

FORM B - BUILDING

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

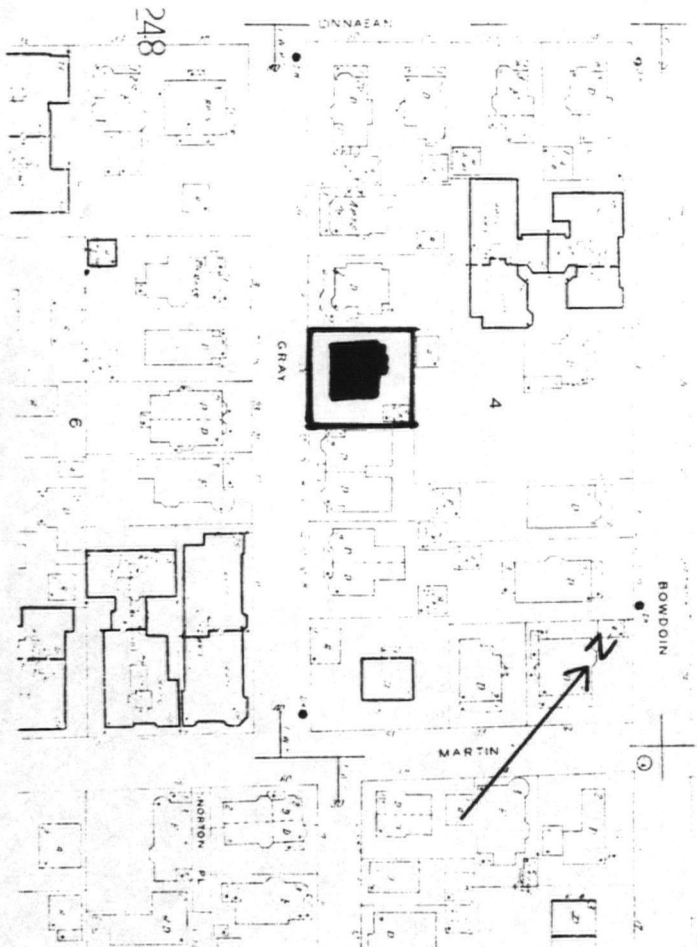
In Area no. Old Camb.	Form no. <u>OC</u> IIB7
--------------------------	-------------------------------



Cambridge
26 Gray Street
David Frost House
residential
David & Erika Mumford
1815
deed records
Federal

1105-1

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



Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wood
 Outbuildings (describe) -----
 Other features four-room, center hall plan, simple entrance with elliptical fan, capped with cornice.
 Altered Yes Date 1889
 Moved Yes Date 1889

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less XX Over one acre
 Approximate frontage 62 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street 15 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting
 Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
 Date 1964

UTM - BOSTON NORTH
 19/325260/4694300

ASSESSOR #165-70 NOV 14 1980

7. Original owner (if known) Elizabeth Frost

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

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)

Moved from 1705 Massachusetts Avenue to its present site in 1889, the David Frost house is much earlier than its neighbors. The large chimneys, hip roof, symmetrical proportions, and fan-lighted entrance are characteristic of Federal architecture of the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The windows are fairly close to the cornice. The original 6/6 sash has been replaced by 2/2 sash.

David Frost was a painter and glazier and was the son of the original owner Elizabeth Frost. Three years earlier, his mother had built the house next door which she used as an income producing property.

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Frost David, 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 1
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Please provide a statement of architectural significance / context

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Brayman
Discipline Arch. Hts
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		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"/> unexposed		

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 Andrus

Signed Bravhan Date 4.2.82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. Old Camb.	Form no. <u>OC</u> IIB7
--------------------------	-------------------------------

1. Town Cambridge
 Address 26 Gray Street
 Name David Frost House
 Present use residential

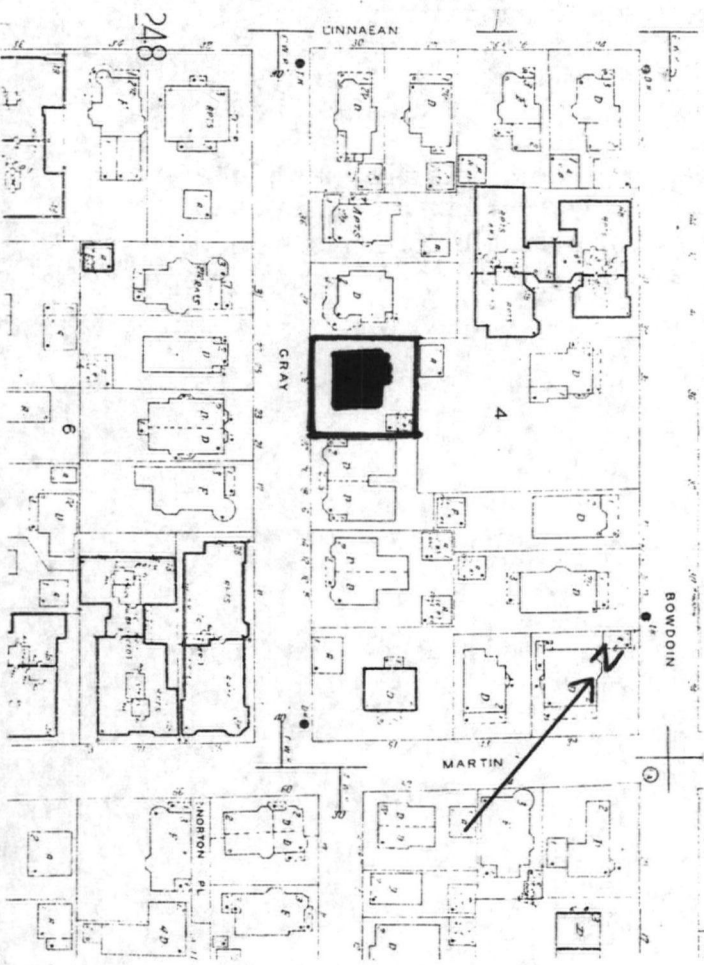
2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
 Staple to left side of form
 Photo number 1105-1

Present owner David & Erika Mumford

3. Description:
 Date 1815
 Source deed records
 Style Federal

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

Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wood
 Outbuildings (describe) -----
 Other features four-room, center hall
 plan, simple entrance with ellip-
 tical fan, capped with cornice.
 Altered Yes Date 1889
 Moved Yes Date 1889



5. Lot size:
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 62 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
15 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting
 Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
 Date 1964

UTM - BOSTON NORTH
 19/325260/4694300

ASSESSOR #165-70 NOV 14 1980

7. Original owner (if known) Elizabeth Frost

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

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)

Moved from 1705 Massachusetts Avenue to its present site in 1889, the David Frost house is much earlier than its neighbors. The large chimneys, hip roof, symmetrical proportions, and fan-lighted entrance are characteristic of Federal architecture of the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The windows are fairly close to the cornice. The original 6/6 sash has been replaced by 2/2 sash.

David Frost was a painter and glazier and was the son of the original owner Elizabeth Frost. Three years earlier, his mother had built the house next door which she used as an income producing property.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Old Cambridge	Form No: OC II.B.7
Property Name: David Frost House	

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

The David Frost House is an important surviving structure from the period between the end of the Revolutionary War and the suburbanization of Old Cambridge that followed the establishment of high frequency public transportation in 1826. During this period practically all new investment and construction took place in the new settlements at East Cambridge and Cambridgeport, while Old Cambridge essentially stagnated. Apart from the college, the primary economic activity in Old Cambridge at this time was truck farming, and North (now Massachusetts) Avenue was sparsely settled with modest farmhouses and tenant houses. This period ended abruptly with the opening of the railroad station at Porter Square in 1843 and the establishment of a horse car route from Porter Square to Harvard Square in 1856. Massachusetts Avenue immediately became the most prestigious address in Cambridge for the Boston businessmen looking for a spacious avenue on which to build a suburban showplace, and several modest houses were moved off the Avenue to make room. In the case of the David Forst House, relocation came in 1889 to provide a site for 1705 Massachusetts Avenue, a large Colonial Revival house, by the architectural firm of Van Brunt & Howe. The Frost House was moved west of the neighborhood to a more modest neighborhood then in the process of development.

The Frost House is significant under Criterion A for its role in the development of the North Avenue section of Cambridge, and as representative of a period in Cambridge history when little other building took place. It is also significant under Criterion C as a modest vernacular example of Federal period architecture in Cambridge.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

Page 14 of 17

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 131. ^{located 10/74} Conventual Church of St. Mary and St. John
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper William H. Brachman 4.13.82
Attest _____
- 132. Second Cambridge Savings Bank Building
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Paul H. Doyl 6.30.83
Attest _____
- 133. Frost, David, House
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Paul H. Doyl 6.30.83
Attest _____
- 134. Howe House Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Paul H. Doyl 6.30.83
_{written 413}
Attest _____
- 135. Lowell, The Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Paul H. Doyl 6.30.83
Attest _____
- 136. Willis, Stillman, House Substantive Review ✓ Keeper William H. Brachman 4.13.82
Attest _____
- 137. Second Waterhouse House Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Paul H. Doyl 6.30.83
Attest _____
- ^{SEAS TOWER -}
138. Harvard Observatory
_{owner objection withdrawn} ~~DOE/OWNER OBJECTION~~
Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Caree D. Skell 2-26-87
Attest Betty L. Sarge 2-26-87
- 139. Almshouse Substantive Review ✓ Keeper William H. Brachman 4.13.82
Attest _____
- 140. Lovell Block Substantive Review ✓ Keeper Paul H. Doyl 6.30.83
Attest _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Frost, David, House (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MA

Working No. 11.14.80-2862

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 7/4/83

Action: ACCEPT 6/30/83

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Architectural significance weak to
accept under criteria C
but is eligible under A*

Recom./Criteria A/accept

Reviewer [Signature]

Discipline 6.30.83

Date A.H.

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
<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"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity

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



1105-1

NOV 14 1980

Frost, David, House

Cambridge MA, Ma

3810

26 Gray St.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275