

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Secretary, State House, Boston

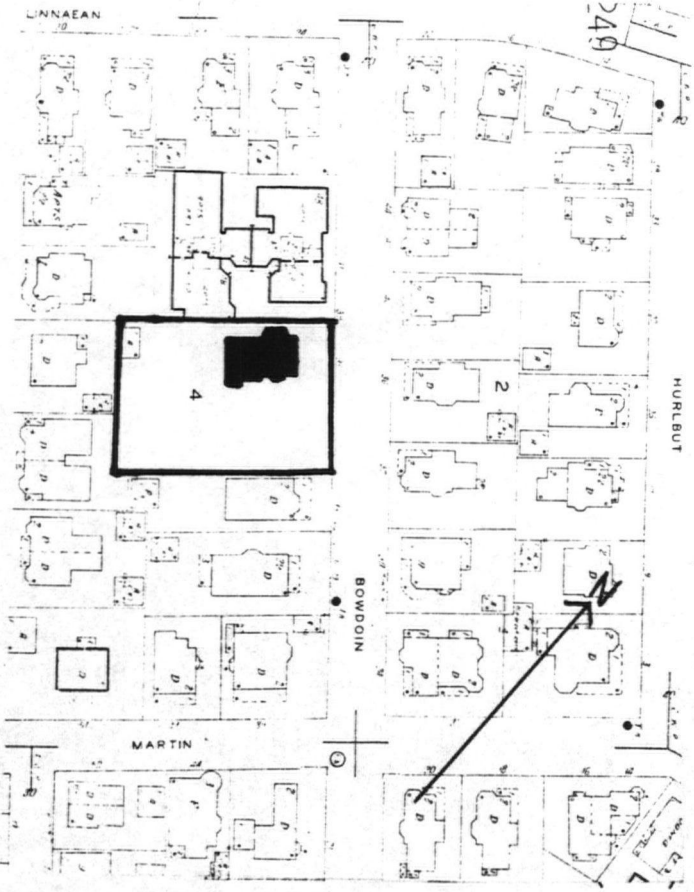
In Area no.	Form no.
Old Camb..	OC IIB6



Cambridge
35 Bowdoin Street
Elizabeth Frost Tenant House
 present use residential
 present owner Cynthia Heath & Edwin S. Sunderland, Jr.
 description:
1812, 1942-50
 source deed records
 e Federal

1104-37A

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



Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wood (clapboard)
 Outbuildings (describe) -----
 Other features very small structure in an unusually large lot, low hip roof, 6/6 windows
 Altered Yes- additions Date 1942-50
 Moved Yes Date 1840s

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less XX Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage .103 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street 30 feet

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

UTM - BOSTON NORTH
 19/325300/4694320

ASSESSOR # 165-86
 NOV 14 1980

7. Original owner (if known) Elizabeth Frost

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)

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The original owner was Elizabeth Frost whose husband, Gideon Frost, died before the house was completed. She rented out the house for 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

Frost, Elizabeth, Tenant House

Property: (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:

Nice enough structure but no statement of significance beyond age.

Return

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Branham

Discipline Arch/Historian

Date 4-13-82

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
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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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 _____

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 _____

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Adams

Signed Braverman 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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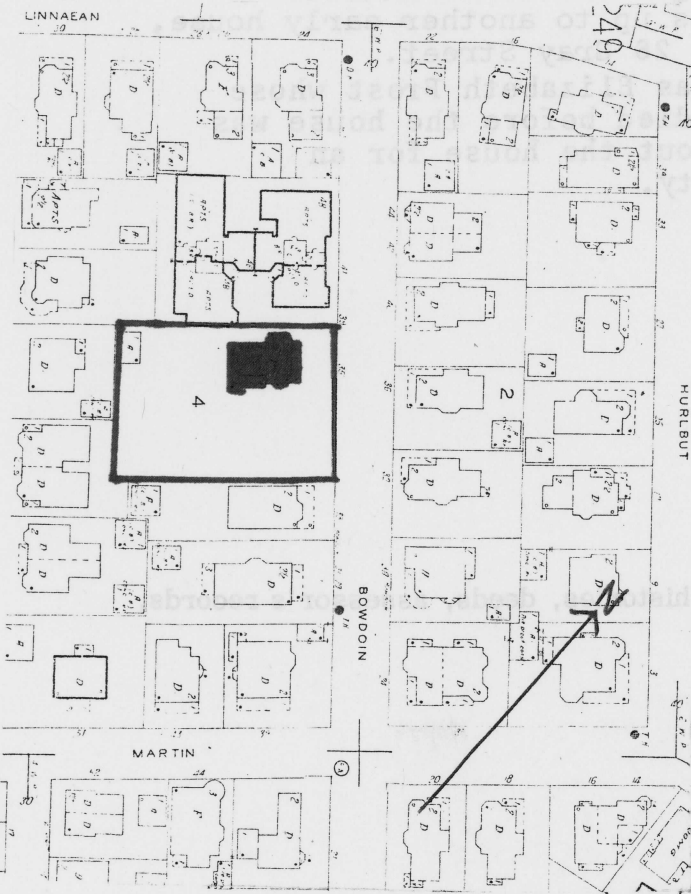
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Old Cambridge	Form No: OC II.B.6
Property Name: Elizabeth Frost Tenant House	

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

Built in 1812, the Elizabeth Frost Tenant House is associated with one of Cambridge's prominent early families, one which had already acquired extensive landholdings by 1800. The Frost House was built as rental property by Gideon Frost, who died before the construction was completed. The house was inherited by his wife Elizabeth, who had it moved to its present site on Bowdoin Street in 1846 from its original site at 1700 Massachusetts Avenue.

Gideon Frost was a fourth generation member of the Frost family, which had been established in Cambridge since 1700. Frost acquired his own estate in 1763, and his heirs retained possession of most of the property through the early decades of the nineteenth century. Frost's own house (c. 1753), known as the Frost-Waterhouse House, stands at 7 Waterhouse Street in the Cambridge Common N.R.D.

Bowdoin Street lies in the northernmost of the three master blocks which comprise the Lower Common district. The Lower Common was originally part of the Cambridge Cow Common, and is an area of about 63 acres that was divided in 1724 among the Proprietors into twenty parcels ranging from one to five and three-quarters acres. Many of the original boundaries can be distinguished in the present street layout of the area, particularly Bowdoin Street and the streets parallel to it. Bowdoin Street was laid out in 1842; several years later, in 1846, the Federal style Elizabeth Frost Tenant House was moved to its Bowdoin Street lot. The house, one of ten built between 1800-1833 which survive in Old Cambridge, is important as one of the few built during a relatively stagnant period in the history of this part of the City.

The Elizabeth Frost Tenant House is significant under Criterion A for its associations with the development of the North Avenue community, and under Criterion C as an important example of its type and style.

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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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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

121. Worcester, Frederick, House

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Bruce M. Boyd 6-30-83

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

122. Porcellian Club

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

123. Lowell School

Substantive Review

Keeper

William H. Bracham 4-13-82

Attest

124. Frost, Elizabeth, Tenanhouse

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce M. Boyd 6-30-83

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125. Wyeth, Augustus, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

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Attest

Harvard

126. Brattle Hall

Substantive Review

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127. Frost, Robert, House

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128. Stedman, Samuel, House

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Keeper

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Attest

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129. Mount Auburn Hospital -
Surgical Building

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130. Dodge, Edward, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
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Substantive Review

Frost, Elizabeth, Tenanthouse (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

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Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

THE HOUSE ILLUSTRATES EARLY DEVELOPMENT
OF THE AREA, BOTH IN ITS EARLY 19th APPEARANCE
AND ITS ^{LATER} RELOCATION AND REUSE.

Recom./Criteria ACCEPT A+C
Reviewer MARK DIXON
Discipline A-14
Date 6-30-83
see continuation sheet

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Cambridge MRA, 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