

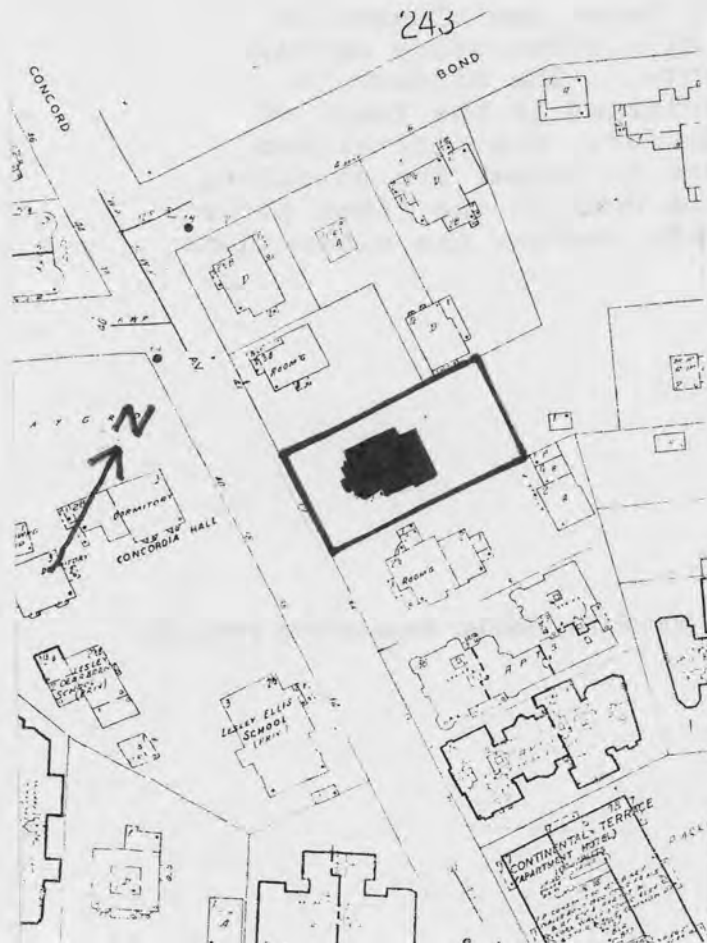
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb.	<u>∞</u> IIB17

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1099-9

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Cambridge
Address 37 Concord Avenue
Name William Dean Howells House
Present use residential

Present owner Alice L. & Sylvia W. Moor
(Winchester, MA)
3. Description:
Date 1873
Source deed records
Style Mansard
Architect Mrs. William Dean Howells
Exterior wall fabric wood
Outbuildings (describe) -----
Other features Mansard style with
beveled stickwork, particularly
around front porch.
Altered Yes- additions Date 1914
Moved No Date -----
5. Lot size:
One acre or less XX Over one acre
Approximate frontage 70 feet
Approximate distance of building from street
30 feet
6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
Date 1964
UTM-LEXINGTON
19/324860/4693960

Assessor #215-14

7. Original owner (if known) William Dean Howells

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Number 37 Concord Avenue was the home of William Dean Howells. Howell's wife designed the house and supervised its construction in 1872-73.

A two-story Mansard, the house was altered in 1914 with the addition of a three-story section to the rear for apartments. The windows in the mansard were also enlarged in the front of the house to a double dormer. All alterations were done with great care to repeat the detailing such as the bevelled stick work on the first floor. Architect R.C. Groverstein oversaw the alterations and addition.

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

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

111. * Mason, W. A., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Doyle 6-30-83

Attest

112. Building at 259 Mount Auburn Street

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Doyle 6-30-83

Attest

113. Howells, William Dean, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brahm 4-13-82

Attest

114. Mount Auburn Cemetery Reception House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Doyle 6-30-83

Attest

115. Mount Auburn Hospital - Main Building

Determined Eligible

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Bruce L. Doyle 6-30-83

Attest

116. Higginson, Colonel Thomas Wentworth, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brahm 4-13-82

Attest

117. Noyes, J. A., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Brahm 4-13-82

Attest

118. Coolidge, Josiah, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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119. Orne, Sarah, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Doyle 6-30-83

Attest

120 Hooper-Eliot House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce L. Doyle 6-30-83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Howells, William Dean House
State, County: Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
Federal Agency: MA, Middlesex

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
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:

The statement of significance should briefly mention Howell's significance, but in light of his obvious impact on American literature as a leading writer/editor/literary critic in the late 19th/early 20th century, we can accept this.

Recom./Criteria accept - A
Reviewer Patrick Andrews Braham
Discipline Historian
Date 4/16/82
☐ 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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name County, State	Multiple Property Name	Reference Number
Howells, William Dean, House Middlesex County, Massachusetts	Cambridge MRA	82001949

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

☐ Nomination Form

☒ Photographs

☐ USGS Map

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275