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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Somerville

Address 21 Dartmouth Street

Historic Name _____

Use: Present residence

Original residence

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1890

Source map research

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle and clapboard

Outbuildings garage (NC) 1930

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting urban residential, late 19th century dwellings, single and two-family,

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

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date June 1985

FIM REFERENCE Z E N 19 - 327/370 - 4695/080

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

21 Dartmouth Street retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and feeling, as well as associations with the process of development by local businessmen/entrepreneurs in late-19th century Somerville. Displaying a number of intact decorative features typical of the Queen Anne style, the building 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 Queen Anne style house at 21 Dartmouth Street bears a strong resemblance to others nearby at #13, 15, 17, 19 and 23 Dartmouth Street; it is likely that all are the work of the same builder. Notable features of the design include the pargetted gable, threaded chimney with terracotta tiles, and the shingle application to the contours of the porch roof.

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

Rufus Stickney and his partner John Poor, of the mustard and spice firm bearing their names, entered a plat of the area in 1883. The large lots were intended for the construction of ample businessmen's homes. By 1880, a fine collection of residences in a variety of styles and had been constructed. The owners deed research indicates that this may have been Stickney's own house.

21 Dartmouth Street is one of only a few houses remaining in near original condition in the Stickney subdivision, which consists of Dartmouth, Thurstone and School Streets between Medford Street and Broadway. Most of the high quality, and handsomely detailed houses in the subdivision have been altered.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Bromley, G.W., Atlas of the City of Somerville, 1895.
Directories of the City of Somerville, 1890s.

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 | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 32. | House at 10 Arlington Street
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 33. | House at 14 Chestnut Street
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 34. | House at 16--18 Preston Road
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
Attest _____ |
| 35. | House at 197 Morrison Avenue
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
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| 36. | House at 21 Dartmouth Street
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| 37. | House at 25 Clyde Street
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
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| 38. | House at 29 Mt. Vernon Street
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
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| 39. | House at 343 Highland Avenue
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 9/18/89
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| 40. | House at 35 Temple Street
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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 NAME: House at 21 Dartmouth Street

MULTIPLE NAME: Somerville MPS

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: 89001255

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 _____



House
1st

1. 21 Dartmouth St.
2. Somerville, MA *MRA*
3. Carol Zellie
4. 1983
5. Somerville City Hall
6. Looking northeast
7. #134

21 Dartmouth

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500253