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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Somerville MRA

Address 67 Thurston Street

Historic Name Otis/Wyman House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1883

Source Map Research

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric aluminum on asphalt

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition fair/good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Northeast corner of Thurston & Evergreen, residential neighborhood near main commercial routes of Broadway and Medford St.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date June 1986

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

UTM REFERENCE Z E N 19 - 327/350 - 4695/220

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Otis House is a well detailed Queen Anne style residence whose successive owners, William Otis and Charles Wyman, the businessmen and other professionals who moved into the Winter Hill section of Somerville in the late-19th century. The house retains integrity of location, design, workmanship, and association and fulfills Criteria A and 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 Otis Wyman House is an exceptional example of the Queen Anne style in Somerville. Despite two layers of siding, the house retains much of its original decorative trim, including pressed and carved wooden ornament, foliated bargeboard, a second story balcony resting on consoles. The picturesque asymmetrical roofline with numerous hooded dormers and varied window size and placement is typical of the Queen Anne style.

Much original material survives intact on the interior, including plaster cornices and ceiling medallions and Minton tile fireplace surrounds.

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

The Otis/Wyman House was the first built on this block of Thurston Street after the area was subdivided by mustard and spice manufacturers in the early 1880s. Thurston Street developed with attractive Queen Anne and Colonial Revival style houses built by speculators for Somerville businessmen. William R. Otis a cabinetmaker, was the owner of the nominated property in 1884. By 1897, it was the residence of Charles B. Wyman, a restaurant owner.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1874, 1884.
Samuels, E. Somerville Past and Present, 1897.

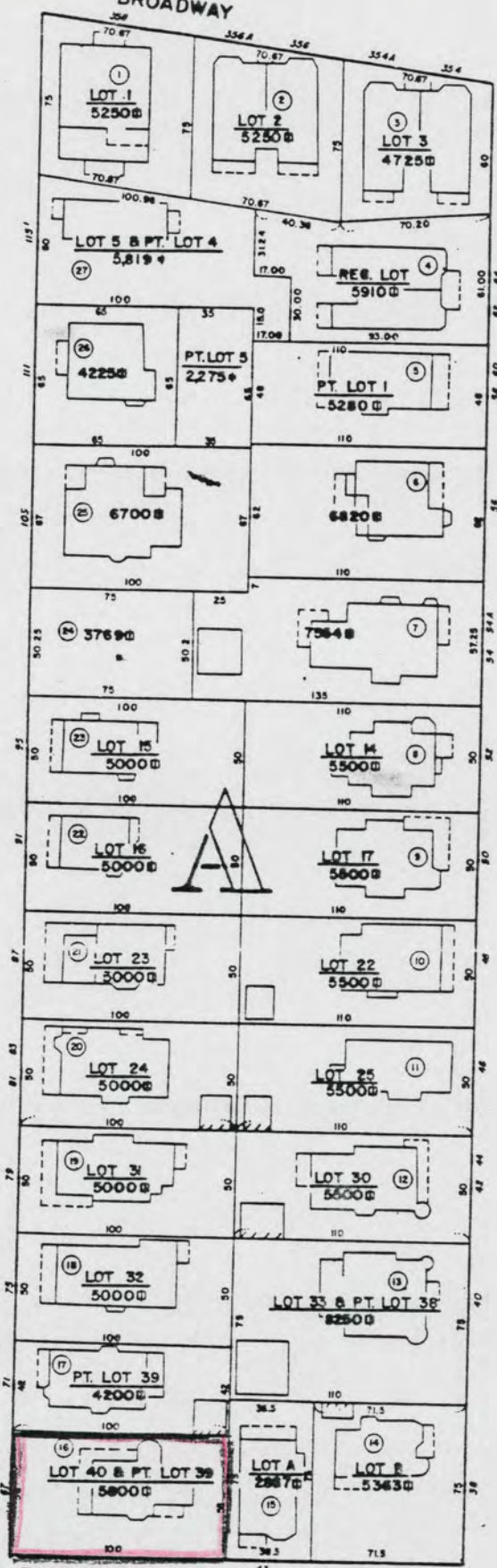
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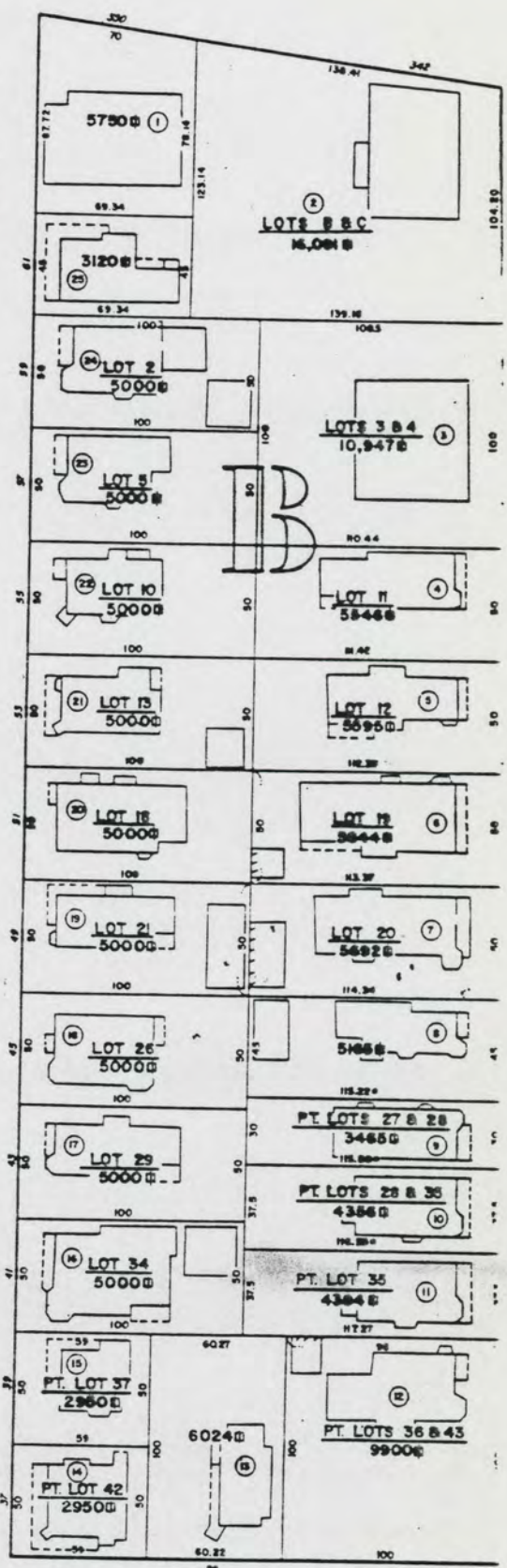
THURSTON ST.

BROADWAY

DARTMOUTH ST.



EVERGREEN AVE.



Otis/Wyman House
67 Thurston st.
Somerville (URA), Mass.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Somerville MPS
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
61. Old Cemetery Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
62. Otis--Wyman House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
63. Parker--Burnett House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
64. Prescott, Gustavus G., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
65. Russell, Philemon, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
66. Russell, Susan, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
67. Schuebeler, Charles, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
68. Snow, Lemuel, Jr., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
69. Somerville High School Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____
70. Somerville Journal Building Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Albion Byrum 9/18/89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Otis--Wyman 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: 89001289

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:

HOWARD
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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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



1. 67 Thurston Street
2. Somerville, MA
3. C. Zellie
4. 1984
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking north
7. #171

67 Things to see
Otis-Wyman House

Somerville MA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253