

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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NW CAMB.	<i>NWC</i> IIC12

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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1. Town Cambridge

Address 10 Chester Street

Name Chester Kingsley House

Present use commercial

Present owner Louis Almeida, Trustee
for Chester Manor Nursing
Home, Swansea, Mass.

3. Description:

Date (1866)

Source deed records

Style Mansard/Queen Anne

Architect S. Stiles, builder

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features asymmetrical but balanced
massing, Colonial Revival sidelights,
three-story cylindrical tower, ornate
Queen Anne decorative effects.

Altered Yes- ell added Date 1890
remodelled

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre -----

Approximate frontage 118 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

22 feet

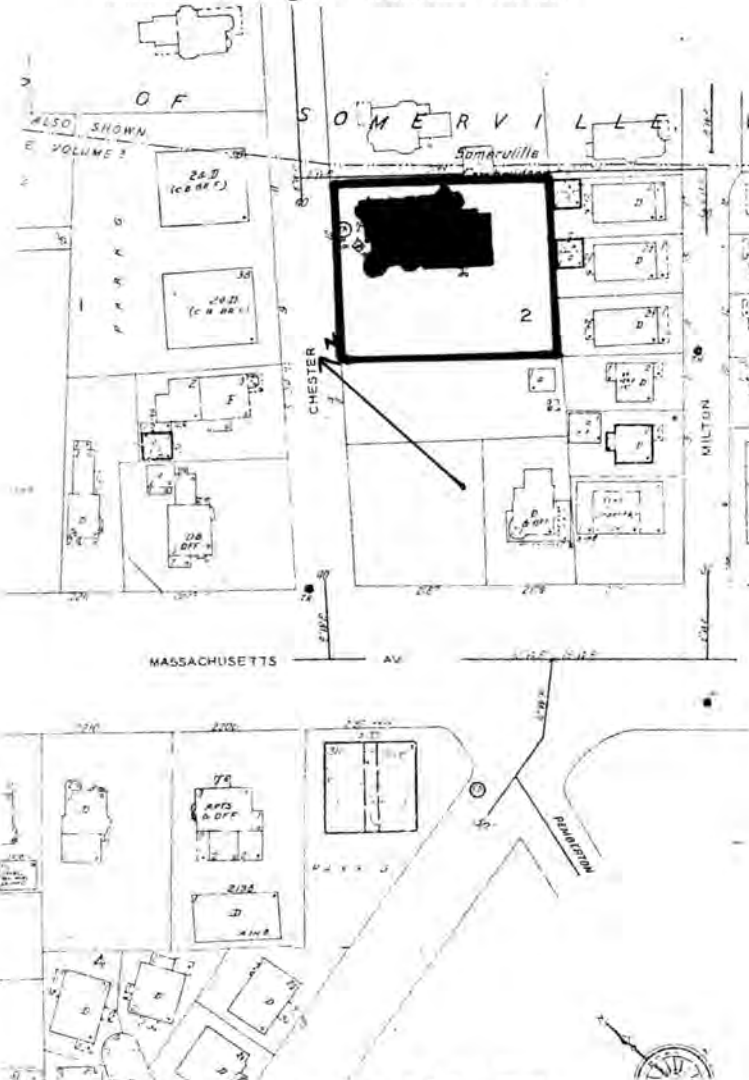
6. Recorded by Robert Nylander

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1972

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



7. Original owner (if known) Chester Kingsley

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates commercial

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

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

The house at 10 Chester Street is an elaborate vernacular dwelling which epitomizes the nineteenth century suburban development in North Cambridge. It exhibits the elaborate detail and complex forms of the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles applied to a modest Mansard structure built in 1866. The extensive alterations commissioned by Kingsley in 1890 still dominate the building, although the rear ell was enlarged in 1919 to accommodate a hospital, and the house continues in use as a nursing home today.

The entrance porch features paired fluted columns raised on pedestals supporting a pediment with an ornate foliate centerpiece of molded plaster in the tympanum. A curved porch section wraps around the building on the west side of the entrance, linking the projecting facade additions to the mass of the original 1866 house. The building is dominated by a massive three-story cylindrical tower articulated with Colonial Revival details occupying the western corner of the house. A band of plaster foliate decoration integrates the tower with the main house by carrying the cornice line around the tower, emphasizing its additional height. The tower is topped by an independent conical roof, terminating in a slender finial. The original sweeping curve of the mansard roof is still very much in evidence richly detailed with scalloped slates. During the 1890 remodelling, an ell was added. While of a different scale from the original structure, it does not intrude on the architectural character of the house.

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

The owner of the house, Chester Kingsley, was a member of both the State Senate and the Massachusetts House of Representatives. The house was voted eligible for the National Register in 1978.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
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152. Kingsley, Chester, House Substantive Review	✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82 Attest
153. Watson, Abraham, House Substantive Review	✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82 Attest
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158. Henderson Carriage Repository Substantive Review	✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82 Attest
159. Soule, Lawrence, House Substantive Review	✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82 Attest
160. Wyeth-Smith House Substantive Review	✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82 Attest



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

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