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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1265

AREA

FORM NO.

145

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

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

UTM REFERENCE 19 326/930 4694/780

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

Town SOMERVILLE

Address 137 Highland Avenue

Historic Name Samuel Gaut House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1850

Source map research / visual analysis

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingles

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) Added

loggia - early-20th century

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting North side of Highland Ave.,
a heavily travelled main route, with
residential and office use surrounds
late-19th century and new constructi

Recorded by Gretchen G. Schuler

Organization Mass. Historical Commissio

Date September, 1988

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Samuel Gaut House retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association with Somerville's mid-19th century development. The dwelling is a well preserved example of a center gable Italianate retaining much of the architectural detail. It is a good representation of the period and style in Somerville. Thus, the Gaut House fulfills Criterion C of the Nation 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 Saumel Gaut House, similar in style and detail to the F.G. Williams House at 37 Albion Street, is one of the better examples of a center gable Italianate remaining in Somerville. Located on the main thoroughfare of Highland Avenue, the dwelling has a traditional three-bay center entrance plan with a substantial rear ell. The dwelling displays fine Italianate detail including the center gable with trefoil window in the peak, round headed windows in the gable-end peaks, high profile bracketed window lintels on the main facade, and a raking cornice with carved brackets remaining only in the center gable. The Gaut House also displays a polygonal cupola with a belled finial. There is a side loggia with chamfered posts and round headed windows with high profile hood moldings, added in the Colonial Revival period. The enclosed entrance porch has brackets and squared columns and pilasters.

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

The Samuel Gaut House was in all likelihood, one of the most fashionable mid-19th century houses on Highland Avenue, formerly known as Church Street, a main east-west route throughout the 19th century. Samuel Gaut was a baker who worked in Boston.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Gaut House
137 Highland Ave.
Somerville (WRA), Mass.

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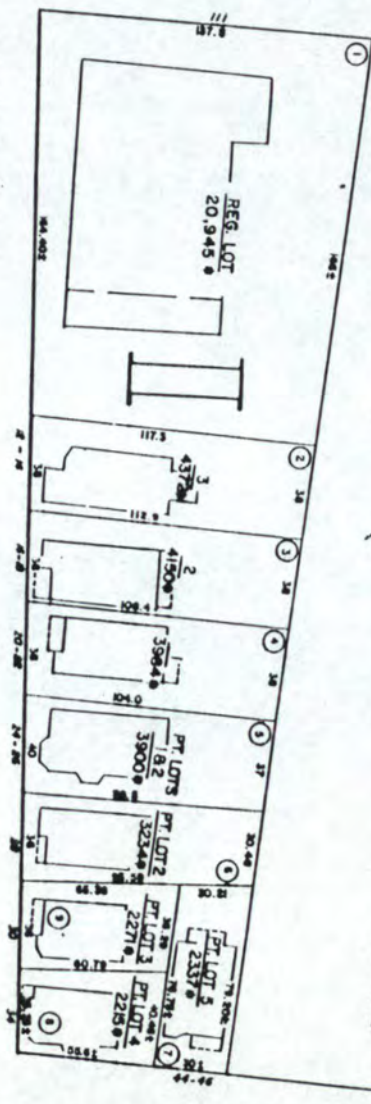
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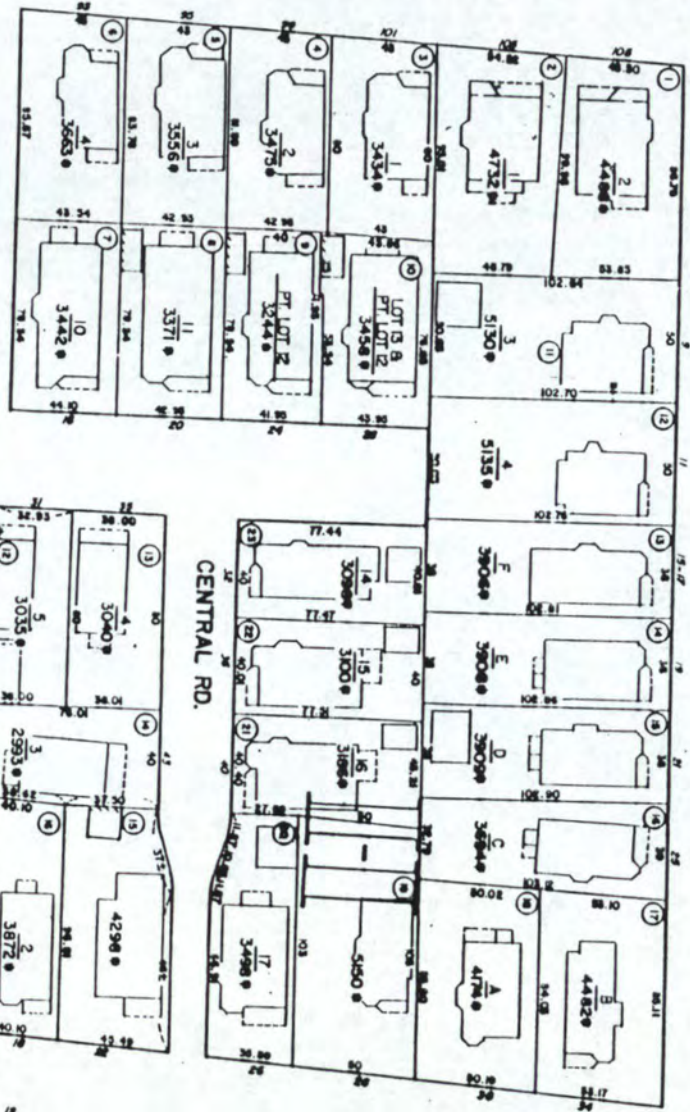
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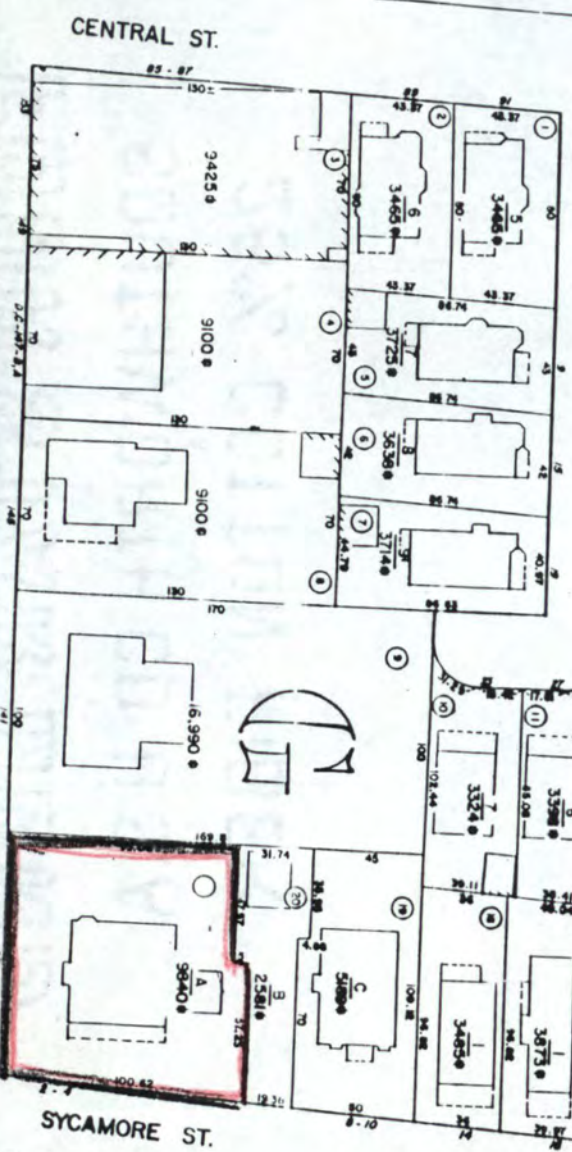
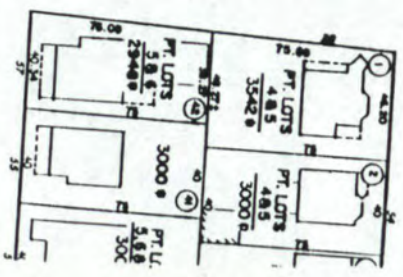


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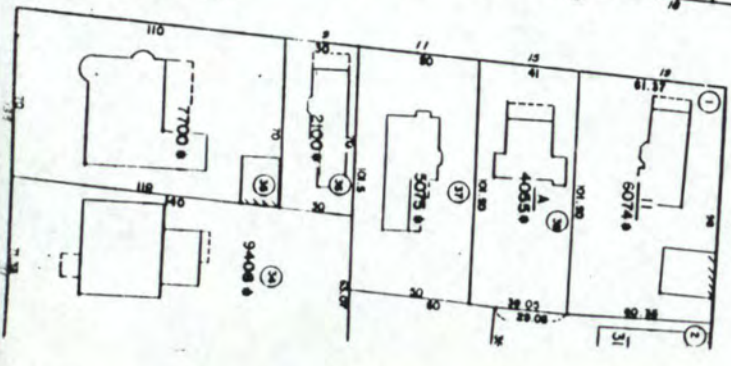
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MONTROSE ST



CENTRAL ST.

SYCAMORE 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 Register

Keeper

for Melrose Byrum 9/18/89

Attest _____

22. Downer Rowhouses (Adams Street)

Entered in the
National Register

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for Melrose Byrum 9/18/89

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23. Downer Rowhouses (Central Street)

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

for Melrose Byrum 9/18/89

Attest _____

24. First Unitarian Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

for Betty L. Savage 9/18/89

Attest _____

25. First Universalist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

for Betty L. Savage 9/18/89

Attest _____

26. Foster, Alexander, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

for Melrose Byrum 9/18/89

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27. Gaut, Samuel, House

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Keeper

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28. Grandview, The

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National Register

Keeper

for Melrose Byrum 9/18/89

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29. Highland, The

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

for Melrose Byrum 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 NAME: Gaut, Samuel, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Somerville MPS

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: 89001265

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
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



137 Highland

1. 137 Highland Avenue
2. Somerville, MA
3. C. Zellie
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking northeast
7. #145

Gaut, Samuel, House
Somerville, MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253