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FORM B - BUILDING

AUG 04 1989

AREA

FORM NO.

Ward II

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Somerville MRAAddress 6 Kent CourtHistoric Name noneUse: Present residenceOriginal residence

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1750Source stylistic analysisStyle GeorgianArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric vinyl sidingOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition fairMoved yes Date late-19th early-20th c.Acreage less than one acre

Setting The property is located in a densely built up residential area in South Somerville, near the Cambridge line.

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 Map

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JTM REFERENCE 19 - 326/180 - 4694/180JSGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation PlannerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

One of the oldest surviving residences in Somerville, 6 Kent Court is a Georgian-style residence such as were once scattered near 18th century Milk Row. Like many Somerville buildings it was probably moved at the turn of the century. The building retains integrity of design, workmanship, feeling, and association and fulfills Criterion C and Exception B 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.

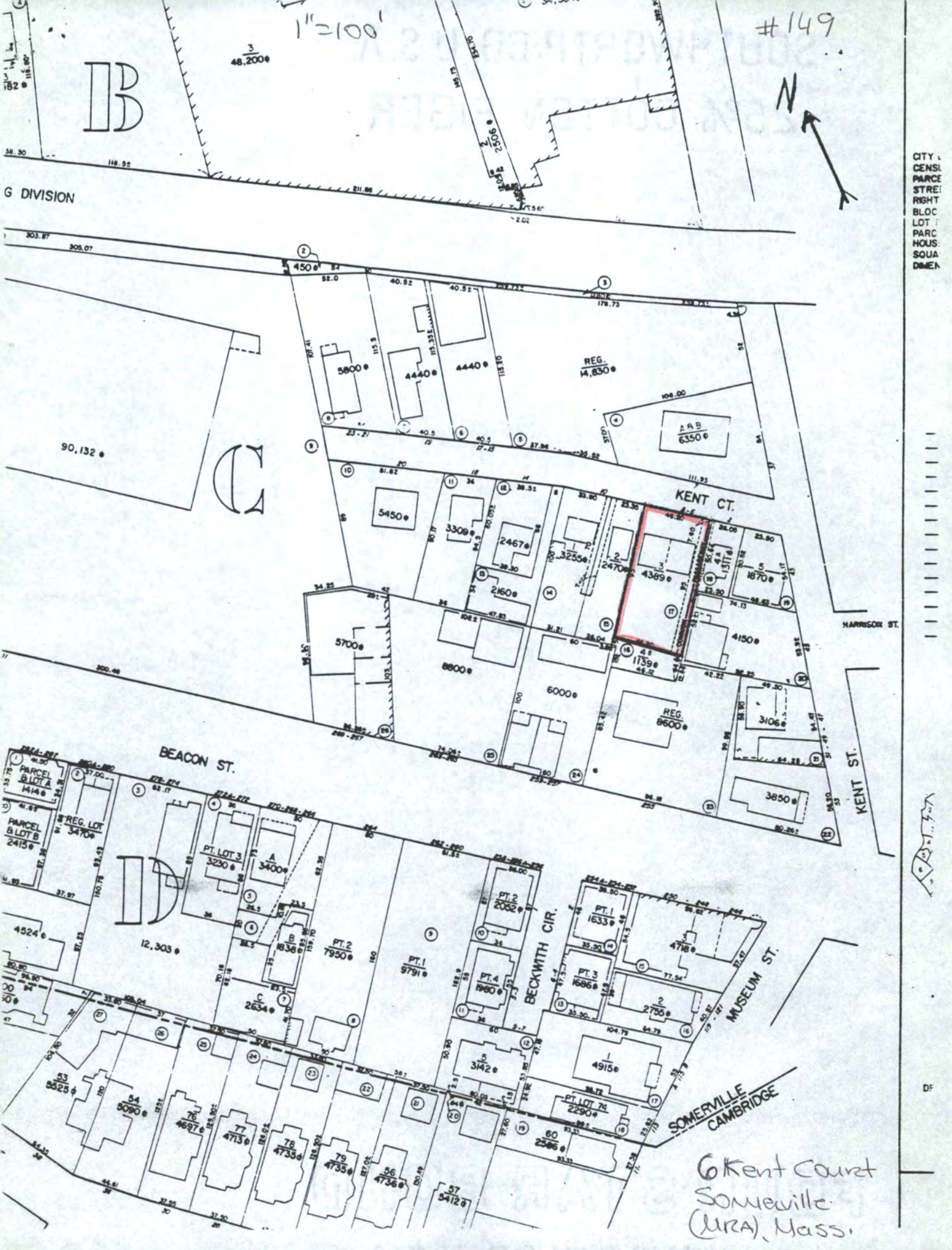
Keys to the early (ca. 1750) construction date of this house are the narrow, steep pitched gambrel roof, and 5 bay facade with a central entrance. The building is one bay deep with an added lean-to.

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

Although this house may have been moved from Somerville Ave, the history of Kent Court is worth noting. There are several early nineteenth century houses on Kent Court, and a few of possible earlier construction date. Although Hale's 1830 map of Charlestown shows no structures here, Kent Street was a connector between the 1813 Beacon Street and 17th century Milk Row (later Somerville Ave.) The 1852 Draper Map of Somerville shows 4 houses in the vicinity. By 1874 Kent Court was a short street squeezed between the Reitenback Brothers Mink Tannery, the Middlesex Bleachery, and the tracks of the Fitchburg Railroad.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1830 Hales map
Draper, Martin, Map of Somerville, 1852
Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1874



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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	Date/Signature
41. House at 42 Vinal Avenue	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
			Attest	_____
42. House at 49 Vinal Avenue	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
			Attest	_____
43. House at 5 Prospect Hill	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
			Attest	_____
44. House at 6 Kent Court	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
			Attest	_____
45. House at 72R Dane Street	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
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46. House at 81 Pearl Street	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
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47. Houses at 28--36 Beacon Street	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
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48. Ireland, Samuel, House	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
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49. Keyes, Amos, House	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
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50. Knight, R.A.--Eugene Lacount House	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Shelous Byrnes</u> 9/18/89
			Attest	_____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House at 6 Kent Court

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: 89001269

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



House
at

MA

6 Kent Ct., Somerville, MA

Photographer: Gretchen G. Schuler

February 1988

Roll 5: # 6

6 Kent Court
Somerville, MA
G. Schuler
Feb. 1988
Somerville City Hall
looking south west
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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