

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

Mid-Camb.

MC
IIB23

1. Town Cambridge

Address 67 Kirkland Street

Francis J. Child House

use residential

owner Frances E. Misho

option:

861

source deed/records

Mansard

itect unknown

rior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features small Mansard with jig-
saw cornice, acorn drops in pro-
jecting bay above porch.

Altered Yes - windows Date unknown

Moved No remodelled Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less xx Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100 feet

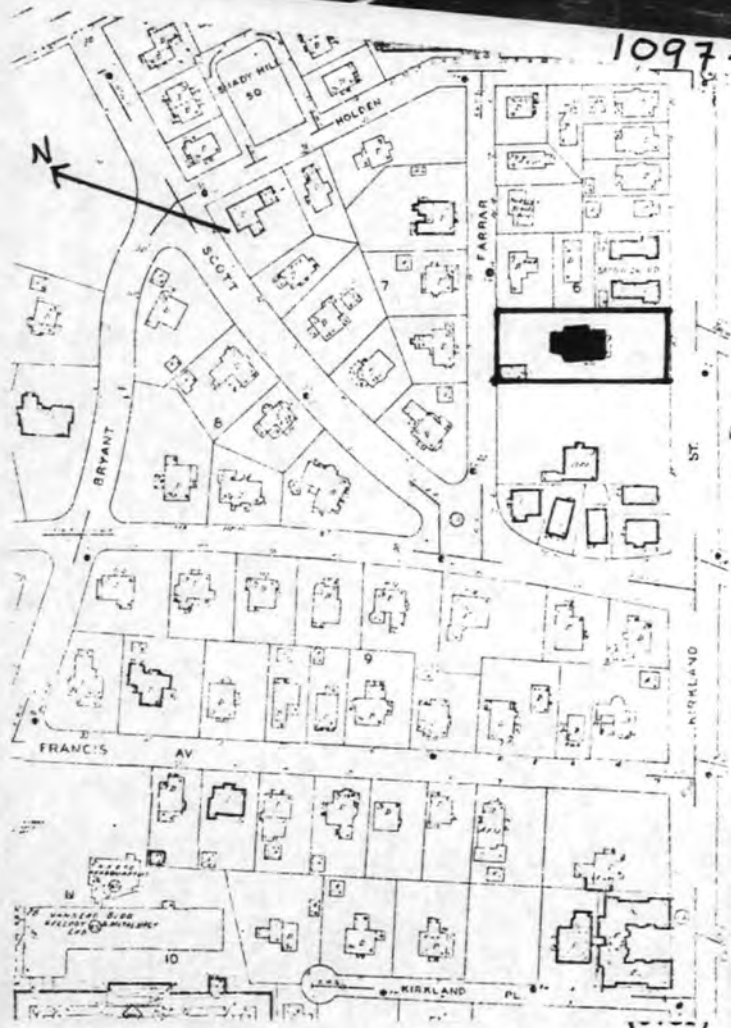
Approximate distance of building from street

85 feet

6. Recorded by Antoinette Downing

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1967



ASSESSOR # 146A-37

UTM-BOSTON NORTH
19/326260/4693700

7. Original owner (if known) Francis J. Child

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	<u>XX</u>				

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

Number 67 Kirkland Street is located in the Shady Hill neighborhood of Cambridge and is adjacent to Number 61, the former home of Charles W. Eliot, past President of Harvard. Built in 1861, the building features hexagonal slates in the curved lower mansard roof and a full front porch. The porch has chamfered posts, and the dormers above are topped by jigsaw cornice boards. The building retains its original clapboard siding, and is set back from the road amidst numerous trees and shrubs.

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

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Francis J. Child House
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Nuddleaf
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/17/82
Action: ☐ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN 4/13/82
☐ REJECT

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

photos 1
maps _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

*No statement of significance -
Why is this structure architecturally
significant?*

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Braunam
Discipline Arch. Historian
Date 4-2-82
☐ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. 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
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ date _____

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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USDT 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 Pat Andrews

Signed Bill Brabham Date 4/13/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

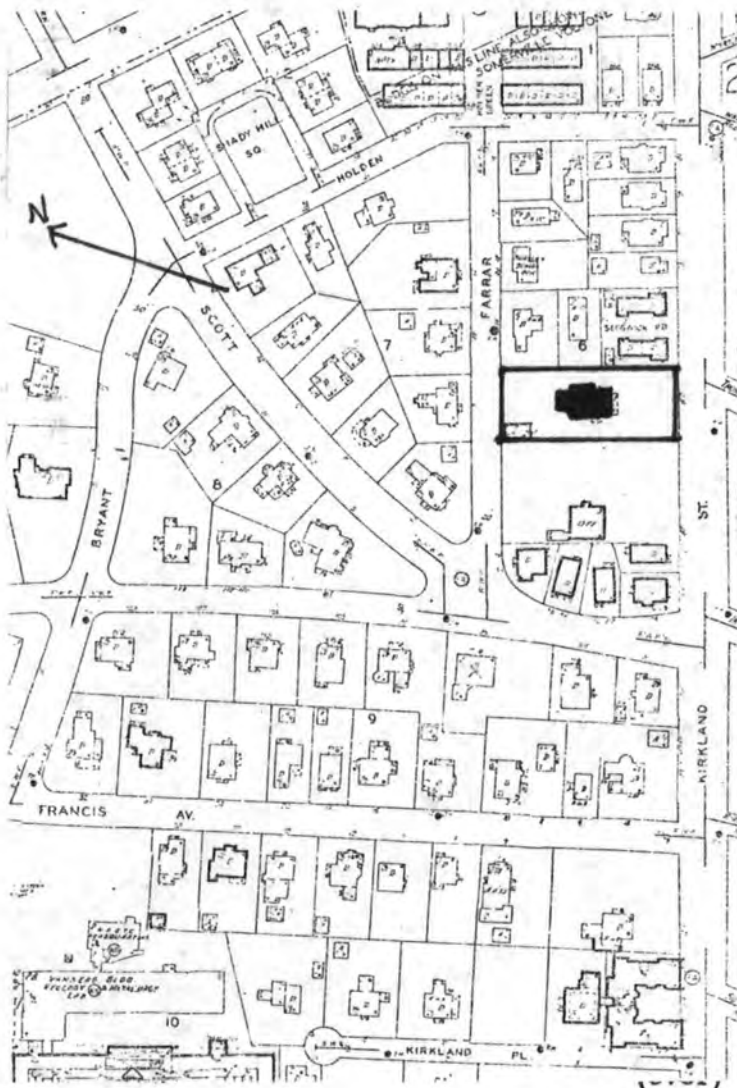
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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ASSESSOR # 146A-37

1. Town Cambridge

Address 67 Kirkland Street

Name Francis J. Child House

Present use residential

Present owner Frances E. Misho

3. Description:

Date 1861

Source deed/records

Style Mansard

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) -----

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saw cornice, acorn drops in pro-
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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

The Francis J. Child House is architecturally significant for its interesting combination of the Mansard style with the applied gothic decoration one might find in an A. J. Downing cottage.

According to Report Two: Mid Cambridge [1860-63] of the Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, "Mansard roofs appeared frequently on smaller houses of the period, especially on one-story cottages. Providing a full second story, the mansard increased the space and comfort of these modest dwellings" (p. 71). The Child House is composed of two mansard roofed blocks, each one symmetrically arranged but both combined to form an asymmetrical massing. This arrangement is somewhat unusual for the early 1860's which tended to favor more formal organizations.

Cottage architecture at this time was heavily influenced by the books of A. J. Downing such as Cottage Residences (1842) and The Architecture of Country Houses (1850). Downing's theories on cottage design incorporated the picturesque aesthetic characterized by elements of irregularity, roughness, and variety. Also important were the integration of the house with its natural setting and the use of ornament to animate the cottage facade. Elements of this design influence may be seen at 67 Kirkland Street. The jigsaw-cut cornice boards are a common cottage decorative feature. The veranda is an important means of linking the house to its surroundings and the tall chimney stacks and slender porch posts enliven the facade and add to its variety.

The Francis J. Child House meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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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

101. Harvard Graduate Center **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** Keeper

Attest

102. Child, Francis J., House **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

103. Hill, Aaron, House **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

104. Cook, William, House **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

105. Building at 10 Follen Street **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

106. Hall Tavern **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

107. Cloverden (Mann House) **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

108. The Fairfax **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** Keeper

Attest

109. Larches, The **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

110. Holmes, Joseph, House **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper

Attest

Ret 6/10/82

Harvard

Francis J. Child 6.30.83

Aaron Hill 6.30.82

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

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Substantive Review

Child, Francis J., House (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County,
MAWorking No. 11.14-80-2862Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84Date Due: 5/14/83 7/4/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/20/83☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Shown to be significant as a
example of a mansard roofed
house with Downing style influence.
Context could have been better.

Recom./Criteria accept/cReviewer Mr. DwyerDiscipline A.H.Date 6-30-83☐ see continuation sheetNomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below1. Name2. Location3. Classification

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Title _____ date _____

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- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

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Child, Francis J., House
Cambridge MRA, Ma

67
69 Kirkland 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