

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Town SomervilleAddress 29 Mt. Vernon StreetHistoric Name unknownUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1845-1850Source map research/visual analysisStyle Greek RevivalArchitect noneExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings garage ca. 1930

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

noneCondition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acreSetting West side of Mt. Vernon St.mid to late-19th century dwellings,in urban setting, near commercialsetting of Broadway, main route.Recorded by Gretchen G. SchulerOrganization Mass. Historical CommissioDate September, 1988

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

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 Assessor's Map

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UTM REFERENCE 19 - 328/780 - 4694/480USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

29 Mt. Vernon Street retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association with the mid-19th century residential development of East Somerville. It is a fine example of a one and one-half story Greek Revival cottage. 29 Mt. Vernon Street fulfills Criterion C 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.

The one and one-half story Greek Revival cottage is the only one of its size among other two and one-half story side hall cottages on the other side of Mt. Vernon Street. The wide eaves and full entablature comprise the templar gable end of the house which is carried by the full width Ionic porch. Full length windows with high profile lintels and an elaborate entrance framed by decorative panels contribute to the well defined Greek Revival form.

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

Platted in 1845, Mt. Vernon Street was developed soon after with Greek Revival cottages several of which survive to articulate the early development. Boston businessmen and artisans moved to this area for its proximity to Charlestown and to the Boston and Maine Railroad.

The dwelling at 29 Mt. Vernon Street is significant for its representation of the type of early housing in this part of East Somerville, the only section of Somerville retaining a concentration of the well formulated Greek Revival cottages popular in the 1840s and 1850s.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Draper, Martin, Map of Somerville, 1852.

1"=100'

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29 Mt. Vernon St.
Somerville (MRA),
Mass.

BROADWAY

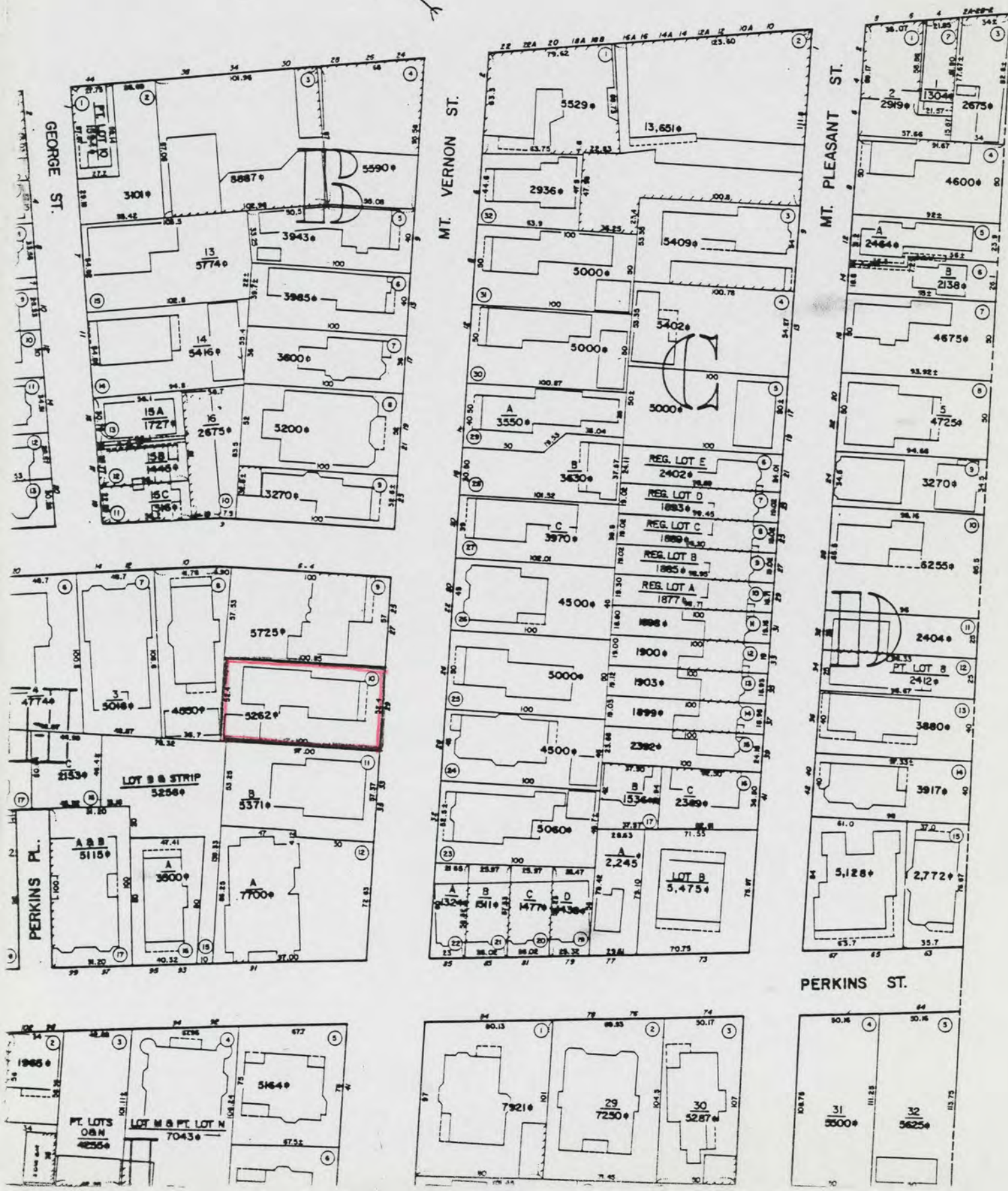
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GEORGE ST.

MT. VERNON ST.

MT. PLEASANT ST.

PERKINS ST.



United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
31.	Hopkins, Elisha, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
32.	House at 10 Arlington Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
33.	House at 14 Chestnut Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
34.	House at 16--18 Preston Road Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
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36.	House at 21 Dartmouth Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
37.	House at 25 Clyde Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
38.	House at 29 Mt. Vernon Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
39.	House at 343 Highland Avenue Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Arlene Byrum</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY House at 29 Mt. Vernon Street
NAME:

MULTIPLE Somerville MPS
NAME:

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: 89001302

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



29 Mt. Vernon
House at

1. 29 Mt. Vernon Street
2. Somerville. ^{MRA} MA
3. C. Zellie
4. 1984
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking northwest
7. # 155

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253