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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Prospect Hill	165
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Town SomervilleAddress 82 Munroe StreetHistoric Name The Grandview

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 apartmentsOriginal apartments

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1896Source Somerville JournalStyle Colonial RevivalArchitect Mark LeightonExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th C.
several windows removed/original
6 units

Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting Near the top of Prospect Hill in well established, well maintained neighborhood adjacent to Prospect Hill Park and monument.

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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UTM REFERENCE 19 - 327/530 - 4694/140USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Grandview is a handsome example of an important turn-of-the-century building type in Somerville, the apartment/hotel. Designed to serve upper middle class commuters who were found in increasing numbers in the city at this time, the building was convenient to public transportation routes. It is well-detailed example of the Colonial Revival style, and retains integrity of location, design, materials, feeling, and association. The Grandview fulfills Criteria A and 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 Grandview was constructed in 1896 on the southern slope of Prospect Hill and commands one of the most extensive and beautiful views in Somerville. While the 3 1/2-story building has undergone some changes in fenestration (with large-paned sliding glass windows substituted for bay and gable windows on the main facade), the building's form and ornament are otherwise unaltered. The main facade features a handsome two-story entry porch whose broad entablature is supported by Doric pillars. The central gable is adorned with both modillions and dentils and is enclosed, suggesting a temple front. At the rear, there are three broad porches, one opening from each floor and extending across the length of the building.

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

One of the finest apartment buildings in Somerville, the Grandview was conducted on speculation from Somerville alderman Elbridge G. Park. The building was open for occupancy on April 1, 1896, and represents a gracious style of multifamily living that was not uncommon in Somerville at the turn of the century. By 1900, the City Directory listed 45 such "apartment hotels," most of which, like the Grandview, were located close to convenient public transportation routes.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

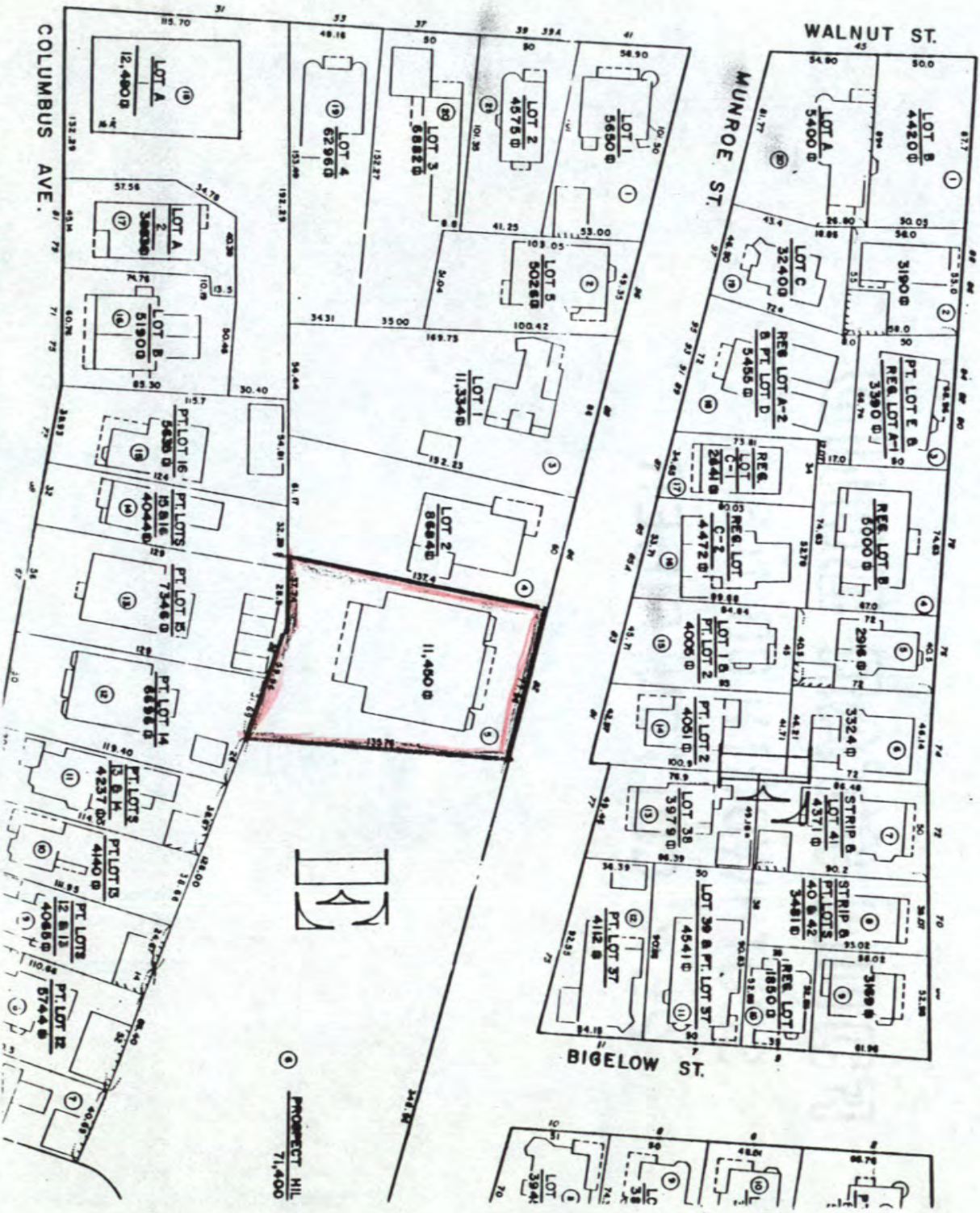
1895 Bromley, G. W. Atlas of the City of Somerville
Assessors' Records
Somerville Journal, March 21, 1896, p. 1.

1"=100'

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The Grandview
92 Munroe
Somerville (MRA), Mass.



BOSTON ST.

HAMLET ST.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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

21. Crowell, C.C., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/18/89

Attest _____

22. Downer Rowhouses (Adams Street)

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/18/89

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23. Downer Rowhouses (Central Street)

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/18/89

Attest _____

24. First Unitarian Church

Substantive Review

for Keeper Beth L. Savage 9/18/89

Attest _____

25. First Universalist Church

Substantive Review

for Keeper Beth L. Savage 9/18/89

Attest _____

26. Foster, Alexander, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/18/89

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27. Gaut, Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/18/89

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28. Grandview, The

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National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/18/89

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29. Highland, The

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/18/89

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30. Hollander Blocks

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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 Grandview, The
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: 89001275

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 _____



82 Munroe

1. 82 Munroe Street
 2. Somerville, MA
 3. C. Zelle
 4. 1981
 5. Somerville City Hall
 6. Looking southeast
- W #155

Grandview, The
Somerville MA, MA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253