



Area	Form no.
East Somerville	30

Roll 23: 18A

Town Somerville

Address 8 Mt. Vernon

Historic Name Ebenezer Davis House

Use: Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Ebenezer Davis

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1840-1850

Source map research

Style Greek Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) cladding of
cedar shingles.

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

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Organization Landscape Research

Date 10/80-10/84

Setting _____

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

An excellent 2½ story Greek Revival sidehall house, of which numerous examples are concentrated on Mount Vernon Street. The Ebenezer Davis House has a full-width Doric portico, panelled corner pilasters, full-length window on the lower story of the facade and an entrance flanked by sidelights offset to the left.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Ebenezer Davis was a marine inspector in Boston. His name appears next to a structure on or near this site on the 1852 Map of Somerville, which makes him one of the early members of the East Somerville community.

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