

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SMV.301
Historic Name:	Carvill, Alphonso and Jemima House
Common Name:	
Address:	28 Highland Ave
City/Town:	Somerville
Village/Neighborhood:	Prospect Hill
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Professional Office; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce; Health Medicine
Area(s):	SMV.BA: Somerville Single Building Local Historic District SMV.C: Central Hill
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (10/31/1989)



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

Highland Ave. 301

SOMERVILLE

S 28 Highland Avenue

ic Name Alphonso & Jemima Carvil

Present residential

Original residential

PTION

1894

directories / maps

Colonial Revival

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

Major Alterations (with dates)

fire escape on main facade

Condition good

Moved Date

Acreage 8583 sq. ft.

Setting Southeast corner of Highland
Walnut. Residential south of buildi
and institutional, library, school e
on opposite side of Highland

Carole Zellie - 1980

Recorded by Gretchen Schuler - 1988

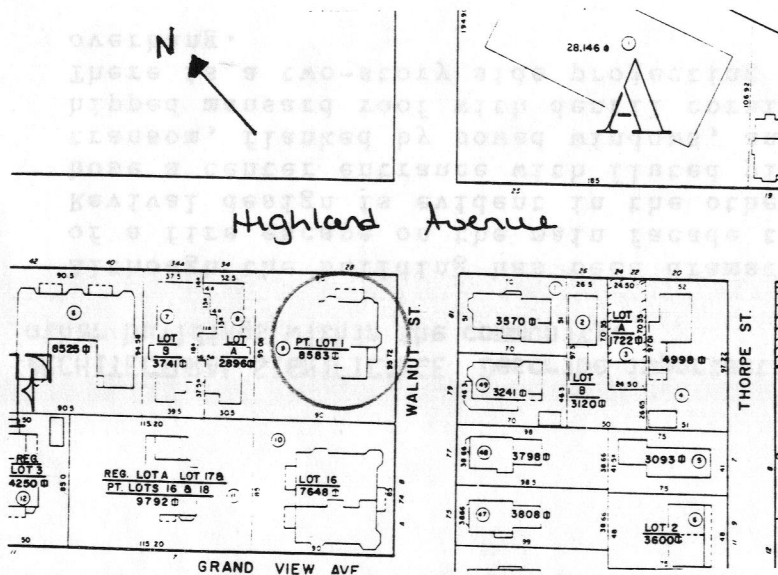
Somerville Historic

Organization Preservation Commission

Date April, 1988



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

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

Although the building has been dramatically altered with the installation of a fire escape on the main facade the original intent of the Colonial Revival design is evident in the otherwise well maintained dwelling. The house has a center entrance with fluted pilasters and a segmental arched transom, flanked by bowed windows, an unusually wide raking eave of the hipped mansard roof with dentil cornice, and three pedimented dormers. There is a two-story side projecting bay incorporated into the wide roof overhang.

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

By the 1890s most of Prospect Hill and Central Hill were developed with single and two-family houses most of which were in the Second Empire or Queen Anne Style. With the civic center developing on Central Hill, nearby property on Highland Avenue was an ideal location in close proximity to transportation. The first family to own this property from 1894 were the Carvills. Alphonso H. Carvill was a homeopathic physician with offices in the house.

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