

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

NW CAMB.

Form no.

NWC

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1106-4A

1. Town Cambridge

Address 59 Rice Street

Name Greek Revival Cottage

Present use residential

Present owner Alice C. Monahan
(Lexington, Mass.)

3. Description:

Date 1847

Source deed records

Style Greek Revival

Architect Samuel Wright - housewright

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features full Greek Revival pedi-
ment and entablature, original fluted
columns set under gable, original
pedimented dormers on left side.

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 50 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

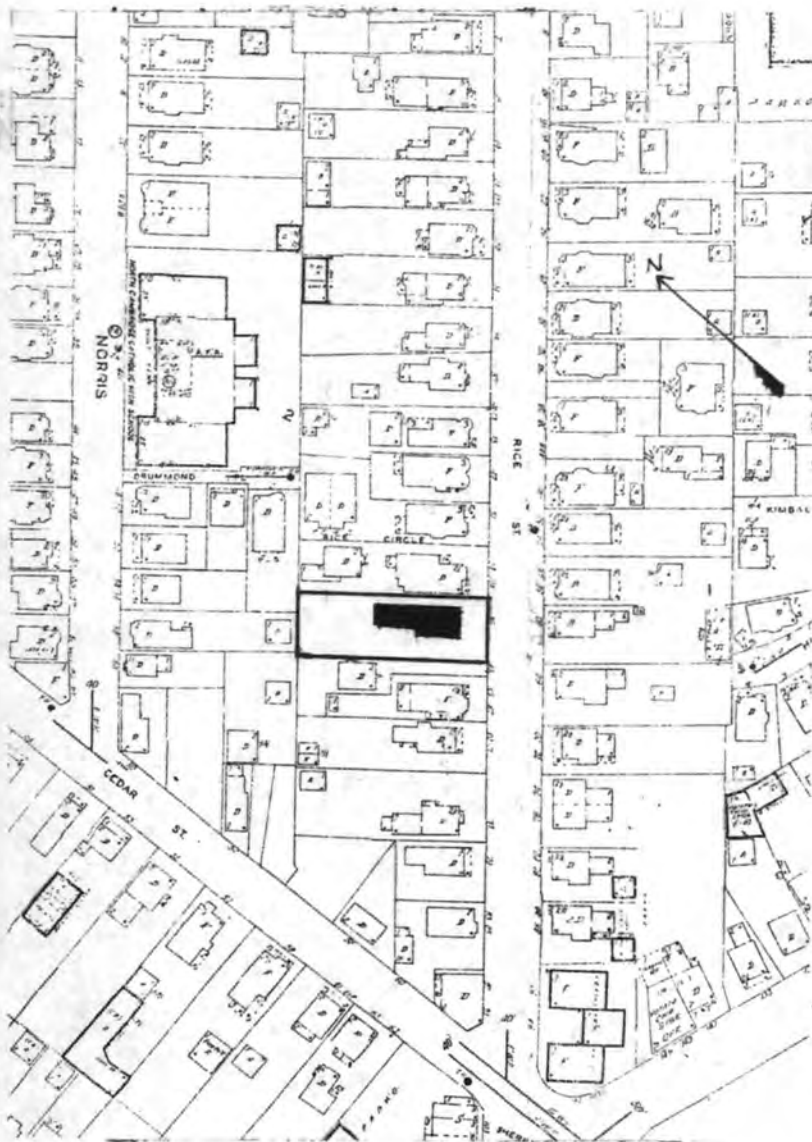
20 feet

6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm

Date 1972

UTM-LEXINGTON
19/324650/4695530



7. Original owner (if known) Samuel J. Wright

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)

The house at 59 Rice Street is the finest Greek Revival house in Northwest Cambridge and one of the best-preserved porticoed cottages in the city. Carefully maintained and correctly painted white on grey, this house was designed in 1847 as a speculative venture by Samuel Wright, a local carpenter. The house has a naive quality, its heavy pedimented gable protruding over a front porch consisting of three thin Doric columns arranged in an asymmetrical pattern to frame the entrance.

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

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 151. Day, Anna, House | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |
| 152. Kingsley, Chester, House | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |
| 153. Watson, Abraham, House | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |
| 154. Wyeth Brickyard Superintendent's House | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |
| 155. Greek Revival Cottage | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |
| 156. St. James Episcopal Church | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | Wm. H. Brackham 6.30.83 |
| | | Attest | |
| 157. Kidder-Sargent-McCrehan House | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |
| 158. Henderson Carriage Repository | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |
| 159. Soule, Lawrence, House | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |
| 160. Wyeth-Smith House | Substantive Review | ✓ Keeper | William H. Brackham 4.13.82 |
| | | Attest | |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Greek Revival Cottage (Cambridge)
 State, County: MA-Middlesex
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 4-17-82Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/13/82☐ RETURN _____☐ REJECT _____photos 1

maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

The finest example in N.W. CambridgeRecom./Criteria CReviewer BrahamDiscipline Arch/HisDate 4.5.82☐ 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 SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

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

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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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 _____

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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Cambridge MA, Ma

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Greek Revival Cottage

59 Rice St.

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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