

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. MID CAMB.	Form no. MC II C 9
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City Cambridge

Address 383 Harvard Street

Name Ware Hall

Present use residential

Present owner Abraham & Michael Moskow, Trustees of Ware Hall Trust  
2 Park Sq., Boston, MA

Description:

Year 1893

Source deed records

Style Classical Revival

Architect George Fogerty

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features has five-story corner

bows, wide classic cornice, wrought

iron balcony over the entrance.

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street

8'

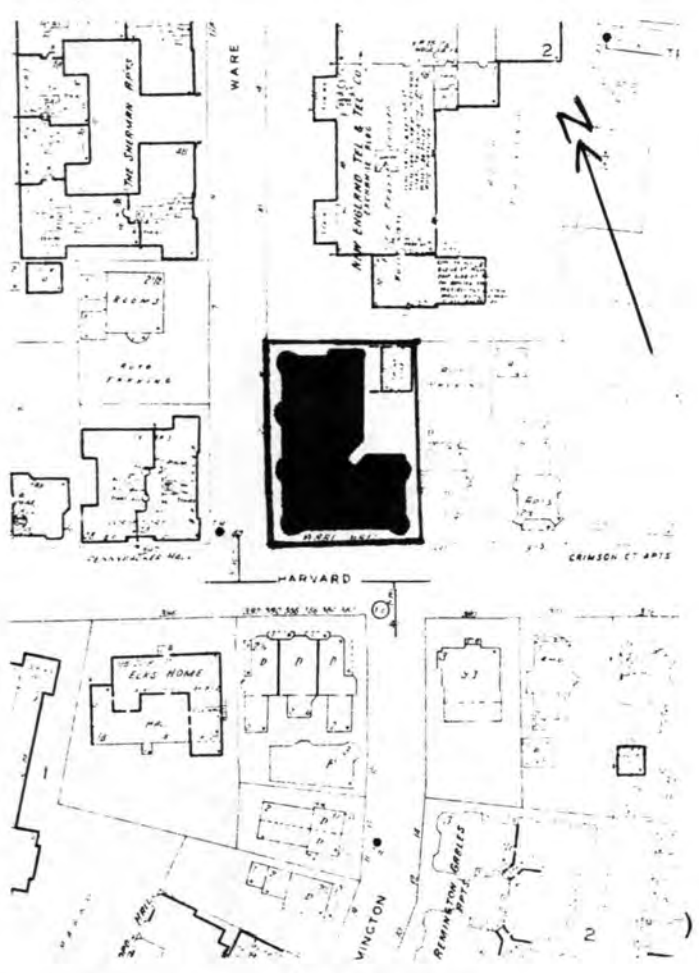
6. Recorded by A. F. Downing

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1967

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19/325980/4693020

4. Map. Draw shown in 1096-11A  
in relation to nearest cross streets and  
other buildings. Indicate north.



ASSESSOR # 135-23

7. Original owner (if known) unknown

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

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While the "Gold Coast" along Mt. Auburn Street became the main area for such private dormitories, Ware Hall's location suggests an expansion of this type building into Mid Cambridge's more residential areas. This growth was stopped, however, in 1930 with the adoption of the House system at Harvard.

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

NOV 14 1981

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Ware Hall  
(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  
 RETURN 4/13/82  
 REJECT

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

photos   
maps \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*No contextual information -  
Why is this property eligible.*

Recom./Criteria Return  
Reviewer Brachman  
Discipline Arch. / His  
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       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 \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

USGS 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 Andrew

Signed Brahman Date 4/2/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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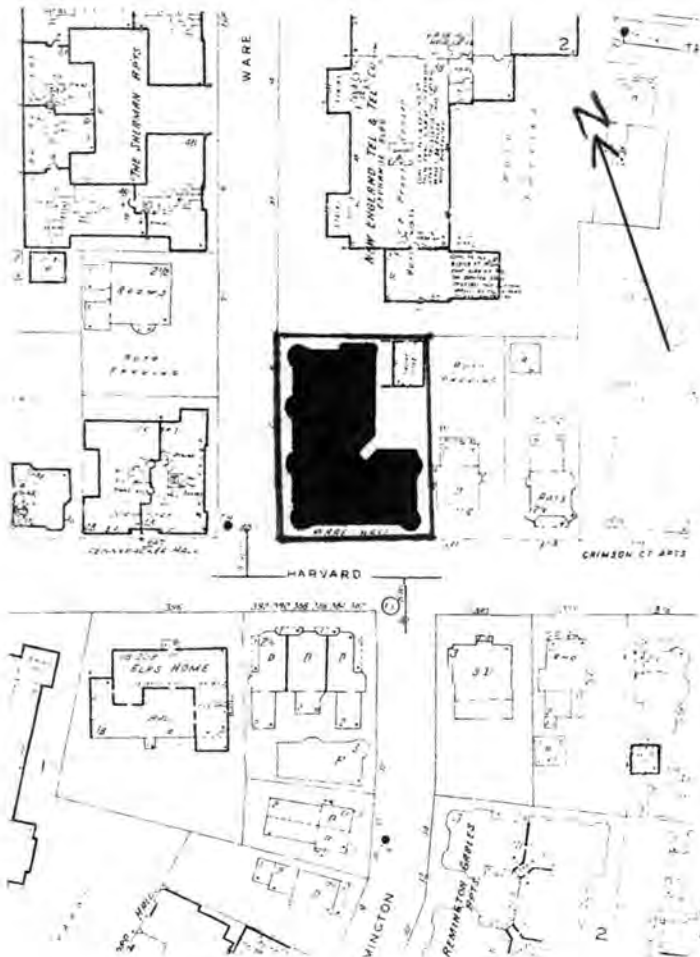
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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Photo number 1096-1A

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



Assessor # 135-23

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Mid Cambridge	Form No: MC II.C.9
Property Name: Ware Hall	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Prior to the inauguration of the house system of residential colleges about 1930, under President Lowell of Harvard, undergraduates were encouraged to seek their own lodgings in the town and only minimal accommodations were maintained in the Harvard Yard dormitories. This policy had been in effect under the Presidency of Charles W. Eliot (1869-1904), and led to the construction of a large number of specialized apartment buildings designed to meet the needs of wealthy undergraduates. The more elaborate of these buildings had suites of rooms with working fireplaces and rooms for the student's valet, along with such amenities as squash courts and swimming tanks; at Ware Hall, the drawing card was an elaborate ballroom where meals were served. These buildings were quite out of context for Cambridge of the 1890s, as they were invariably of masonry construction four to five stories high, with elaborate if not ostentatious detailing. A concentration of such buildings on Mount Auburn Street near Harvard Square gave that area the popular name of "the Gold Coast" (nominated to the National Register). Another notable example is "The Craigie" (Josephine Wright Chapman, 1897, also nominated), on Mount Auburn Street west of Harvard Square.

Buildings of this type are easily distinguishable by their age and quality of detail from the less elaborate apartment buildings built for the general rental market after the opening of the subway in 1912. The location of Ware Hall in this residential section of Mid Cambridge demonstrates the spread of this specialized type of structure away from Harvard Square, and illustrates the impact of the University on the development of this section of the city.

Ware Hall meets criterion A for its associations with the development of Mid-Cambridge and Harvard University, and criterion C as an example of its type and period.

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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

91. Cummings, e. e., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce M. Doyle 6-30-82

Attest

92. Divinity Hall

*owner objection withdrawn*

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Patricia Andrews 9/12/86

Attest

Beth J. Savage 9/12/86

93. North Avenue Congregational Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

94. Prospect Congregational Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

William A. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

95. University Museum

*owner objection withdrawn*

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96. Old Cambridge Baptist Church

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

97. Ware Hall

Keeper

Bruce M. Doyle 6-30-82

Attest

98. Cambridge Public Library

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

99. Church of the New Jerusalem

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce M. Doyle 6-30-82

Attest

100. Busch-Reischinger House

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

6-30-82

Attest

Harold

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Ware Hall (Cambridge MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MA

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Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*SIGNIFICANCE PROVIDED*

Recom./Criteria ATC/ACCEPT  
Reviewer Man Dwy  
Discipline A.H  
Date 6/30/83  
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Cambridge MA, Ma

Ware Hall

383 Harvard St.

1096-11A

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275