

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 1105-21

1. Town Cambridge

Address 45 Orchard Street

Name Frederick Billings House

Present use residential

Present owner John J. Guinane
954 Cambridge St., Camb.

3. Description:

Date 1846

Source deed records

Style Greek-Revival/Bracketed Italianate

Architect Joshua Fernald-housewright

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) barn

Other features wide and deep overhang

eaves with thin brackets, windows
with full facade

Altered Yes-porch Date 1890s
added

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 52 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
15 feet

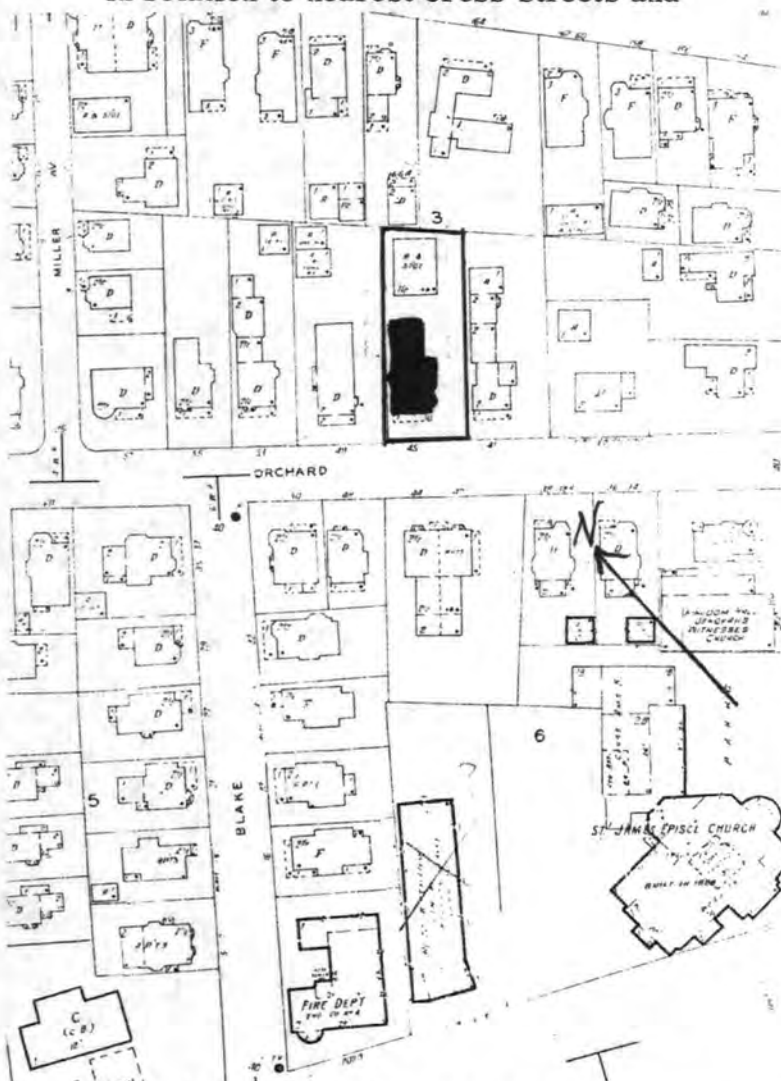
6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1972

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and



7. Original owner (if known) Frederick Billings

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u>XX</u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u>XX</u>	Exploration/	<u> </u>	Science/	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	settlement	<u> </u>	invention	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	humanitarian	<u> </u>
Community development	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>

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

Number 45 Orchard Street is one of the earliest Bracketed-Italianate designs in Northwest Cambridge, erected only a year after Henry Greenough introduced the new style to Cambridge. Italianate features include the projecting bracketed eaves, windows with bracketed lintels, and double doors with arched upper panels of glass. The house ~~was~~ located near the Fitchburg Railroad Depot for the convenience of Boston commuters. Number 41 and 45 Orchard Street are the work of Joshua Fernald, a local housewright, and were built immediately after Orchard Street was platted for development. After the initial construction of these houses in 1846, development largely ceased until the late 1880s. The houses are accomplished if modest examples of the Bracketed Italianate style.

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

141. Taylor Square Firehouse

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

142. Aborn, John, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

143. Hews Pottery Company Carriage
House

✓ Keeper

Revised 4/13/82

Attest

144. Walden Street Cattle Tunnel

Substantive Review ✓ Keeper

Return 4.13.82

Attest

145. Slowey, Patrick, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

146. Fresh Pond Hotel

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

147. McLean, Isaac, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

148. Billings, Frederick, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

149. Farwell, R. H., House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

150. St. John's Roman Catholic Church

✓ Keeper

Donna MacDuff 6.30.83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Billings, Frederick, House
(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 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:

*One of earliest bracketed/Italianate designs in
 NW Cambridge*

Recom./Criteria CReviewer BrahamDiscipline 4.13.82

Date _____

☐ 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
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ original site
		☐ moved 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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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Billings, Frederick, House

45 Orchard 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