

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1105-13

1. Town Cambridge
Address 10 Frost Street
Name Walter Frost House
Present use residential
Present owner Donald W. and Elizabeth P. Moreland

3. Description:

Date 1807
Source deed records

Style Federal
Architect William Saunders, builder
Exterior wall fabric wood
Outbuildings (describe) -----
Other features high, narrow Federal style, later Greek Revival porch.

Altered Yes -porch Date unknown
Moved Yes Date 1866

5. Lot size:

One acre or less xx Over one acre
Approximate frontage 58'
Approximate distance of building from street 22'

6. Recorded by Robert Nylander
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
Date 1968

ASSESSOR #153-34

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7. Original owner (if known) Walter Frost

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

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

The Walter Frost house, built in 1807, once stood on Massachusetts Avenue at the corner of Roseland Street, the first in the line of the mansions along the avenue. It was moved to its present site in 1866 to make way for the North Avenue Congregational Church. The Frost family was responsible for the nineteenth century development of the surrounding area, which had been acquired by their ancestors in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The high, narrow Federal style structure is unaltered except for a later Greek Revival porch.

The Frost house is a handsome example of an architectural type that has not survived in large numbers in Cambridge, and is an excellent example of the type of house lived in during the early nineteenth century by people of modest means.

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. ☒ Valentine Soap Workers Cottages
(101 Pearl St.) *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Forrest Lee Dwyer 6/30/85
Attest 4/13/86
62. ☒ Opposition House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Brasham 4.13.82
Attest _____
63. ☒ Frost, Walter, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Brasham 4.13.82
Attest _____
64. ☒ Treadwell-Sparks House *Substantive Review* *DOE/OWNER OBJECTION* *owner objection withdrawn* ☒ Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/12/86
Attest Beth L. Savage 9/12/86
65. ☒ Francis, Ebenezer, House *DOE/OWNER OBJECTION* Keeper _____
Attest Harvard
66. ☒ Lovering, Joseph, House *Substantive Review* *DOE/OWNER OBJECTION* *owner objection withdrawn* ☒ Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/12/86
Attest Beth L. Savage 9/12/86
67. ☒ Atwood, Ephiram, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Forrest Lee Dwyer 6/30/85
Attest _____
68. ☒ Buildings at 104-106 Hancock St. ✓ Keeper Forrest Lee Dwyer 6/30/85
Attest _____
69. ☒ Colburn, Sara Foster, House *Substantive Review* Keeper William H. Brasham 4.13.82
Attest _____
70. ☒ Brooks, Luther, House *Substantive Review* *DOE/OWNER OBJECTION* *owner objection withdrawn* ☒ Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/12/86
Attest Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Walter Frost House
(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

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

photos ☒
maps _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Eligible

Recom. / Criteria ATC
Reviewer Braham
Discipline arch / his
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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		☐ date _____

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

While architectural significance could be stronger, historic associations with the Frost family make enough of a case for eligibility.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS Reference

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

Title _____ 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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Frost, Walter, House

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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