

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

Form numbers in this area Old Cambridge	Area no. OC I.11
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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1. Town Cambridge

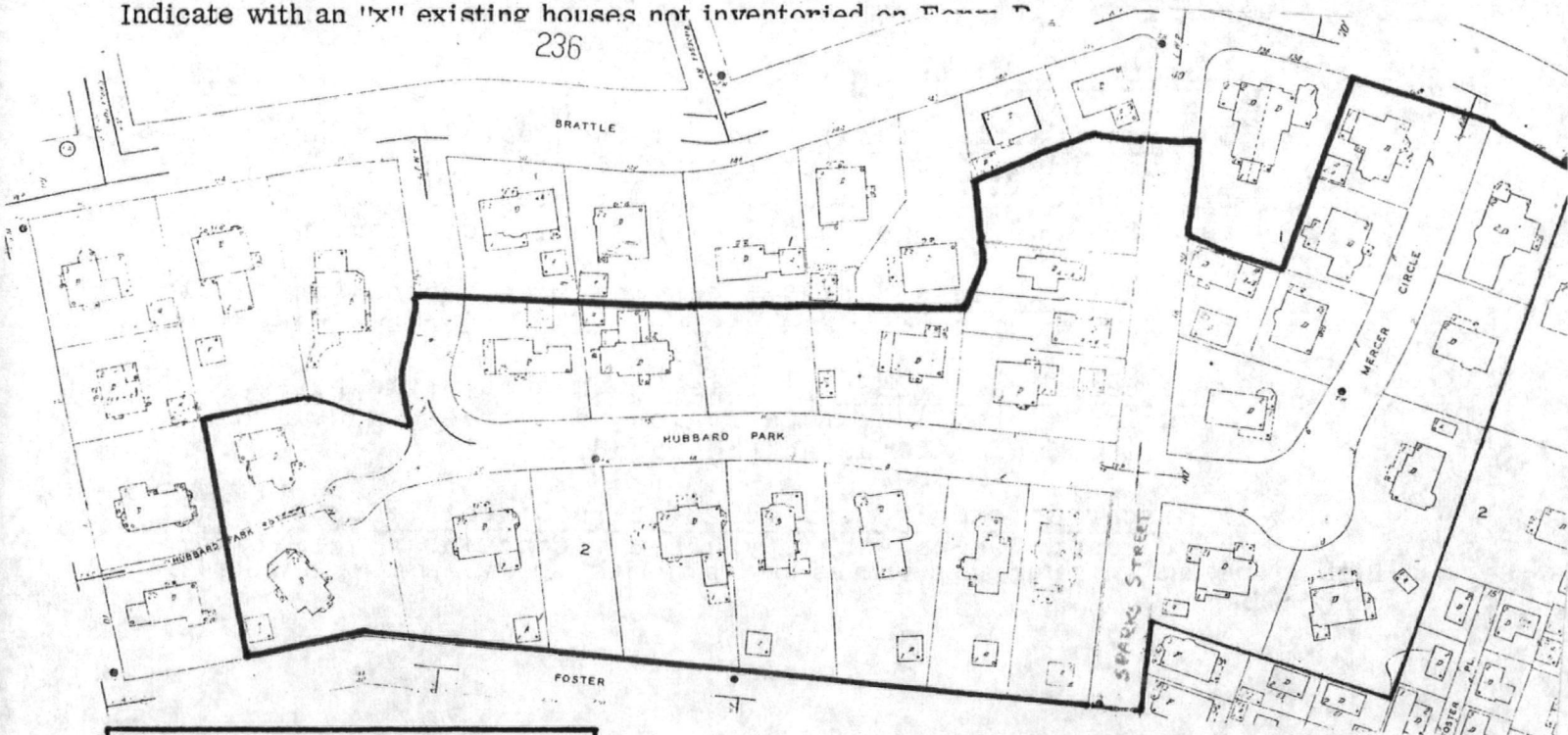
Name of area (if any) Hubbard Park

National Register District

3. General date or period 1886-1907

4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? Yes, Queen Anne and Col. Rev.
in condition? Yes, excellent.
in type of ownership? Yes, all private
in use? Yes, residential

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting
Susan Maycock
Organization Cambridge Historical Com.
Date 1967

6.815 Acres

(over)

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7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

Hubbard Park was a 6-acre estate reserved by Gardiner Hubbard for his mansion at 146 Brattle Street, built in 1850. Beginning in 1886, Hubbard had leading architects of the day design a ring of fine houses connected by a sweeping driveway around the periphery of the park, which gave the grounds a dignified unity and screened off the poorer Foster Street neighborhood to the south. Although Hubbard's mansion at 146 Brattle Street was demolished in 1939, its grounds survive as Hubbard Park, completed in present form by 1907. The unusual aspect of the Hubbard development is that neither the expensive nor the modest portion was exploited with the aggressive rapidity of most real estate promotion. Hubbard seemed to keep the property as a kind of plaything, with a limited amount of development underway, even after he moved to Washington, D.C. in 1879. A civic-minded, progressive citizen, he was responsible for many important local improvements, among them the Cambridge Gas Company in 1852, the promotion of the waterworks between 1852 and 1865, and the financing in 1856 of the first horse-car company in Boston - that which ran the line to Harvard Square. Hubbard was later associated with his son-in-law, Alexander Graham Bell, in setting up the nation's first telephone company, and was also the founder of the National Geographic Society.

Significant Buildings

1. 3 Mercer Circle (1885). One of the best Queen Anne houses in Cambridge, its picturesque elements include a deep front porch with turned posts, a variety of surface textures and irregular window size and location.
 2. 4 Mercer Circle (1885). This asymmetrical Queen Anne house has numerous gables and varied window size and placement.
 3. 8 Mercer Circle (1885). This Queen Anne style house occupies a prominent location on the street, and is of key importance to the neighborhood.
 4. 1 Mercer Circle [a.k.a. 130 Brattle Street] (1886). This picturesque Queen Anne style house contains a variety of
8. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

- gables and projecting wings and utilizes abundant Queen Anne decorative detail. It was designed by Hill & James, architects.
5. 6 Mercer Circle (1886). One of the earliest and simplest of the houses in the Hubbard development, its noteworthy features include the wrap-around segmental-arched porch and wavy, imbricated shingle pattern in the gable.
 6. 9 Mercer Circle [132 Brattle Street] (1886). This Queen Anne house designed by the firm of Andrews & Jacques has a number of picturesque elements, including a polygonal tower, projecting eaves, and three brick chimneys with corbelled caps and thin vertical chases.
 7. 3 Hubbard Park (1887). This gambrel-roofed structure was designed by the firm of Cabot & Chandler in the Queen Anne style.
 8. 5 Mercer Circle (1887). Architects Andrews & Jacques designed this shingle-covered Queen Anne house.
 9. 8 Hubbard Park (1888). An exuberant Queen Anne design by Cabot & Chandler, has cross gables and an octagonal tower.
 10. 32 Hubbard Park (1890). This Queen Anne house has a gable-on-hip roof and wall covering of wood shingles.
 11. 14 Hubbard Park (1892). The well-known firm of Longfellow, Alden & Harlow (designers of City Hall) designed this handsome Colonial Revival house. The gabled center pavilion contains an oculus window, a Palladian motif and the columned entrance portico.
 12. 20 Hubbard Park (1892). Also a Colonial Revival house designed by the firm of Longfellow, Alden & Harlow. The symmetrical three-bay composition is anchored by a projecting pedimented portico.
 13. 26 Hubbard Park (1894). Architect F.R. Allen designed this Queen Anne/Tudor Revival house. Its Medieval features include the diamond-paned stair windows and elaborately half-timbered end gables.
 14. 2 Mercer Circle (1894). Architect J.T. Kelley designed this Queen Anne house which features stuccoed and half-timbered cross gables.

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15. Lillian Nutting House, 12 Hubbard Park (1908). This cross-gabled Tudor Revival house of shingle and stucco was designed by architect Edward B. Stratton.
16. 2 Hubbard Park (1909). This late Queen Anne style residence with stained wood shingles was designed by the firm of Morrill & Kilham.
17. Revel W. Beach House, 19 Hubbard Park (1913). This gambrel-roofed Colonial Revival house was designed by architect Allen W. Jackson. A pedimented porch with slender fluted columns is offset to the left. Beach was an Assistant Superintendent of University Press.
18. 15 Hubbard Park (1914). Newhall & Blevins designed this gabled Medieval Revival style house of stucco. Wide, flattened bow windows flank the entrance.
19. George Paine House, 6 Hubbard Park (c.1918). The architect of this stucco-covered Colonial Revival house is not known.
20. John L. Warren House, 5 Hubbard Park (1922). Notable features of this Georgian Revival house are the projecting entrance vestibule, sun porch and double doors. This was residence of John L. Warren, a Boston attorney.
21. William F. Harris House, 7 Mercer Circle (1922). This simple three-bay, stucco-covered house in the Colonial Revival style is distinguished by its handsome Ionic entrance porch and gable roof of slate. William Harris was a professor on the Harvard faculty.

The Hubbard Park National Register District includes all of Hubbard Park and Mercer Circle and portions of Sparks Street. (see Cambridge Community Development P.D. Quad 12). Boundaries were chosen to include properties formed out of the estate of Gardiner Hubbard.

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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only received 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

- 21. Harvard Houses Historic District Keeper Patrick Andrews 9/12/86
22. Harvard Square Historic District Keeper William H. Brahan 4.13.82
23. Old Harvard Yard Historic District (Boundary increase) Keeper Harvard 6/10/82
24. Old Cambridge Historic District Keeper Anne Han 6/30/89
25. Winthrop Square Historic District Keeper Harvard 6/10/82
26. Hubbard Park Historic District Keeper William H. Brahan 4.13.82
27. Fresh Pond Historic District Keeper Reject 4.13.82
28. American Net and Twine Company Factory Entered in the National Register Keeper Dolores Byers 4/1/82
29. Athenaeum Press Substantive Review Keeper William H. Brahan 4.13.82
30. Barnes, James B., House Substantive Review Keeper William A. Brahan 4.13.82

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Hubbard Park Historic District
(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 3
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Significant ~~as~~ for associations with Gardiner Hubbard and as a planned development containing fine examples of Queen Anne and Colonial Revival houses

Recom./Criteria B+C
Reviewer Braham
Discipline Arch/HS
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 ruins fair 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 _____

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 _____

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



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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