

Annie Longfellow Thorpe House  
115 Brattle Street  
Cambridge  
Middlesex County  
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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts		COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Cambridge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Annie Longfellow Thorpe House			HABS NO. MA-875
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 115 Brattle Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1887 (per building permit)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Alexander Wadsworth Longfellow	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of the earliest, largest, and best Colonial Revival-style houses in Boston. Family ties with the Longfellow House (1759) two doors away underline the conscious return of Colonial Revival architects to eighteenth-century molds.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Colonial Revival			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboard on wood frame			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) U-shape, 45' (three-bay front) x 50', two-and-a-half stories			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gambrel roof with hip-roof dormers, denticulated and modillioned cornice, semicircular portico with balustrade above, two side porches, porte-cochere beyond one side porch, elaborate entrance with fanlight and sidelights.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Elaborate stairway: single run to landing, divided stair to second floor, elaborate turned balusters and newel posts; elaborate mantels with overmantels.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Kitchen ell extended ca. 1910.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Present (1964) owner has ten photographs given him by the Thorpe family, showing house when it was first completed.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) City of Cambridge Building Permit #553, April 15, 1887.			
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