

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Upper Magazine Street Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE Cambridge MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 11/19/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/05/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82001981

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 _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 1.3.14

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

Form numbers in this area <u>NR-4-13-82</u> Cambridgeport	Area no. <u>CPT</u> <u>I.1</u>
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3 William St (CAM.514)

1. Town Cambridge

Name of area (if any) Upper Magazine

Street National Register District

3. General date or period 1830-1885

4. Is area uniform (explain):

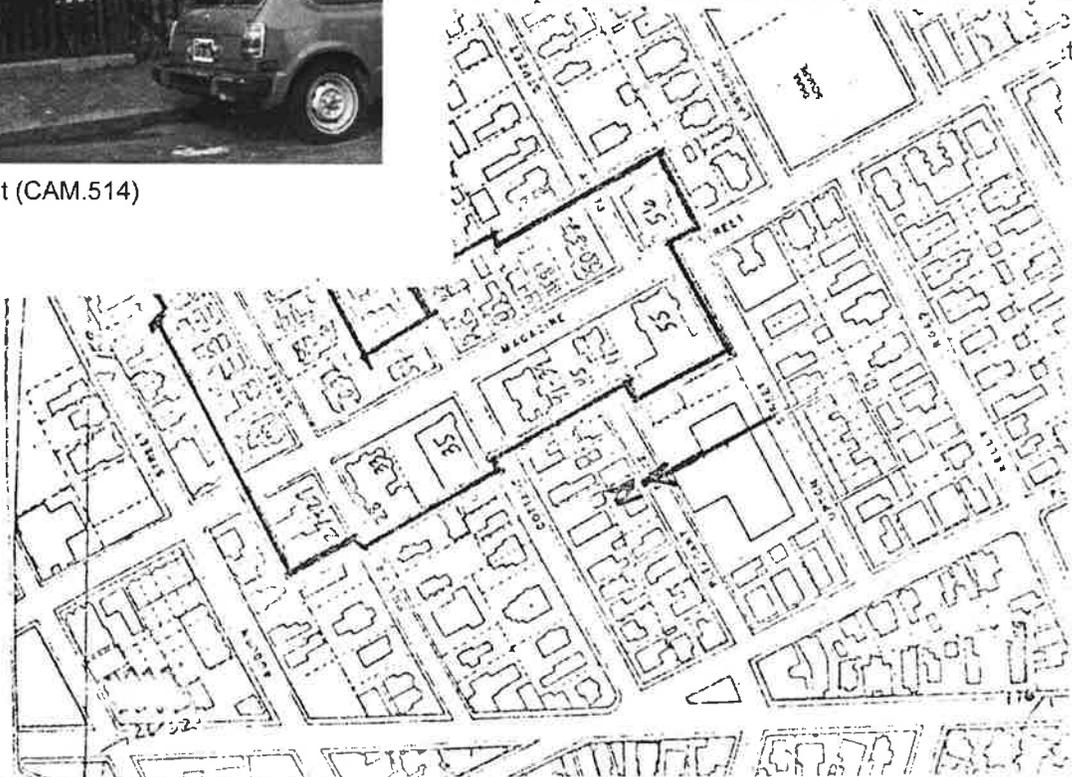
in style? no, includes Queen Anne, Federal, Mansard, Italianate.

in condition? yes, good condition

in type of ownership? no, church and individually owned

in use? no, church-related and private residences

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USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting/Robert Rettig/Harriet White
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1964/1968/1980

5.280 ACRES

(over)

UTM: 19/326500/4692040

7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

Magazine Street runs in a north-south direction from Central Square to the riverfront site of the old powder magazine. Early on, Magazine Street showed signs of becoming a street of fine residences. The peak of its fashion was reached shortly before the Civil War, when a number of mansions were built for Cambridgeport businessmen. Each of the churches, apartments and houses which were subsequently built recall some phase of the district's history, and each possesses valuable features of scale and architectural detail.

William Street is an exceptional side street of Greek Revival houses with full-width porticos, a rare grouping for Cambridgeport. These dwellings were built between 1835 and 1860.

Among the important individual buildings is the Pilgrim Congregational Church (1871) at the corner of Cottage and Magazine Streets. This church structure was designed by Thomas W. Silloway, a minister-turned-architect who was an architect of the rebuilding of the Vermont State House. Further down Magazine Street is the Grace Methodist Church (1886), an exuberant Queen Anne design by architect Franklin E. Kidder.

1. Pilgrim Congregational Church (1871) Thomas W. Silloway, architect.
35 Magazine Street

This large and imposing frame church features an asymmetrical corner tower and a wealth of applied wooden ornament. It was the first major church built on Magazine Street, which was to become the "Church Street" of Cambridgeport during the 1880s. Silloway's New England church designs number almost four hundred. He was also the author of Textbook of Modern Carpentry (1858).

2. Joseph Hinman House (1875), 48 Magazine Street

A robustly detailed Mansard in remarkable original condition. Of particular interest are the heavy incised brackets, the fine double doors and the two-story bay window which is carried into the Mansard roof. It was the residence of Joseph Hinman, a travelling agent.

3. Brewer-Pulsifer House (1852), 50-52 Magazine Street

This double house is an excellent example of the transition

8. 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

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

Brewer-Pulsifer House - continued:

from the Greek Revival style to the Italianate. Greek Revival features include robust corner pilasters, emphasizing the geometry of the main block. Italianate features consist of the one-story polygonal bays, and cast iron balconies. The original occupants of the house were Isaac D. Brewer, a tobacconist, and William Pulsifer, an insurance agent.

4. Grace Methodist Church (1886) Franklin E. Kidder, architect, 56 Magazine Street

This church is an exuberant example of Queen Anne shingle work combined with Gothic detail and a Queen Anne version of a thirteenth century Gothic tower. Kidder was the author of Churches and Chapels and Architect and Builders' Handbook, which went into eighteen editions.

5. Edward Hixon House (1857), 3 William Street

This excellent example of a Bracketed Italianate house displays clear Italian villa precedents, including flush boarding on the facade, quoins and a broad cornice supported on elegantly detailed, evenly spaced brackets. This was the residence of Edward Hixon, an upholsterer.

The Upper Magazine Street National Register District includes both sides of Magazine Street between Upton and ~~Willard~~* Streets and ~~Willard~~* Street between Pearl and Magazine Streets (see Cambridge Community Development P. D. Quad Map 5). Boundaries were chosen to include properties which contribute to the nineteenth century streetscape partially preserved here.

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* William Street (corrected 2/2013)



Pilgrim Cong. Church, 35 Magazine St (CAM.510)



48 Magazine St (CAM.511)



Grace Methodist Church, 56 Magazine St (CAM.513)



17-23 William St



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

September 10, 2013

J. Paul Loether
National Park Service 2280, 8th Floor
National Register of Historic Places
1201 I (eye) Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Re: Technical Amendment to Upper Magazine Street National Register District, Cambridge
(Middlesex County) 82001981

We have recently become aware of a technical error in the documentation for the Upper Magazine Street National Register District (NRDIS/NRMRA 4/13/1982). In the boundary description for the district, Willard Street was inadvertently substituted for William Street. The former is half a mile west of Magazine Street in an entirely different part of the city. The map of the district confirms that the correct boundary is both sides of Magazine Street between Upton and *William* Street.

We are enclosing a corrected copy of the nomination for your files.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure
CC: Cambridge Historical Commission