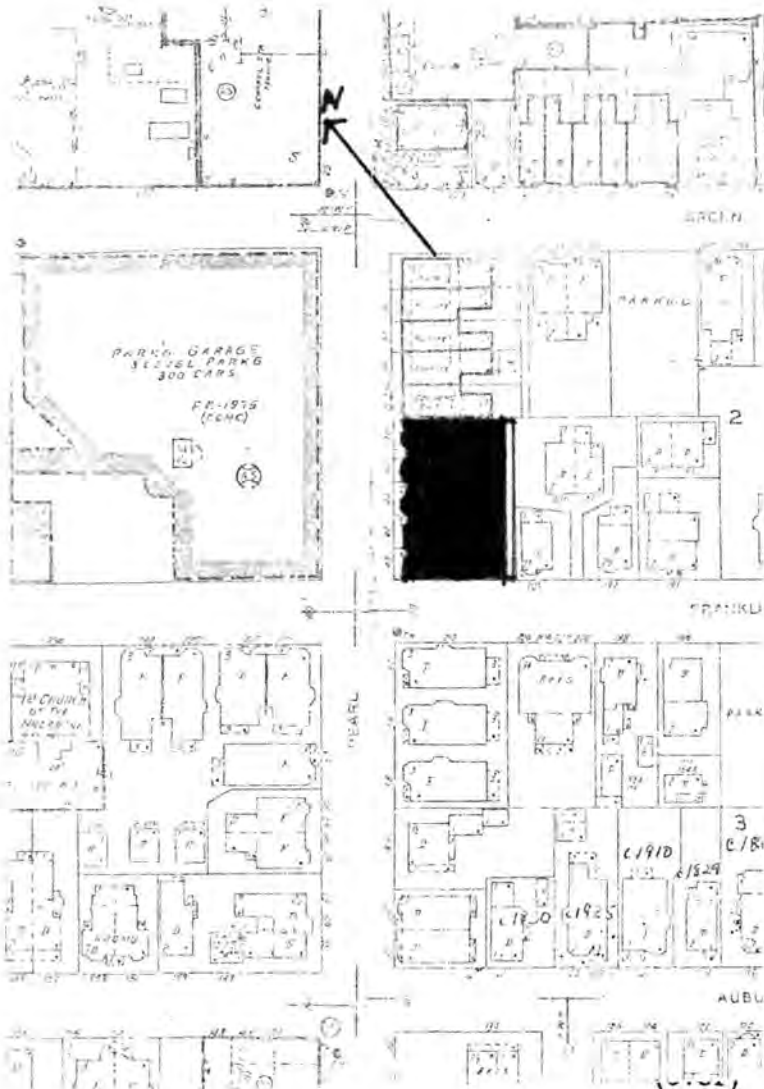


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
C'port.	CPT IIC10

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1094-11A



1. Town Cambridge

Address 40-48 Pearl Street

Name Urban Rowhouses

Present use residential

Present owner see back

3. Description:

Date 1875

Source deed records

Style Mansard

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick, wood

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features unusual form of housing
for Cambridge, blending wood and brick
topped by slate Mansard roof.

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre -----

Approximate frontage 100 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
6 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1965

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Assessor # 93-51 93-49
93-50 93-48
93-47

7. Original owner (if known) Edward Hixon

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

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>				

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

These five urban rowhouses coupled with the adjacent brick rowhouses at 30-38 Pearl Street illustrate two contrasting responses made in the 1870's to Cambridge's growing housing needs and the simultaneous increase in land prices. Together they form a solid wall of housing unusual in Cambridge. These densely packed units feature polygonal bays carried to the roofline which rhythmically advance and recede from the facade. Their wooden surfaces are scored to simulate masonry with paneled trim adorning the bays and raised entrance porches. Deep bracketed cornices visually support the patterned slate mansard roofs which are pierced by consoled dormers. The relatively few alterations evident make these houses unusually elegant examples of Cambridge rowhouses.

Current Owners: 40 Pearl - Sarah Smith
42 Pearl - Agnes Russell
44 Pearl - Charles and Helen Foster
46 Pearl - Peter Stynes
48 Pearl - Frances and John Paterson

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

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Read, Cheney, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

52. Reardon, Edmund, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

53. River Street Firehouse

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

54. Sands, Ivory, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

55. Senior House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION ✓

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

56. South Row

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Rejct 6.13.82

Attest

57. Urban Rowhouse (40-48 Pearl St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

58. Urban Rowhouse (30-38 Pearl St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

59. Urban Rowhouse (26-32 River St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Rebecca M. Dwyer 6.30.82

Attest

60. Valentine Soap Workers Cottages
(5-7 Cottage St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Rebecca M. Dwyer 6.30.82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Urban Rowhouses (Cambridge)
Multiple Resource Area - 10-48 Pearl
 State, County: MA - Middlesex
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 4/11/82Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/13/82☐ RETURN _____☐ REJECT _____

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

photos ☒
 maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

Rare rowhouse examples -Recom./Criteria CReviewer BraunDiscipline Arch HistDate 4.2.82☐ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

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 _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

This 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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Urban Rowhouses

40-48 Pearl 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