

HUNNEWELL COTTAGE  
(The Cottage)  
848 Washington Street  
Wellesley  
Norfolk County  
Massachusetts

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Norfolk	TOWN OR VICINITY Wellesley
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) HUNNEWELL COTTAGE		HABS NO. MA-1226
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE "The Cottage"		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 848 Washington Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1871 (National Register nomination)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John H. Sturgis	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This is an exceptional example of the Queen Anne style, reported to be the first true Queen Anne structure in the United States. It is part of the Hunnewell Estates Hist. Dist., a well preserved group of 18th & 19th century residences assembled by the Welles &*		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Queen Anne		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) First story of brick with stone quoining and ornamental tile in the cornice, second story of horizontal siding with cross braces, 1/2 story above of vertical siding.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2 1/2 story, irregularly shaped with cross gables and projecting wings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Decorative Gothic Revival & stick Style detailing including bargeboards with ornate carving, cross bracing, polychromatic siding, ornate porch details, projecting bays, intersecting high pitched gable roof covered with varigated slate.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) wood panel entry hall with heavy carved balustrade, foliate carving, Minton tile floor, excellent woodwork throughout.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1881- addition, chimneys were altered and the original steps onto the front porch have been moved to one side.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition; used as residence		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE *Hunnewells. The property was built by Horatio Hollis Hunnewell as one of a number of residences added to his land holdings, during the time when this area was a popular location for the summer homes of the wealthy.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination, prepared by Charles Thomas (Wellesley Hist. Comm.) and Claire Dempsey (Massachusetts Hist. Comm.), August 1987.		
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