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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREAFORM NO.

115

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Town Somerville MRAAddress 81 Benton RoadHistoric Name Lemuel Snow Jr. HouseUse: Present residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1890Source map researchStyle Queen AnneArchitect Lemuel Snow, builderExterior Wall Fabric clapboard and shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting East side of urban residential street, near main route of Highland Av
Late-19th century single and two famil dwellings, well maintained neighborhoo

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate June 1986

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 - 326/690 - 4694/950

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The originally detailed Lemuel Snow Jr. House is an intact example of patternbook inspired Queen Anne styling. Retaining integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, it 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.

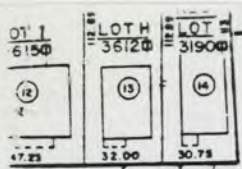
This patternbook Queen Anne-style house is a 2 1/2 story gable roofed house with a full height gabled polygonal bay offset to the left. The gable roof of the bay projects slightly and is supported by overscale consoles. The shed roofed entrance porch has bulbous turned posts and openwork frieze. Alternating bands of a variety of clapboard shingles enliven the building's facade.

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

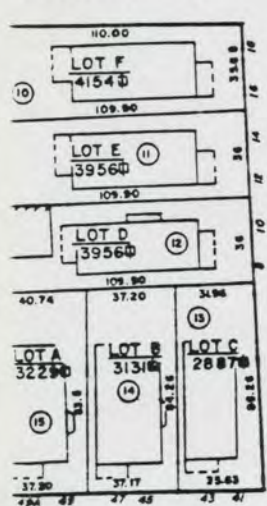
Lemuel Snow Jr., son of a local carpenter, was a Somerville truant officer. This house is one of several fine period residences on Benton Road and neighboring Hudson Street that bear a resemblance in both form and decorative vocabulary (see MHC # 116 and 148). All may be the work of Lemuel Snow, Jr., the builder/occupant of 81 Benton Road.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

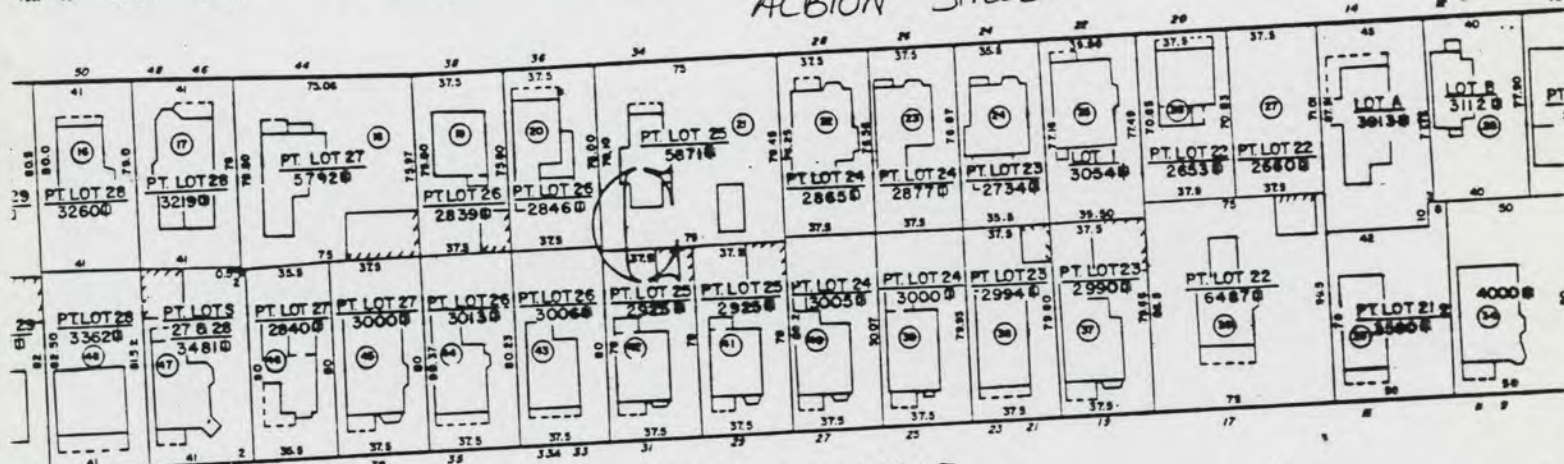
Bromley, G. W. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1895



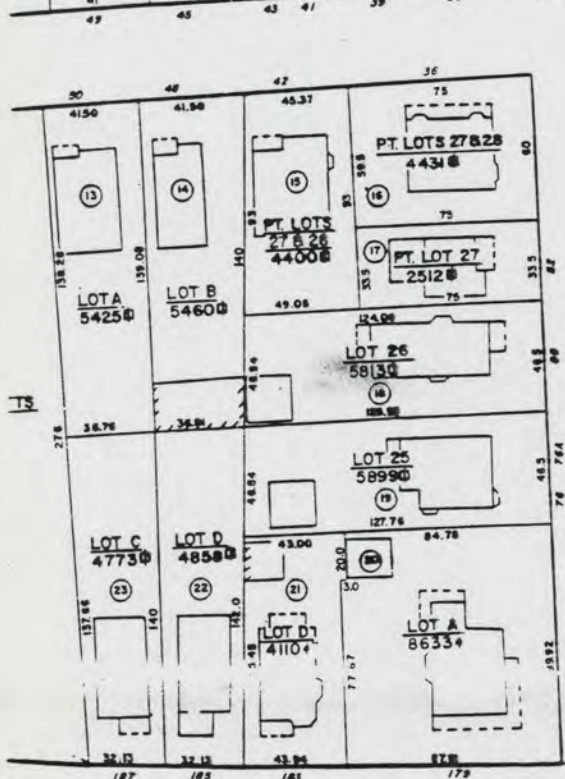
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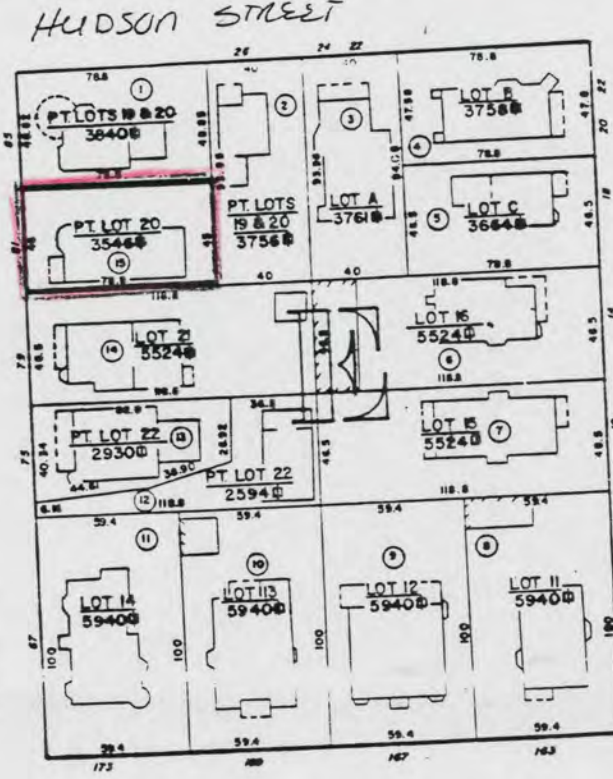
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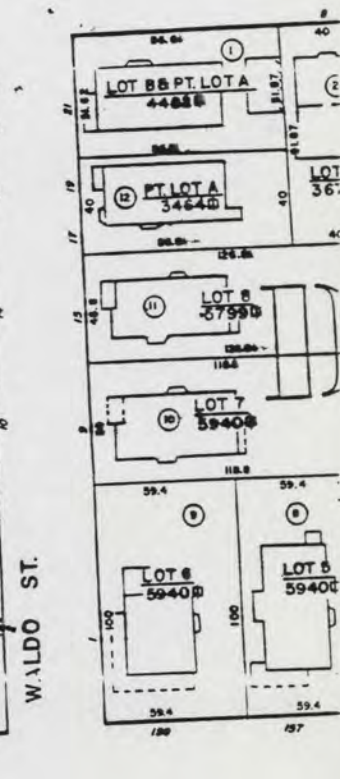
ALBION STREET



BENTON RD.



HUDSON STREET



WALDO ST.



62,710

#115
Lemuel Snow Jr. Hse
84 Benton Rd.
SOMERVILLE (MRA), MASS

1"=100'

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
61. Old Cemetery Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
62. Otis--Wyman House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
63. Parker--Burnett House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
64. Prescott, Gustavus G., House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
65. Russell, Philemon, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
66. Russell, Susan, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
67. Schuebeler, Charles, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
68. Snow, Lemuel, Jr., House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
69. Somerville High School Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Shelous Byan</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
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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 Snow, Lemuel, Jr., 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: 89001234

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. 81 Benton Rd
2. Somerville, MA
3. Carol Zellie
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. Looking Northeast
7. # 125

Snow, Lenox, Jr., Hall
Somerville MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253