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AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

125

Town Somerville
(continuation of JoySt)
Address 14 Chestnut Street
Historic Name unknown

Use: Present offices/Somerville
Original residential Smelting Co

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1860
Source map research/stylistic analysis
Style Italianate
Architect none
Exterior Wall Fabric asphalt shingles
Outbuildings surrounded by industrial
structures for Smelting Co.
Major Alterations (with dates) altered
fenestration, added door, asphalt
siding.
Condition fair

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Isolated in industrial section
of Somerville east of major highway,
and among metal industrial buildings

Recorded by Gretchen G. Schuler

Organization Mass. Historical Commissio

Date September 1988

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

UTM REFERENCE 19 328/220 4693/280

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The house at #14 Chestnut Street is one of the only remaining residential dwellings in this section of Somerville which was cleared for an industrial park in the 1960s. It is historically significant for its association with the development of this area. The house retains its integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship and fulfills Criteria A and C 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.

The dwelling at #14 Chestnut Street (an extension of Joy Street) is one of the only remaining examples of housing in this area of Somerville. Although exhibiting the standard three-bay, side-hall entrance plan this house has unusual and interesting decorative trim. Double brackets carry the doorhood and the panelled lower transoms are elaborated with punched floral designs. Built on a brick foundation the original clapboard siding is covered with asphalt brick siding.

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

Located in an area that was once densely populated with modest housing for factory workers, #14 Chestnut Street is the only surviving residential dwelling and is representative of the type of housing once common place to the area. Large scale demolition of residential structures took place in the 1960s for an industrial park.

This area was the location of the important Joseph Barrell House (1792) and the 19th century McLean's Asylum. It was also adjacent to the railyards of the Fitchburg and Boston and Maine railroads from the mid-19th century. Only a few of the platted streets in this section of Somerville were developed with housing, Joy and its extension, Chestnut Street being two of those. By the 1890s these streets were densely developed with closely built houses and many rowhouses as well.

A line of convenience is drawn around the building to separate it from the non-contributing industrial buildings that do not have architectural or historical integrity and do not relate to #14 Chestnut Street.

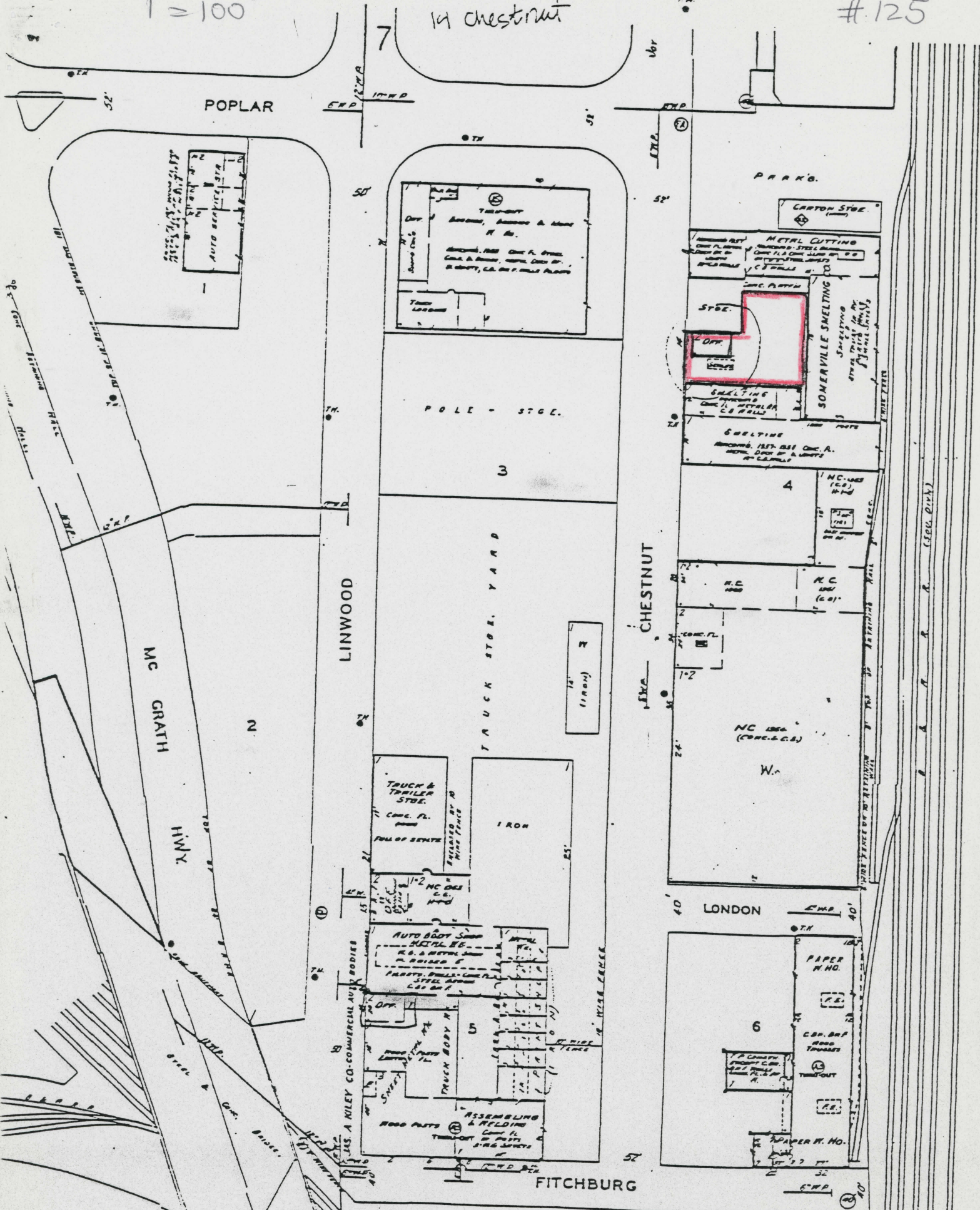
BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Draper, Martin, Map of Somerville, 1852
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1" = 100'

14 Chestnut

#125



14 Chestnut St.
Somerville (MRA)
Mass.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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| 31. | Hopkins, Elisha, House Entered in the National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Aelores Byers</i></u> 9/18/89 Attest _____ |
| 32. | House at 10 Arlington Street Entered in the National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Aelores Byers</i></u> 9/18/89 Attest _____ |
| 33. | House at 14 Chestnut Street Entered in the National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Aelores Byers</i></u> 9/18/89 Attest _____ |
| 34. | House at 16--18 Preston Road Entered in the National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Aelores Byers</i></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 House at 14 Chestnut Street
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: 89001245

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 _____

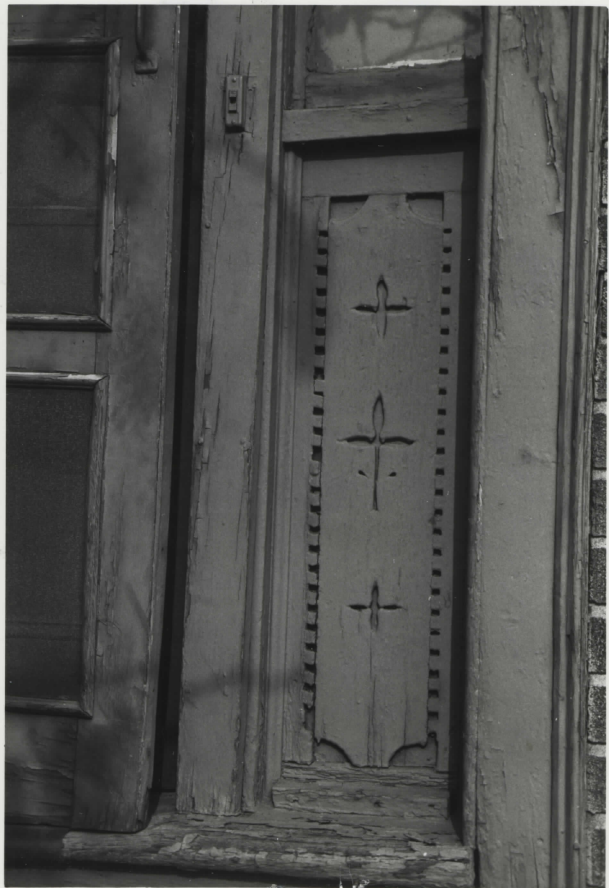
Signed _____ Date _____



Use at

1. 14. Chestnut St.
2. Somerville, MA MA
3. C. Zelle
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. looking east
7. # 125

M Chestnut



Huscat

1. 14 Chestnut St
2. Somerville, MA *MRA*
3. C. Zelle
4. 1980
5. Somerville City Hall
6. detail of door - looking east
7. #125

14 Chestnut detail 1

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253