

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")

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Photo number 1105-30

1. Town Cambridge

Address 2222-24 Massachusetts Avenue

Name R.H. Farwell House

Present use residential

Present owner Francis J. & Elsie H. Hanley.

3. Description:

Date 1891

Source deed records

Style Queen Anne

Architect George Durgin - builder

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features large double house with very widely spaced dormers, polygonal bays with Bracketed Italianate feature:

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 60 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
32 feet

6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

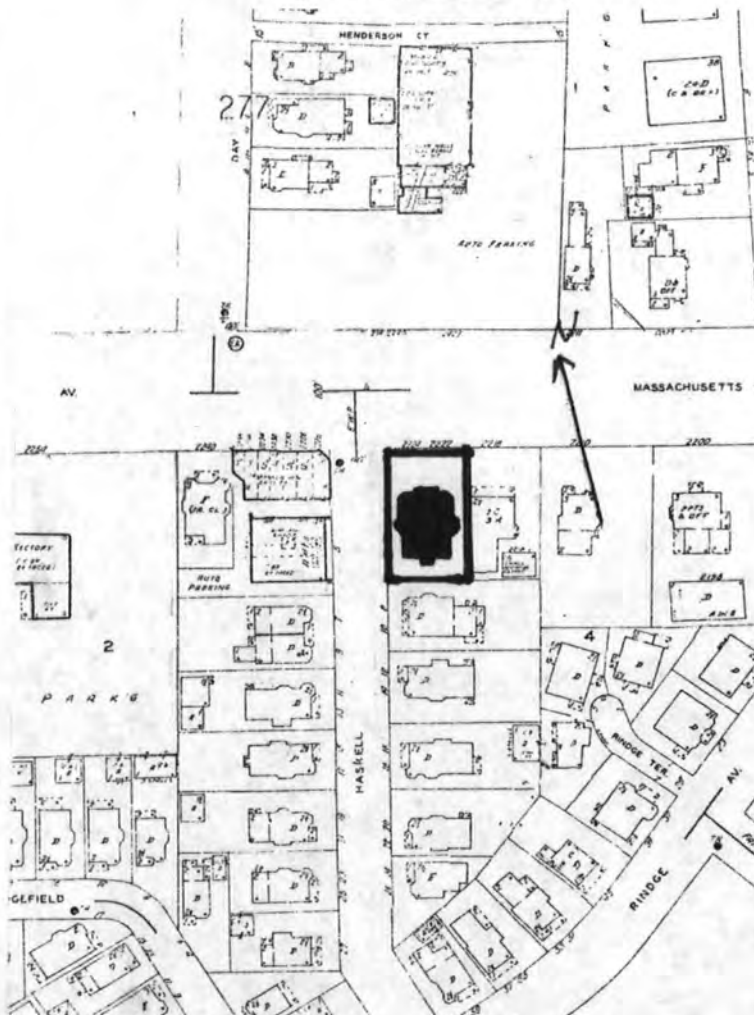
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1972

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



Assessor # 198-27

7. Original owner (if known) R.H. Farwell

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)

The R.H. Farwell house is a large Queen Anne double house with paired entrances flanked by two-story polygonal bays. The bays show Bracketed Italianate influence. The gable roof contains a widely-spaced pair of gabled dormers.

The set back and size of this residence preserves an image of the prestigious homes which developed along Massachusetts Avenue, then called North Avenue, in the mid to late nineteenth century. The Farwell House, and its two nearby neighbors at 2200 and 2210 Massachusetts Avenue are the best surviving group of houses from this period and crucial to identifying this phase of growth in Northwest Cambridge.

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

141. Taylor Square Firehouse *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82
Attest _____
142. Aborn, John, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82
Attest _____
143. Hews Pottery Company Carriage House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Reed 4/13/82
Attest _____
- 12 144. Walden Street Cattle Tunnel *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper Reed 4.13.82
Attest _____
145. Slowey, Patrick, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82
Attest _____
146. Fresh Pond Hotel *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82
Attest _____
147. McLean, Isaac, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82
Attest _____
148. Billings, Frederick, House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82
Attest _____
149. Farwell, R. H., House *Substantive Review* ✓ Keeper William H. Bracham 4.13.82
Attest _____
150. St. John's Roman Catholic Church ✓ Keeper Reed 6.30.82
Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Farwell, R. H., House (Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
 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:

Locally significant for architecture - a rare surviving example of the type of houses built by upwardly mobile middle class on Mass. Av. in late 19th century
 (c. shell received)
 - Best surviving in immediate area Eligible

Recom. / Criteria Accept-CReviewer Patrick AndrewsDiscipline HistorianDate 3/23/82☐ see continuation sheetBrigham 4.13-82

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	☐ 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 _____

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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2222-24 Massachusetts Ave.

Farwell, R. Hay House

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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