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FORM B - BUILDING

AUG 04 1989

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 10 BOYLSTON STREET
 BOSTON, MA 02116

East Somer- ville	180
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Town Somerville MRAAddress 117 WashingtonHistoric Name Samuel Ireland 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. 1792Source map researchStyle case-style cottageArchitect noneExterior Wall Fabric shingleOutbuildings none

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

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th c. window replacements, dormers

Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting The Ireland House faces onto one of Somerville's major east/west roadways.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Massachusetts Historical Comm.

Date May 1986

UTM REFERENCE 19 - 328/150 - 4694/000

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Ireland House, the only documentable 18th century residence in the Lobble Hill area of far eastern Somerville, is a 1 1/2 story cottage that retains its original plan and modest decorative detailing. The building possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, 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.

The five-bay facade of this small late-18th century house reflects the original arrangement of doors and doors, although the windows are 20th century replacements. Narrow strips of original moldings are still evident at the eaves and window enframements.

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

Samuel Ireland, a farmer and grandson of Jonathan Ireland, probably built this house about 1792. It is one of the earliest extant houses in Somerville, and the only documentable eighteenth century house in the Cobble Hill area. When this house was constructed, Cobble Hill was a geologic "cobble" running southward from Washington Street on the flats of the Miller's River estuary. Washington Street was a busy route between Charlestown and Cambridge. The mouth of Asylum Avenue, the route to Joseph Barrell's estate on Cobble Hill (later McLean Asylum) was opposite this house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Book 107, page 294, 1792 Middlesex Co. Registry of Deeds.
Report by Faye Keynor, Somerville Planning Department Manuscript, 1979

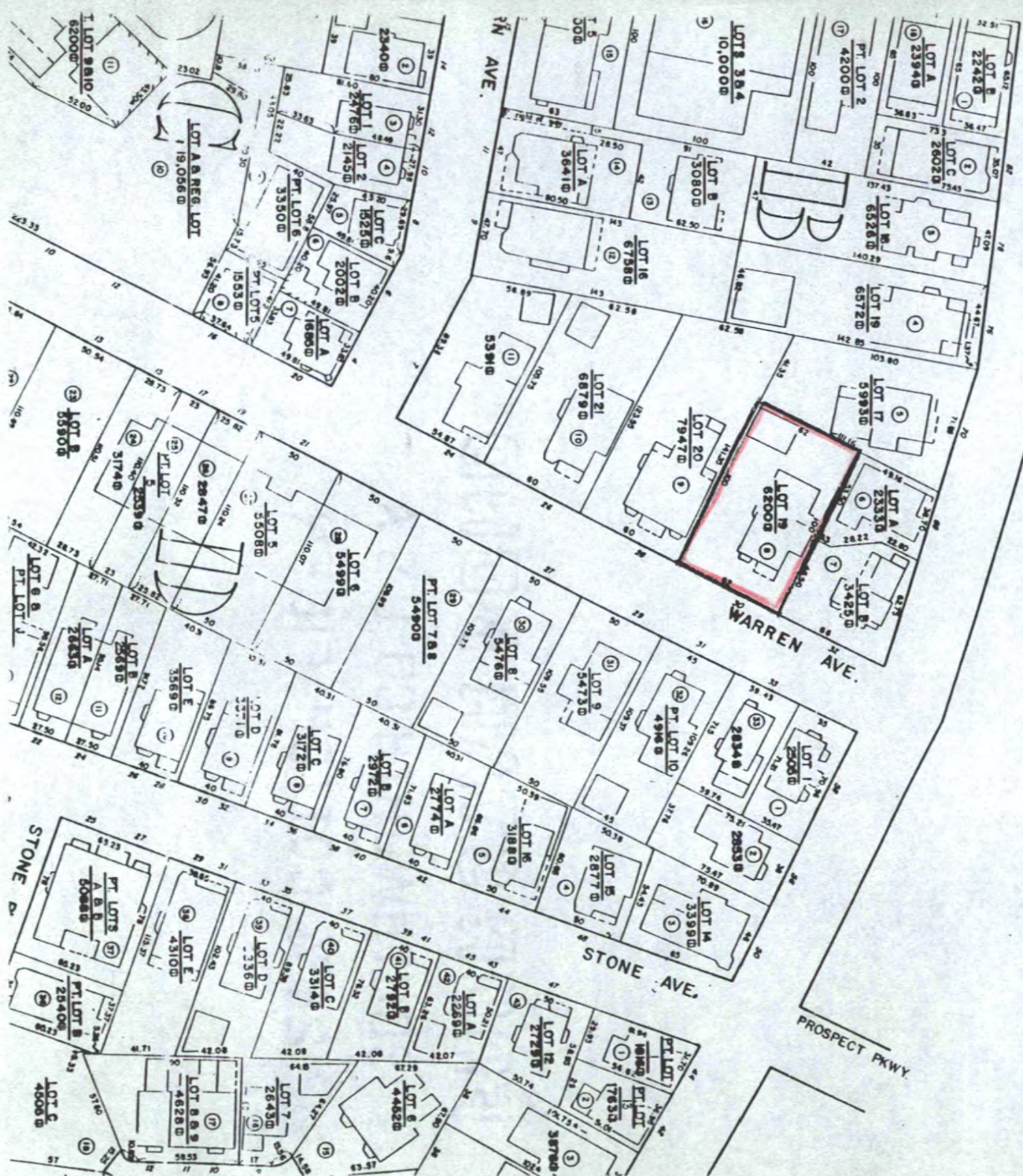
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$$1'' = 100'$$

COLUMBUS AVE.



Ireland House
117 Washington
Somerville (MKA), Mass.



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 GroupName Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Entered in the National Register	Date/Signature
41. House at 42 Vinal Avenue	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
42. House at 49 Vinal Avenue	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
43. House at 5 Prospect Hill	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
44. House at 6 Kent Court	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
45. House at 72R Dane Street	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
46. House at 81 Pearl Street	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
47. Houses at 28--36 Beacon Street	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
48. Ireland, Samuel, House	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
49. Keyes, Amos, House	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____
50. Knight, R.A.--Eugene Lacount House	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
	Attest	_____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Ireland, Samuel, 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: 89001299

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 _____



117 Washington

1. 117 Washington Street
2. Somerville, MA
3. C. Zellie
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking north
7. ~~at~~ 180

Ireland Samely Hike
Somerville MRT, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253