

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. E. Camb.	Form no. EC IIA1
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1101-32A

1. Town Cambridge
Address 292 Cambridge Street
Name East Cambridge Savings Bank
Present use bank

Present owner East Cambridge Savings Bank

3. Description:
Date 1931
Source deed records

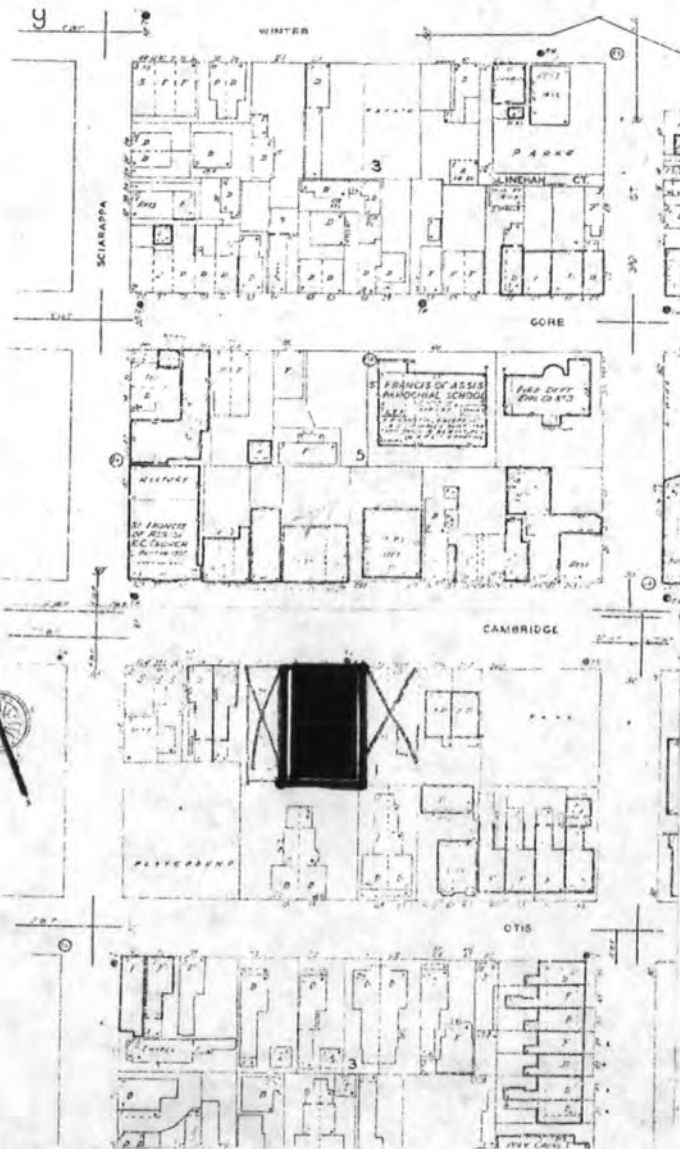
Style Art Deco
Architect T.M. James
Exterior wall fabric stone
Outbuildings (describe) -----
Other features Contains stone carving and iron work by Paul Fjelde, a prominent New York sculptor of the period.

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 0 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm
Date 1964

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19/327640/4692840



Assessors # 24-102

7. Original owner (if known) East Cambridge Savings Bank

Original use bank

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	<u>XX</u>	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

The East Cambridge Savings Bank is an unusual example of Art Deco architecture in Cambridge. It was designed by T.M. James, a Boston architect who had designed the Middlesex Bank nearby in 1917.

In addition to the carving and iron work by sculptor Fjelde, the bank's interior ceilings contains murals by Alfred Rasmussen, the noted Boston portrait painter and muralist.

The building was undertaken at the depths of the Depression to provide work for East Cambridge craftsmen. It contains a variety and richness of materials that is unequalled in the Boston area, and is a unique example of its type.

The Bank added a prize-winning addition in 1978.

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Bottle House Block *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

32. Building at 42 Edward J. Lopez Avenue *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

33. East Cambridge Savings Bank ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

34. Hoyt, Benjamin, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

35. Lechmere Point Corporation Houses ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

36. Sacred Heart Church, Rectory, School and Convent ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

37. Union Railway Car Barn ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

38. B and B Chemical Company *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

39. Baker House *Substantive Review* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** *Determined Eligible* ✓ Keeper [Signature] 1/27/87
Attest _____

40. Beth Israel Synagogue ✓ Keeper William H. Brakham 4.13.82
Attest _____

50 yrs records

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: EAST Cambridge Savings BANK
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 4/17/82

Action: ACCEPT 4/13/82

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

photos

maps _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Unique, out door bank

Recom./Criteria C

Reviewer E. Braubach

Discipline Arch Hist

Date 4.2.82

see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Site _____ 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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Cambridge MRA, Ma

East Cambridge Savings Bank

292 Cambridge 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