

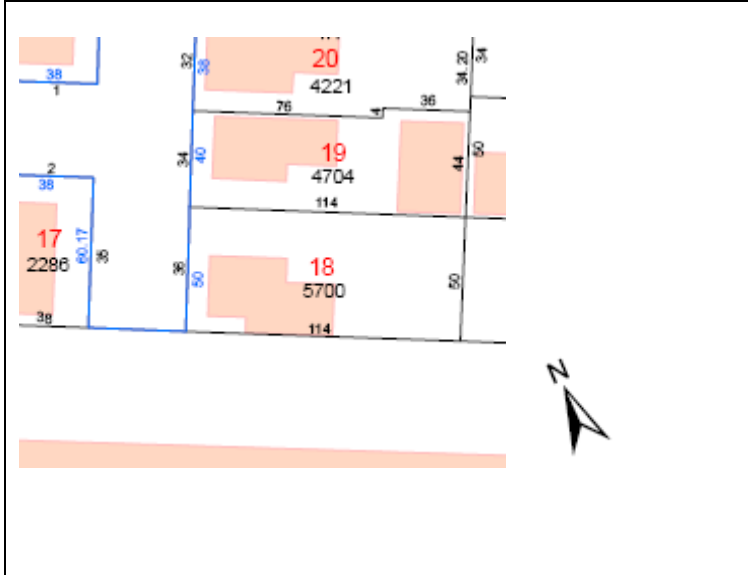
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Recorded by: Kristi Chase

Organization: Som. Historic Preservation Commission

Date (month / year): 11/2011

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

90-F-18

Town/City: Somerville

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
East Somerville

Address: 36 Rush Street

Historic Name: Patten-Clark House

Uses: Present: 3-Family House

Original: Single Family House

Date of Construction: *circa* 1870

Source: Maps

Style/Form: Second Empire rectangular

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Aluminum (1968)

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Fire 2011

Condition:

Moved: no ☐ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 5700 SF

Setting: On a residential street next to a similar Second Empire home at the end of Rush Street abutting the East Somerville Community School

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Stylistically, this Second Empire home is similar to 46 Pearl Street and several others which were attributed to builder, Alonzo Bowers who lived at 47 Franklin Street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Alonzo Bowers, noted as a carpenter and builder, was on the City's Common Council for Ward 1 in 1877 and 1878 and a Freemason.

Two owners were found for 36 Rush Street in the Hopkins, Bromley and Stadley Atlases.

According to the City Directories, Bryant W. Patten who owned 36 Rush Street in 1874 manufactured beer.

The other owners were Elijah C Clark and his wife, Viola P. She is listed as the owner in 1895 and 1900 implying that Elijah had passed a way by 1895.

To quote from **Somerville: Past and Present**.

"Clark, Elijah C., son of Leonard and Harriet (Clement) Clark, was born at East Corinth, Me., August 23, 1845. He was educated in the district schools, at the East Corinth Academy, and at Bryant and Stratton's College. Bangor, Me. He enlisted in the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery in 1863, and served until the close of the war. He was seriously wounded at Petersburg, June 18, 1864, was at the capture of Richmond and Petersburg, and at the surrender of Lee's army, April 9, 1865. He came to Somerville in 1872, and served the city in the Common Council in 1878 and 1879, and in the Board of Aldermen in 1880, 1881 and 1882. He was representative to the Massachusetts Legislature in 1883 and 1884, and has been a trustee of the Public Library since 1889. He is engaged in the wholesale fruit and produce business in Boston, and is a member of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange; of the Soley Lodge, F. A. A. M.; Somerville R. A. Chapter; De Molay Commandery, K.T.; Excelsior Council, R. A.; the Central Club, and Taylor Club of Boston, and is president of the Webcowit Club. Mr. Clark married Viola J. Peaslee, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Holland) Peaslee of Newton, N. H. They reside on Rush street."

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