



Property number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

265

Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) KIN

Address 87 Summer Street

Historic Name Horatio Adams House

Uses: Present residential

Original residential

Date of Construction c.1860

Source maps

Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite

Wall/Trim vinyl

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Became a multi family residence,
date unknown

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date

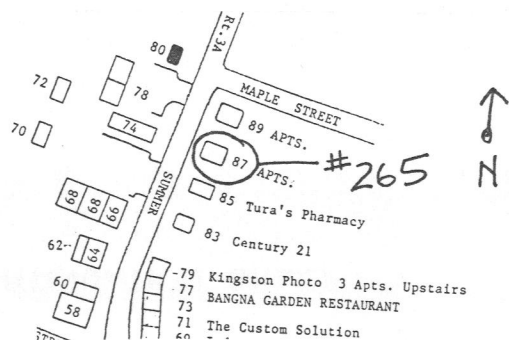
Acreage .75 acres

Setting

linear village near railroad

Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



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BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

☒ *see continuation sheet*

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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
a completed National Register Criteria Statement



Community
KingstonProperty Address
87 Summer Street

KIN.265

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 87 Summer Street was built c.1860 in the Italianate style. This 4x3 bay, wood frame, 2 story building sits on a granite foundation. The building is clad with vinyl siding. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The house has three brick chimneys. One chimney is located in the center of the main block at the ridge, a second is located in the side ell at the ridge, a third in the back ell at the ridge. The entrance is slightly off-center and recessed and contains a contemporary glass and aluminum door. The entrance is protected by a door hood supported by Doric columns and enhanced with drop pendants. The windows contain new vinyl replacement windows on the 1st floor and 2/2 wood sash on the second floor. The window surrounds are molded with decorative keystones. A semi-circular arch window is in the gable of the facade. The corner pilasters have a full entablature. A bay window projects from the facade and the side elevations. Two gable roof dormers and a shed roof dormer project from the south roof slope. Drop pendants enhance the cornice of each dormer. The building has a side gable, 2 story side ell. To the rear of the building is a mansard roofed ell.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

This was the location of the Adam's successful stockyard and slaughterhouse. Horatio Adam's father lived in a house where Tura's pharmacy now stands. This was the residence of Horatio Adams, owner of the Adams Block which is located just north of the railroad tracks on the east side of Summer Street. When the Old Colony Railroad bought Samuel E. Cushman's land, Horatio Adams bought the Cushman barn - the railroad used the barn's foundation on which to build their passenger station c.1885 - Adam's bought the barn and moved it up to the edge of the street (the corner of the east side of Summer Street and the railroad tracks), remodeling it for stores. Mr. Adams added other buildings to the barn creating the Adam's Block. Fire destroyed a significant portion of the Adam's block in 1911. The buildings were rebuilt as they stand today. Although this building has had many alterations and has been sub-divided into apartments the Italianate elements are still extant making this building a good example of the high-style Italianate style.

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