

Introduction:

The 51 properties listed by Street Address below are those that were selected by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) for inclusion in the 2010 Historical Resource Survey of the so-called Elm St. Historical Area in Georgetown. As defined by the local Georgetown Historical Commission (GHC), that area consists of all of Elm St between the properties surrounding its Central/Nelson/East St intersection to those surrounding its E. Main St intersection plus the area extending from that intersection easterly along E. Main St area thru to the properties adjacent to the Tenney St intersection.

Each Address listed below provides a link to a detailed physical and historical descriptive report for that property in a pdf format. This report is the so called "MHC Form B" report which is created for the MHC by the professional historical resource surveyor hired for that purpose.

So to view a report simply doubleclick on the desired address and that report should open for your review and if desired for downloading and printing.

In order to understand the whys and wherefores of why this specific historic resource survey is limited to this list of properties, it is important to note that other than being restricted to the area selected by the GHC, the properties selected for inclusion in the list are those within this area that the MHC judged to be eligible for inclusion under their age and historical significance criterion for such. It is also important to note that the MHC requires that such surveys be done by acknowledged Historical Resource Evaluation experts in this field and that the surveyors selected to do this particular resource survey were hired by and totally funded by a \$10,000 grant from the MHC. That grant was the result of a successful bid for such by the GHC.

Finally, it also needs to be noted that the "survey" reports included in the following list (the so called MHC "Form Bs") are the un-edited final reports created by those experts for each of the related properties. In many cases these reports are made on the basis of an external only evaluation and as such on the basis of the surveyor's professional opinion without access to detailed confirming data. As such, though, these reports represent what is now officially on file with the MHC in their so-called MACRIS data base (Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System) that it maintains as a record of the Commonwealth's effort to compile a comprehensive list of the State's Historic Resources

For this latter reason and the possibility that owners of some of the properties may in some cases have more informative data, the GHC is hopeful that by providing access to each of the property reports, the owners or even other reviewers will, where possible, try to validate and if necessary submit corrective comments to the GHC regarding the accuracy of their respective property report (or any other properties on which they may feel are in need of any corrective comment for that matter) This will permit the GHC to update the MACRIS database with corrective addendums where necessary.

Finally, it should be noted that this data is also available for review in both hard copy and electronic form in the History Room of the Georgetown Peabody Library Printed copies of the reports for each of listed addresses below are also available there at the normal per sheet copy cost.