

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. C'port	Form no. CPT IIC9
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1. Town Cambridge

Address 30-38 Pearl Street

Name Urban Rowhouses

Present use residential

Present owner (Please see other side)

3. Description:

Date 1874

Source assessor/deed records

Style Ruskinian Gothic/Panelled Brick

Architect anonymous

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features brick ornamentation

(red and black bricks); steeply pitched mansard roof.

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre

Approximate frontage 100 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

8 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

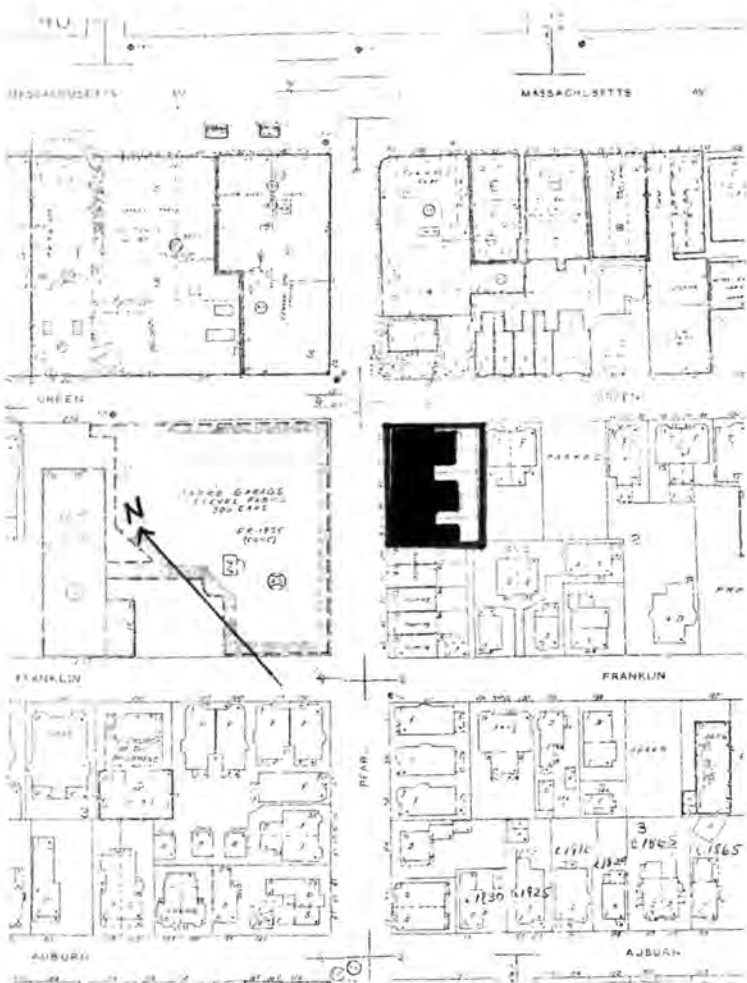
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1965

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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7. Original owner (if known) Hiram A. Gerrish

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)

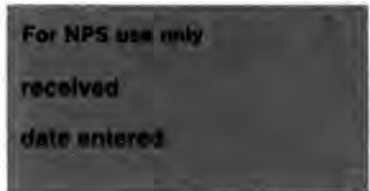
This important grouping of urban rowhouses was built in 1874, striking a clearly urban note. This type of dwelling resulted from the growing pressure for housing and the need for denser land occupation. Their continuous street facades and masonry appearance created a streetscape very different from that produced by the surrounding detached wooden houses. The houses feature elements of the Panel Brick style, with red and black bricks creating ornamental banding, a distinctive ornamentation popular in the 1870s. All five houses in the grouping are crowned by a steeply pitched mansard roof in order to provide a more serviceable headroom in the attic story.

Present owners; 30 Pearl Street: Edward D. Cacciola Jr.
32 Pearl Street: Bruce E. Mohl
34 Pearl Street: Trustees of H. & M. Trust -
Harold Gilboard, Malcolm I.
Kates.
36 Pearl Street: Hessie M. Kearney
38 Pearl Street: Loretta M. Stickels

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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

51. Read, Cheney, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

52. Reardon, Edmund, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

53. River Street Firehouse

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

54. Sands, Ivory, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

55. Senior House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION ✓

Keeper

Rejected 4-13-82

Attest

56. South Row

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Rejctd 4-13-82

Attest

57. Urban Rowhouse (40-48 Pearl St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

58. Urban Rowhouse (30-38 Pearl St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brasham 4.13.82

Attest

59. Urban Rowhouse (26-32 River St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Thomas H. Dwyer 6-30-82

Attest

60. Valentine Soap Workers Cottages
(5-7 Cottage St.)

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

Thomas H. Dwyer 6-30-82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Urban Rowhouses (Cambridge Multiple Resource Area) - 30-38 Pearl Working No. 11-14-82-2862
 State, County: MA - Middlesex Fed. Reg. Date: _____
 Federal Agency: _____ Date Due: 4-17-82
 Action: ACCEPT 4/13/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

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

photos
 maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Significant rowhouse examples - utilizing back - should be considered with other Pearl street houses

Recom./Criteria IC
 Reviewer Branham
 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGT 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



URBAN ROWHOUSE
26-32 RIVER STREET

CHC 1196-18

Cambridge MA, Ma



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NOV 14 1980

Urban Rowhouses

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Cambridge MRA, Ma

26-32 River St.

1104-8A

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: _____ 64000275