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Inventory No:	SMV.184
Historic Name:	Hillman, John House
Common Name:	
Address:	13 Campbell Pk
City/Town:	Somerville
Village/Neighborhood:	Davis Square
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	SMV.N: Campbell Park - Meacham Road Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (10/31/1989)



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FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA

FORM NO.

Davis
Square

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SOMERVILLE

13 Campbell Park

John Hillman

Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

1891

deeds / directories

Queen Anne

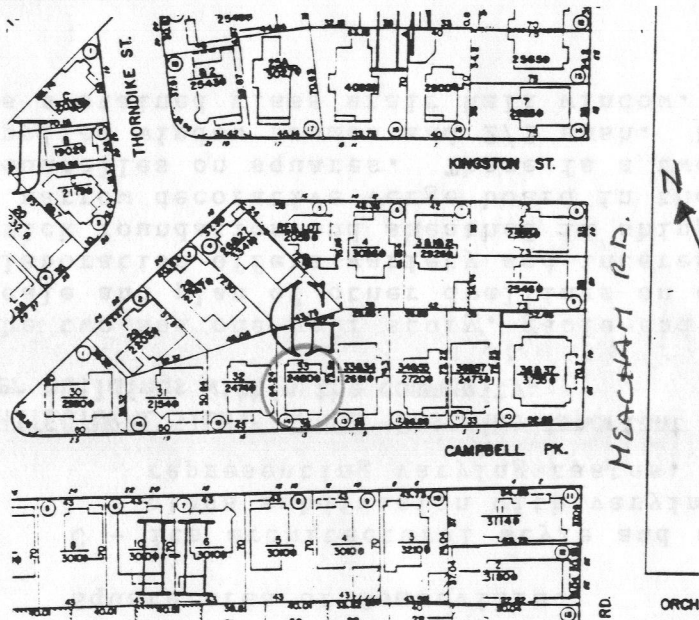
Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric shingles

Outbuildings

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



Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved Date

Acreage 2480 sq. ft.

Setting North side of well established late 19th century residential subdivision, gable-end dwellings of varying architectural detail.

Recorded by Gretchen G. Schuler

Organization Somerville Historic Preservation Commission
Date March, 1988

UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The property is significant for :

A - its representation of a late 19th century dwelling in a subdivision, which represent the suburbanization of the Davis Square area of Somerville.

C - its architectural style and size as a part of a working and middle class subdivision with varying architectural elaboration representing varying tastes.

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

The two and one-half story, gable-end dwelling is representative in size, scale and plan of other dwellings on Campbell park. Architectural elaboration offers variety and interest to the streetscape. Built on a brick foundation and sheathed in shingles, the well conserved dwelling has a narrow decorative verge board in the gable peak on which there are roundelles on squares. There is a two story polygonal projecting bay with applied window frames and 2/2 sash. Next to the side hall entrance there is a stained glass stair hall window.

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

The property is one of many houses in the immediate area that was built in the 1890s when the subdivision was created. The land of Campbell Park was owned by Charles H. Saunders and Henry R. Glover in the 1870s and 1880s. By 1891 Henry F. Campbell of Belmont had purchased all the lots of Campbell Park. Lot 33 34 and 35 were sold to J. W. Prevost by Henry Campbell, real estate investor and developer. Lots 33 and 34 were sold to Maurice Buttmer who built houses and sold this property to owner/occupant John and Mary Hillman.

Much of the Davis Square area became the homes of railroad and streetcar commuters and is evidence of the suburban building boom of the late 19th century. Streetcar service along near by Massachusetts Avenue to Porter Square and to Davis Square provided easy access to Boston and Cambridge for employment. John Hillman who appears to have been the first occupant of this property is listed in 1890s directories as a plater who moved from Cambridge in 1892 soon after purchasing this property.

Throughout the 20th century the house has been owned by the Murphys who purchased from silverplater, John Hillman's widow. Murphy was a printer.

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