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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

| AREA | FORM NO. |
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| Winter Hill | 100 |

Town Somerville MRA

Address 12 Adams Street

Historic Name (First) Amos Keyes House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1860

Source Map Research

Style late Greek Revival/transitional

Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved from Central Street Date 1870

Acreage less than one acre

Setting The First Amos Keys House is located on the slope of a steep hill in the Winter Hill section of Somerville.

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north

See Attached Assessor's Map

UTM REFERENCE Z E N 19 - 327/020 - 4695/410

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The first Amos Keyes House retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association with Somerville's mid-19th century development, moved one block ten years after its construction. The house is among the best preserved residences of the period in this section of northcentral Somerville. It is a well executed example of the transition from the Greek Revival to the Italianate and as such, fulfills Criterion C and Exception B of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

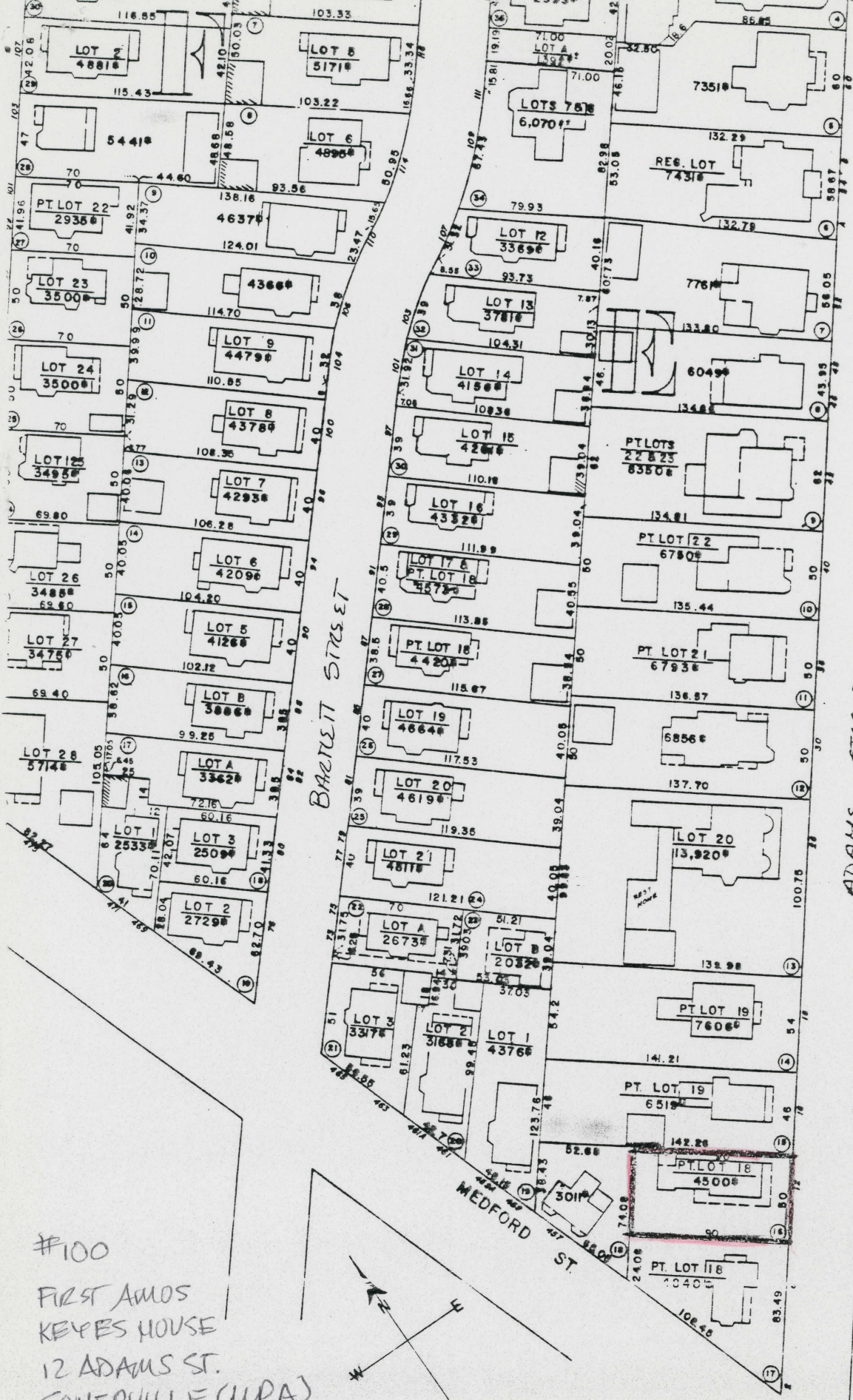
Together with the Adams-Locke House at 178 Central Street (#121), this residence remains among the outstanding mid-nineteenth century survivors of Winter Hill. The 3-bay house with sidehall plan has a sidelight entrance in its gable end. A fine Doric-columned single-story porch runs along the east (Adams Street) south elevations of the house. Floor-length windows at the first story are 6/9, while second-story windows are 6/6. A round-headed gable window effects the transition from Greek Revival to Italianate styling. The building is an excellent state of preservation.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Although Adams Street was platted ca. 1845, no construction occurred prior to the moving of this house in 1870. Originally built on Central Street by produce dealer Amos Keyes ca. 1860, 12 Adams was relocated one-block when Keyes built a high-style Second Empire residence on the Central Street site in 1870.

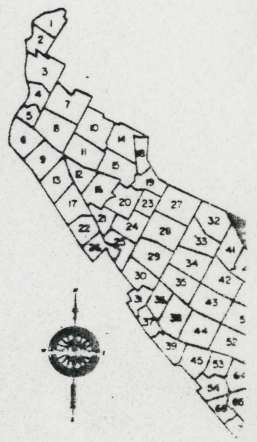
BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1874.
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- LEGEND
- CITY LINE
 - CENSUS TRACT LINE (#70)
 - PARCEL OR LOT LINE
 - STREET LINE
 - RIGHT OF WAY LINE
 - BLOCK LETTER
 - LOT NO.
 - PARCEL NO.
 - HOUSE STREET NO.
 - SQUARE FOOTAGE OF LOT (DIMENSION FROM DEED OR S

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#100
 FIRST AMOS
 KEYES HOUSE
 12 ADAMS ST.
 SOMERVILLE (URA),
 MASS

1" = 100'

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 RESEARCH BY: MICHA
 JULY 14, 1971

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Somerville MPS

State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

| Nomination/Type of Review | Date/Signature |
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| 42. House at 49 Vinal Avenue Entered in the National Register | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____ |
| 43. House at 5 Prospect Hill Entered in the National Register | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/18/89 Attest _____ |
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Keyes, Amos, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Somerville MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/04/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/18/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001224

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/18/89 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



12 Adams

1. 12 Adams St.
2. Somerville, MA
3. Carol Zellie
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking north
7. # 100

Keyes, Ames, Howe
Somerville MRA, MA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253