

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. Mid-Camb.	Form no. MC IIB23
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1. Town Cambridge

Address 67 Kirkland Street

Francis J. Child House

use residential

title owner Frances E. Misho

option:

861

source deed/records

style Mansard

architect unknown

exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features small Mansard with jig-
saw cornice, acorn drops in pro-
jecting bay above porch.

Altered Yes - windows Date unknown

Moved No remodelled Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less xx Over one acre -----

Approximate frontage 100 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

85 feet

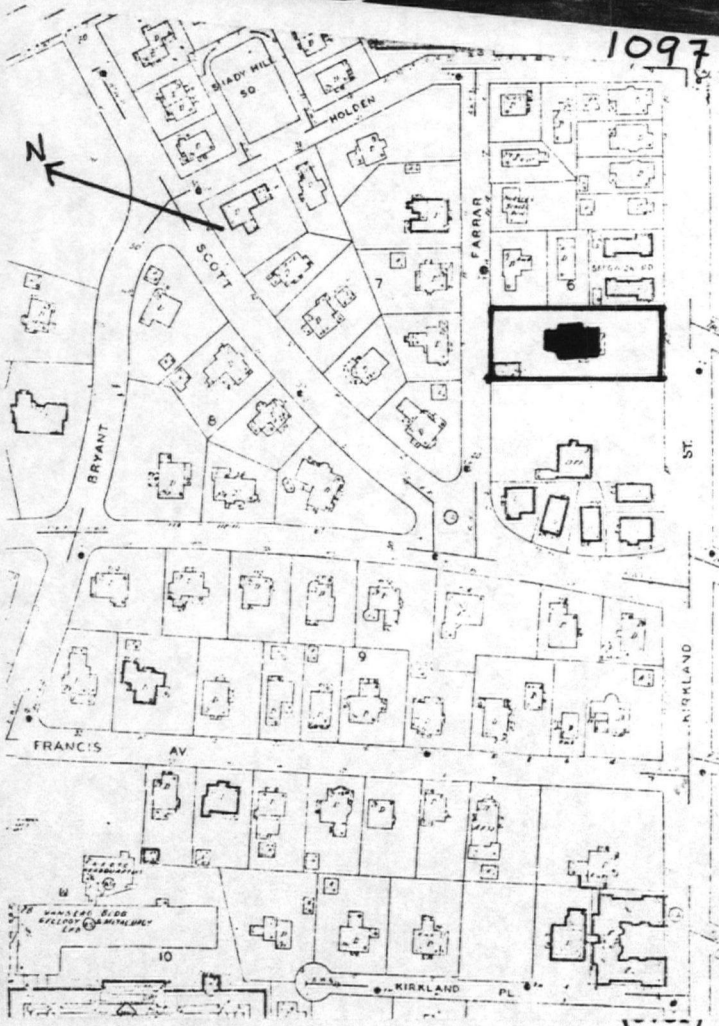
6. Recorded by Antoinette Downing

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1967

UTM-BOSTON NORTH

19/326260/4693700



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7. Original owner (if known) Francis J. Child

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)

Number 67 Kirkland Street is located in the Shady Hill neighborhood of Cambridge and is adjacent to Number 61, the former home of Charles W. Eliot, past President of Harvard. Built in 1861, the building features hexagonal slates in the curved lower mansard roof and a full front porch. The porch has chamfered posts, and the dormers above are topped by jigsaw cornice boards. The building retains its original clapboard siding, and is set back from the road amidst numerous trees and shrubs.

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Francis J. Child House
(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
 RETURN 4/13/82
 REJECT

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

photos
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*No statement of significance -
Why is this structure architecturally
significant?*

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Braunam
Discipline Arch. Historian
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 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 _____

USIT 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 Pat Andrews

Signed Bill Bravham Date 4/13/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

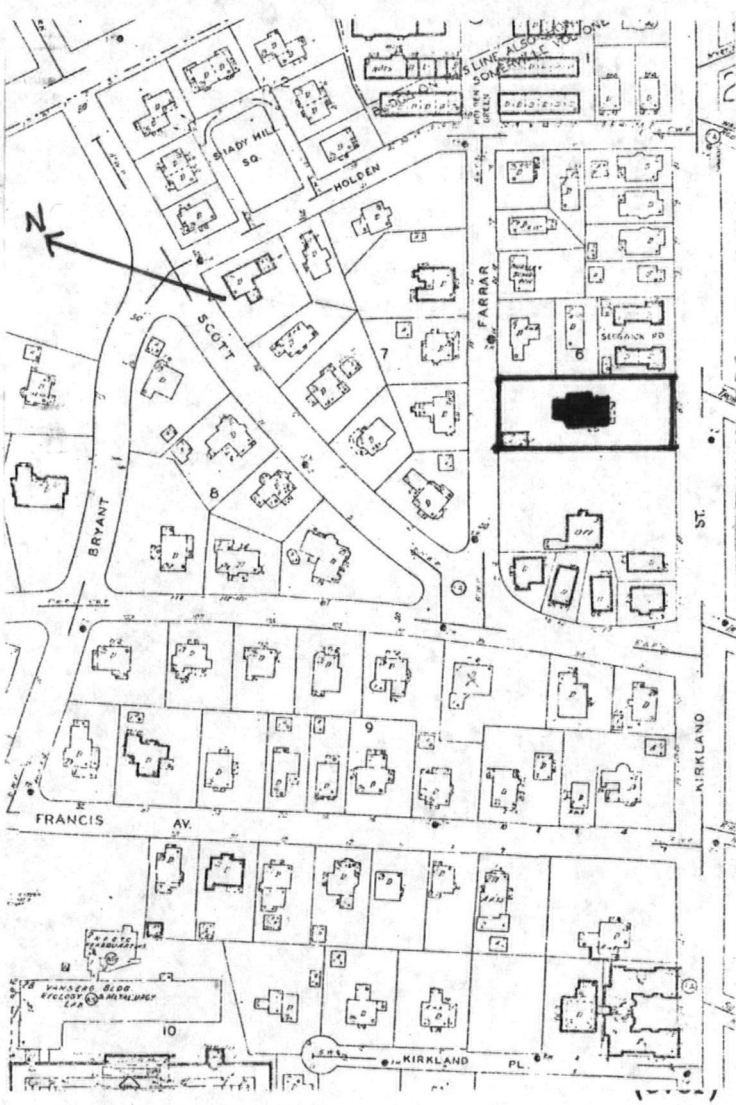
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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Mid-Camb.	MC IIB23

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 1097-36



1. Town Cambridge
 Address 67 Kirkland Street
 Name Francis J. Child House
 Present use residential

Present owner Frances E. Misho

3. Description:
 Date 1861

Source deed/records

Style Mansard

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features small Mansard with jig-saw cornice, acorn drops in projecting bay above porch.

Altered Yes - windows remodelled Date unknown

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less XX Over one acre -----
 Approximate frontage 100 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street 85 feet

6. Recorded by Antoinette Downing
 Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
 Date 1967

ASSESSOR # 146A-37

UTM-BOSTON NORTH
19/326260/4693700

7. Original owner (if known) Francis J. Child

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	<u>XX</u>				

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

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

The Francis J. Child House is architecturally significant for its interesting combination of the Mansard style with the applied gothic decoration one might find in an A. J. Downing cottage.

According to Report Two: Mid Cambridge [1860-63] of the Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, "Mansard roofs appeared frequently on smaller houses of the period, especially on one-story cottages. Providing a full second story, the mansard increased the space and comfort of these modest dwellings" (p. 71). The Child House is composed of two mansard roofed blocks, each one symmetrically arranged but both combined to form an asymmetrical massing. This arrangement is somewhat unusual for the early 1860's which tended to favor more formal organizations.

Cottage architecture at this time was heavily influenced by the books of A. J. Downing such as Cottage Residences (1842) and The Architecture of Country Houses (1850). Downing's theories on cottage design incorporated the picturesque aesthetic characterized by elements of irregularity, roughness, and variety. Also important were the integration of the house with its natural setting and the use of ornament to animate the cottage facade. Elements of this design influence may be seen at 67 Kirkland Street. The jigsaw-cut cornice boards are a common cottage decorative feature. The veranda is an important means of linking the house to its surroundings and the tall chimney stacks and slender porch posts enliven the facade and add to its variety.

The Francis J. Child House meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
101. Harvard Graduate Center DOE/OWNER OBJECTION	Keeper <u>Ret 6/10/82</u> Attest <u>Harvard</u>
102. Child, Francis J., House Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>Francis J. Child 6.30.83</u> Attest _____
103. Hill, Aaron, House Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>Aaron Hill 6.30.82</u> Attest _____
104. Cook, William, House Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
105. Building at 10 Follen Street Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
106. Hall Tavern Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>Francis J. Child 6.30.83</u> Attest _____
107. Cloverden (Mann House) Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>Francis J. Child 6.30.83</u> Attest _____
108. The Fairfax DOE/OWNER OBJECTION	Keeper <u>Ret 6/10/82</u> Attest <u>Harvard</u>
109. Larches, The Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>William H. Bracham 4.13.82</u> Attest _____
110. Holmes, Joseph, House Substantive Review ✓	Keeper <u>Francis J. Child 6.30.83</u> Attest _____

Child, Francis J., House (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County,
MA

Working No. 11.14.80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: ~~5/13/83~~ 7/4/83

Action: ACCEPT 6/20/83
 RETURN
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Shown to be significant as a
example of a mansard roofed
house with Downing style influence.
Context could have been better.*

Recom./Criteria accept/c

Reviewer N. D. [unclear]

Discipline A.H.

Date 6.30.83

see continuation sheet

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2. Location

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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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unspoiled		

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- context *SEE COMMENT*
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- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Address of nominated property _____

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_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

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- Photographs
- Other

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

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Child, Francis J., House
Cambridge MA, Ma

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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