

Amory Houghton House
61 Otis Street
Cambridge
Middlesex County
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-865

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Cambridge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Amory Houghton House		HABS NO. MA-865
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 61 Otis Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1851	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A typical Greek Revival town house, one of the finest row houses in East Cambridge. Row of four houses built by William and Lewis Hall.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) L-shaped, 25' (three-bay front) x 40', ell 10' x 20', three stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Pressed-brick front, brownstone lintels, two gable dormers, brick cornice.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Heavy plaster cornices on first two floors, sliding door between first-floor parlors, two marble fireplaces.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The second and third houses in the row (nos. 57 and 59) had fourth stories and flat roofs added in 1903.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Apartments (1964).		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Land bought by Amory Houghton, March 5, 1851. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds 590/26.		
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