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Inventory No:	SMV.127
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	25 Clyde St
City/Town:	Somerville
Village/Neighborhood:	Magoun - Albion
Local No:	1039; 126
Year Constructed:	C 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House; Workers Housing
Significance:	Architecture; Industry
Area(s):	SMV.AY: Somerville Multiple Resource Area SMV.V: Clyde - Murdock Brickworker's Neighborhood
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (3/11/1985); Nat'l Register Individual Property (9/18/1989); Nat'l Register MRA (9/18/1989)



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Somerville MRA

25 Clyde Street

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ca. 1850 (undocumented)

map research

vernacular workers housing

ct unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric high brick foundation,
shingle above

Outbuildings garage.

Major Alterations (with dates) addition at

grade (first story)

Condition fair

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Clyde Street, once the site of many
brickworkers' houses near the city's
brickyards, is now an urban residential
area.Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation
Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date May 1986

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
1 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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 - 326/370 - 4695/510

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The simple worker's cottage at 25 Clyde Street retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Representative of a building type found in several locations in Somerville (in all cases, near the sites of former brickyards with whom the occupants of these houses were associated), 25 Clyde Street is a well-preserved example. 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.

25 Clyde Street is best example of a mid-nineteenth century brickworker's house in the Clyde-Murdock Street area. The usual high brick foundation of the brickworkers house is used here as a first story wall. The three-bay facade with Central entry, approached by a flight of stairs, is characteristic of the type. The building is unadorned.

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

The Clyde-Murdock Street area was developed as a small neighborhood of brickyard worker's houses. The 1857 Walling Map indicates at least eight houses on Clyde Street. The extensive yards of the Boston Brick Company were situated on Cedar Street, adjacent to the residential development.

Architecturally, several of the simple houses are distinctive because of their high brick foundations and three-bay facades. They are similar to brickworkers' houses of Northwest Cambridge built 1820-1850.

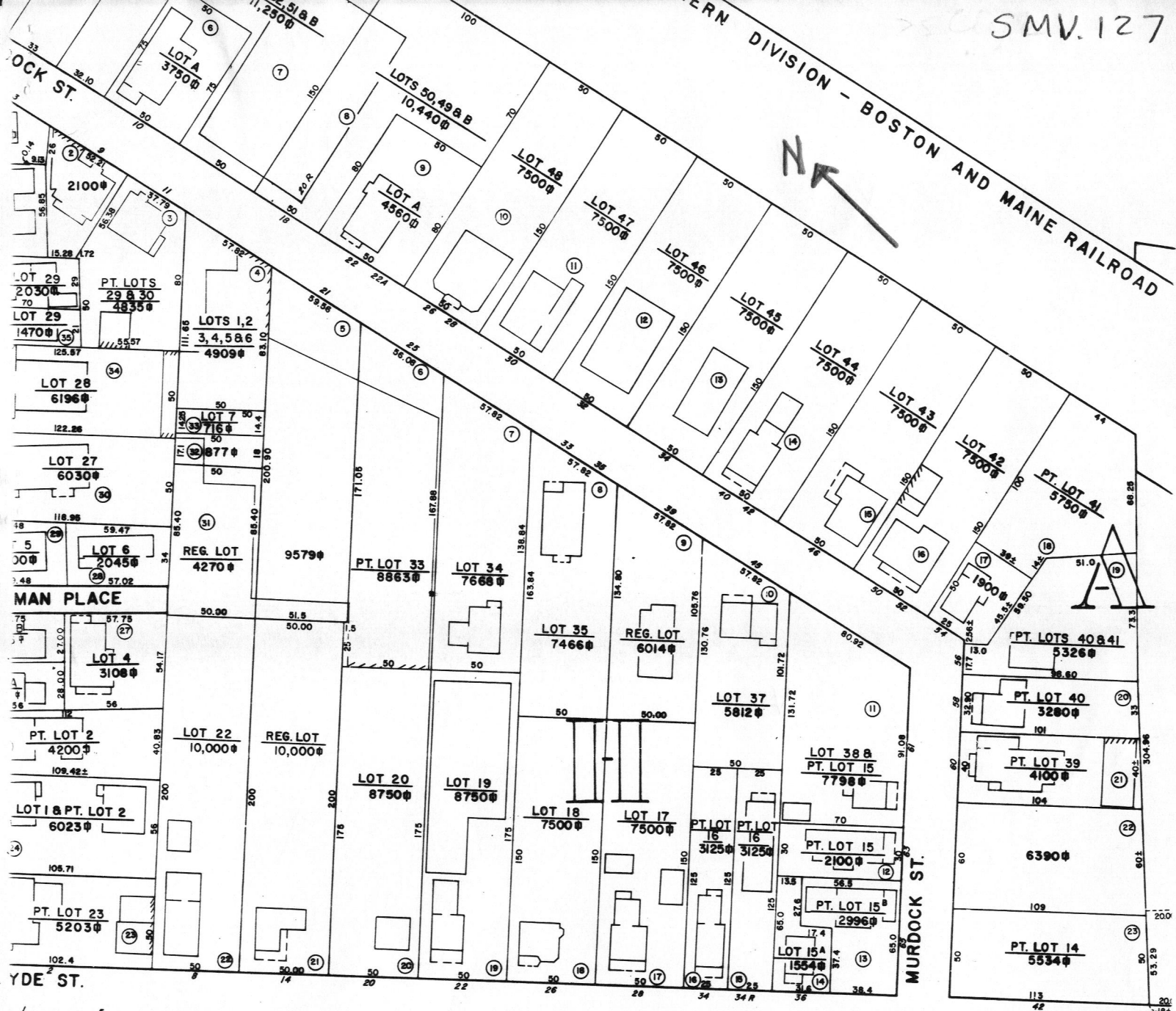
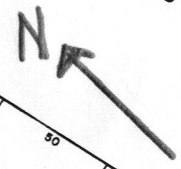
Asa Murdock developed some of the property in this area. A Cambridge trader and land speculator, his Cambridge brickyards near Concord and Huron Avenues were described as the first to "incorporate house lots for brickyard laborers, creating a miniature village in which worker's homes were set behind those of the brickyard owners." (Survey of Northwest Cambridge, Cambridge Historical Commission 1977, p. 51). In Somerville, this pattern was not the case (no brickyard owner seems to have lived nearby) but the small cottages nevertheless formed a worker's community.

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