

FORM B - BUILDING

AUG 04 1989

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Prospect
Hill

176

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

Town Somerville MRAAddress 37 Walnut StreetHistoric Name Robert Munroe HouseUse: Present residence (multi unit)Original residence (single)

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1849Source Map and stylistic analysisStyle Greek RevivalArchitect noneExterior Wall Fabric aluminum sidingOutbuildings garage (20th c. NC) - recessed
into hill with doors at street levelMajor Alterations (with dates) ca. 1980s:
aluminum siding; raised shed dormer;
metal window awnings.Condition fair / goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage Less than one acre.Setting The house sits on an embankmenthigh above Walnut Street in a densely
built urban area. Prospect Hill retains
its late-19th century dwellings.Recorded by Betsy FriedbergOrganization Massachusetts Historical Comm.Date May 1986UTM REFERENCE Z E N
19 - 327/440 - 4694/170USGS QUADRANGLE Boston NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Robert Munroe House retains integrity of location, design, workmanship, feeling, and association. A modestly pretentious Greek Revival-style house noted for its fine Ionic-columned portico, the house 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 Munroe House is a 2 1/2-story sidehall Greek Revival house of modest pretensions. Notable features include the entrance offset to the left and flanked by sidelights and a transom light, the wrap-around Ionic portico wide corner pilasters and full-length first story windows. The house is built in to an embankment. A garage was built into the lower hillside and terrace added above sometime in the 20th century.

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

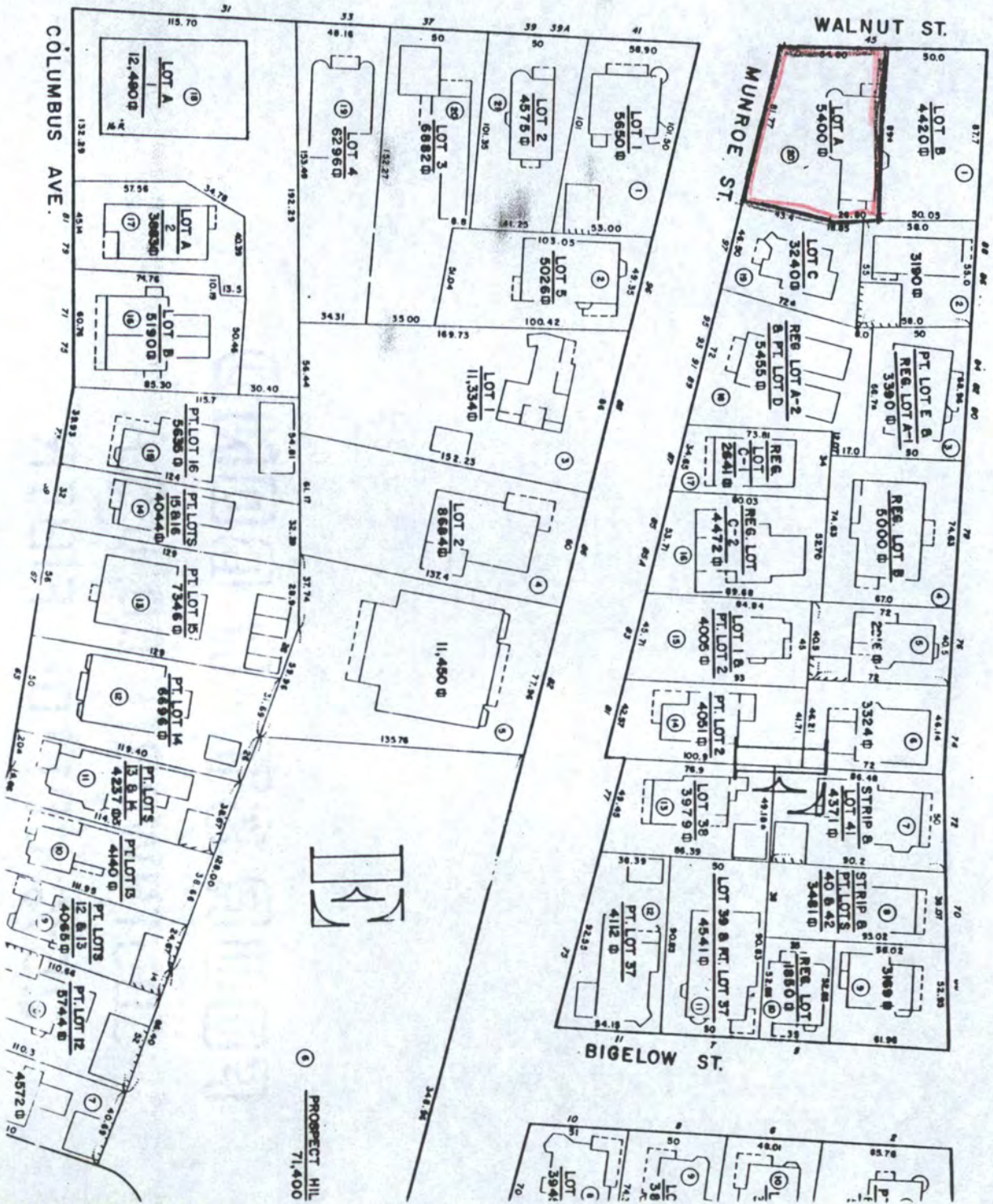
Robert Munroe, a Boston grain dealer, was an early resident of Prospect Hill. During the 1840s, he and Robert Aldersley Vinal, also a grain dealer, built modest Greek Revival homes on the southern slope of Prospect Hill off Walnut Street. Nearby Munroe Street is named for him. Along with Boston Street, Munroe Street forms a circle around Prospect Hill; these streets were laid out in 1842.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1842 Plat of Prospect Hill (Middlesex Co. Plan Office, Cambridge) 1872
Somerville Atlas.

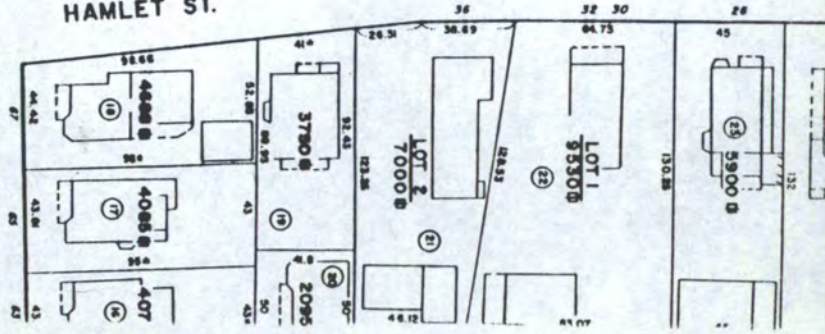
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BOSTON ST.

HAMLET ST.



Robert Munroe House
Garage
Walnut St.
Somerville (MRA), Mass.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Langmaid Building

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 9/18/89

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52. Langmaid Terrace

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53. Lockhardt, Charles H., House

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54. Loring, George, House

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55. Lovejoy, A.L., House

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56. Munroe, Robert, House

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57. Mystic Water Works

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58. Nichols, John F., House

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59. Niles, Louville V., House

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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 NAME: Munroe, Robert, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Somerville MPS

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: 89001294

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 _____

Date _____



37 Walnut

1. 37 Walnut street
2. Somerville, ^{MA} MA
3. C. Zelle
4. 1984
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking east
7. # 176

Monroe, Robert, Hase

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253