

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

E. Camb.

EC
IIC4

1. Town Cambridge

Address 134 Otis Street

Name Benjamin Hoyt House

Present use residential

Present owner Julia T. McCarthy

3. Description:

Date 1868

Source assessor/deed records

Style Bracketed

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood - clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features side-hall, two-stories;

Two doors at entrance with glass
decorative panels in upper part.

Altered No Date ----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ☒ Over one acre -----

Approximate frontage 30 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
0 feet.

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date: 1964

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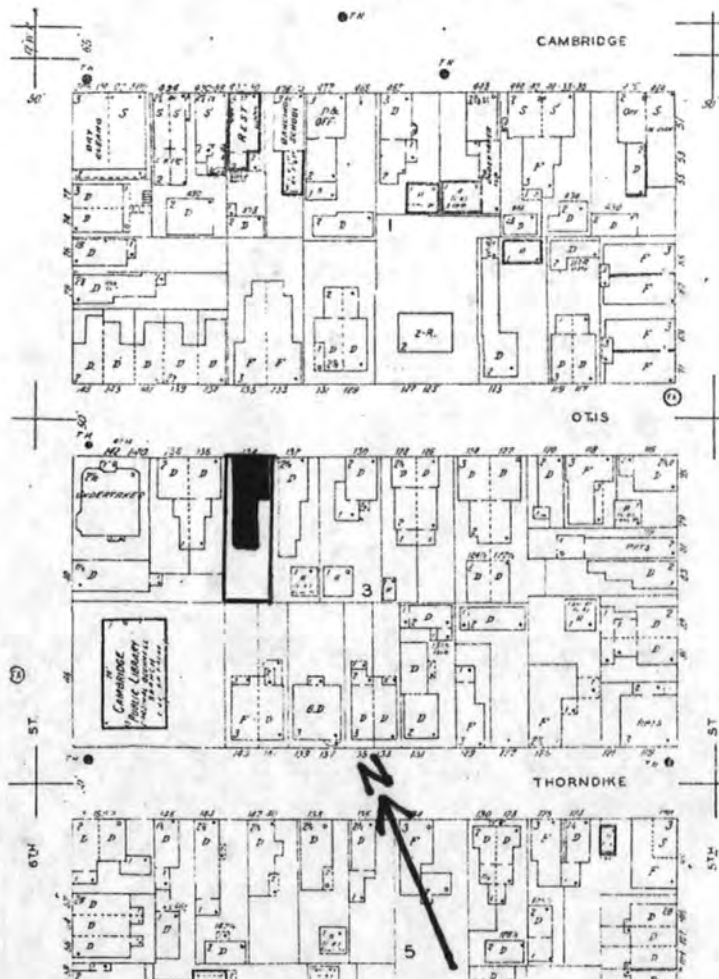
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")

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Photo number 297-21A

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



Assessor # 25-4

7. Original owner (if known) Benjamin Hoyt

Original use residential

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	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

This bracketed side-hall single house remains in exemplary condition. The two-over-two sash are original rather than later replacements. The plan is of the side-hall type, but the typical two square rooms off the stair hall have been eliminated in favor of one long parlor. The dining room and kitchen are in the ell.

The land and house were ~~originally~~ owned by Benjamin Hoyt. Cited in a 1964 Historic American Buildings Survey, it is one of the only houses from this period to have survived totally intact in East Cambridge. Its original fence, storm doors, gable trim and brackets make it an unusually well preserved house.

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

*Building is discussed in Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, No. 1 series
Report One: East Cambridge, pp. 84-5.*

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EXP. 12/31/84

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

31. Bottle House Block

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

Attest

32. Building at 42 Edward J. Lopez
Avenue

✓ Keeper

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Attest

33. East Cambridge Savings Bank

✓ Keeper

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Attest

34. Hoyt, Benjamin, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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35. Lechmere Point Corporation
Houses

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

Attest

36. Sacred Heart Church, Rectory,
School and Convent

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

Attest

37. Union Railway Car Barn

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

Attest

38. B and B Chemical Company

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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Attest

39. Baker House

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

✓ Keeper

Ly A. Bz 1/27/87

Attest

40. Beth Israel Synagogue

✓ Keeper

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Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Benjamin Hoyt 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 1
 maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

This building is locally significant for the quality of its architectural styling. Built in 1868, this is a well preserved (and one of the few in E. Camb.) example of the Italianate-Inspired style of domestic architecture

Recom. / Criteria accept - C WAB
 Reviewer Patrick Andrews
 Discipline Historian
 Date 3/15/82
☐ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ altered

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 _____

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275