

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. NW CAMB.	Form no. NWC IIC8
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1106-4A

1. Town Cambridge

Address 59 Rice Street

Name Greek Revival Cottage

Present use residential

Present owner Alice C. Monahan
(Lexington, Mass.)

3. Description:

Date 1847

Source deed records

Style Greek Revival

Architect Samuel Wright - housewright

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features full Greek Revival pedi-
ment and entablature, original fluted
columns set under gable, original
pedimented dormers on left side.

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 50 feet

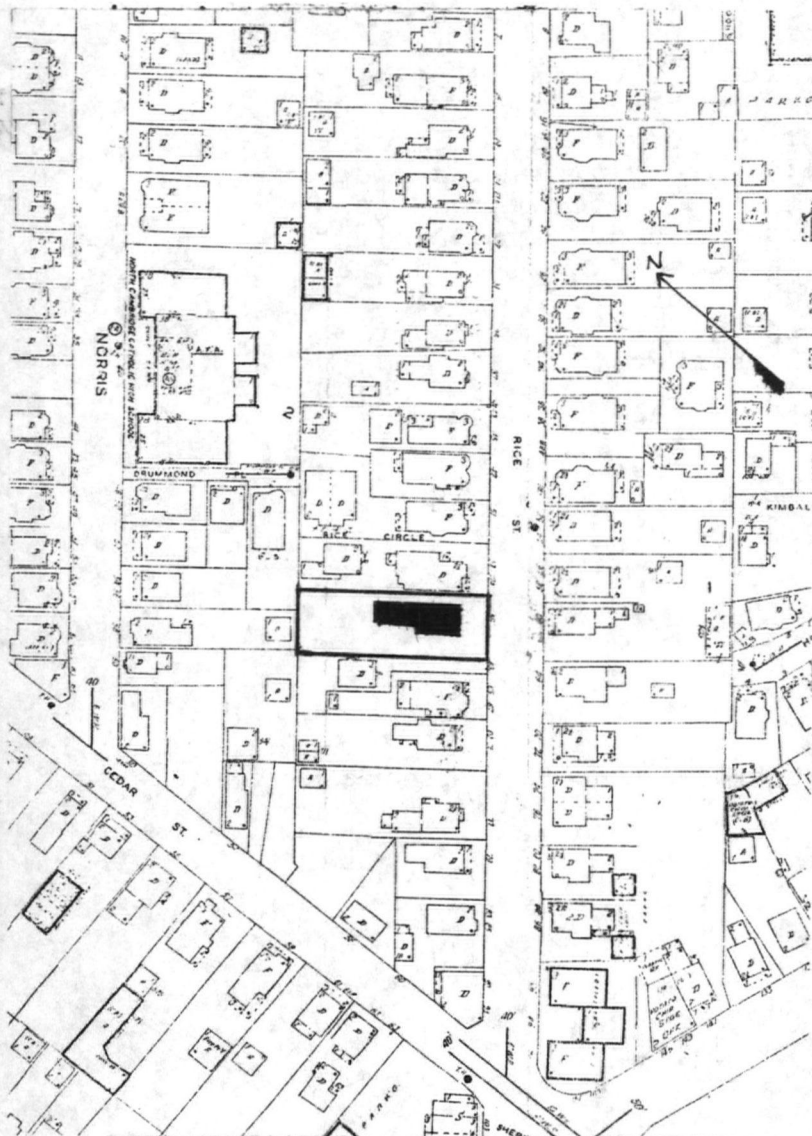
Approximate distance of building from street

20 feet

6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm

Date 1972



UTM-LEXINGTON
19/324650/4695530

7. Original owner (if known) Samuel J. Wright

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The house at 59 Rice Street is the finest Greek Revival house in Northwest Cambridge and one of the best-preserved porticoed cottages in the city. Carefully maintained and correctly painted white on grey, this house was designed in 1847 as a speculative venture by Samuel Wright, a local carpenter. The house has a naive quality, its heavy pedimented gable protruding over a front porch consisting of three thin Doric columns arranged in an asymmetrical pattern to frame the entrance.

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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date entered

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
151. Day, Anna, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
152. Kingsley, Chester, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
153. Watson, Abraham, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
154. Wyeth Brickyard Superintendent's House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
155. Greek Revival Cottage <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
156. ✓ St. James Episcopal Church <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>Wm. Lee Dwyer 6.30.83</u> Attest _____
157. Kidder-Sargent-McCrehan House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
158. Henderson Carriage Repository <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
159. Soule, Lawrence, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
160. Wyeth-Smith House <i>Substantive Review</i>	✓ Keeper <u>William H. Brackham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Greek Revival Cottage (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 _____

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

photos 1
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The finest example in N.W. Cambridge

Recom./Criteria C
Reviewer Braham
Discipline Arch/His
Date 4.5.82
 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 excellent deteriorated good fair
 ruins unexposed
Check one unaltered altered
Check one 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 _____

UMT 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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Cambridge MA, Ma

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Greek Revival Cottage

59 Rice 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