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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Tufts Area	167
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Town Somerville MRA

Address 17 Summit St.

Historic Name John F. Nichols House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1890

Source map research

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard and shingle

Outbuildings garage/barn (c)

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting urban residential - well

established neighborhood of late-19th century dwellings, near College Ave. & Powderhouse, main transportation rt

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date 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

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19 - 325/520 - 4696/140

UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The John F. Nichols House retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association and as a well preserved and finely detailed example of the Queen Anne style. 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.

The John F. Nichols House is representative of the fine Queen Anne-style houses built in the Williams Russell Farm subdivision between 1886 and 1900. The house has a prominent corner oriel or bay, shingled gables, and jigsawed trusswork in the gable ends. Turned posts and a jigsawed frieze board decorate the full front porch. The decorative detailing is well preserved throughout.

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

John Nichols is recorded as the owner of this house in 1895, but his occupation is not traceable in city directories. It is likely that he was a local merchant or businessman, as many of the early owners in this then suburban subdivision were. The William Russell estate, north of Davis Square, was one of the last large tracts to be subdivided in West Somerville. Ninety lots were platted ca. 1880. The comfortable, stylish homes of the subdivision have a decided "suburban" quality, in contrast to the earlier workers' houses of nearby Wallace, Chandler, and Park Streets.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1895 Atlas of Somerville



111=100'
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John F. Nichols Ho.
17 Summit St.
Somerville (MRA), Mass.

BILLINGHAM ST.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
51. Langmaid Building Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Helene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
52. Langmaid Terrace Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u><i>Helene Byers</i></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 NAME: Nichols, John F., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Somerville MPS

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: 89001285

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



17 Summit St.

1. 17 Summit St.
2. Somerville, MA
3. C. Zellie
4. 1981
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking northeast
7. #167

Nichols John F., House
Somerville MA, MA



1. 17 Summit Street
2. Somerville, MA
3. ~~C. Zelle~~ G. Schuler
4. 1988
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking northeast
7. # 167

Nichols John F. Hess
Somerville MA 02146

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253