



Cambridge Historical Commission

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April 18, 1990

To The Honorable, the City Council:

I am proud to report that the Cambridge Historical Commission, and through it the City of Cambridge, has received the Antoinette Forrester Downing Award from the Society of Architectural Historians for its recent publication, East Cambridge. The author, Susan Maycock, who is the Commission's Survey Director, also received the award.

The Society is a national organization of architectural historians; the award is given annually to the architectural survey that best contributes to understanding the built environment. East Cambridge was cited for its treatment of social and industrial history of the area.

East Cambridge is a product of the Commission's Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, which began in 1964 and has produced six volumes on the history and development of Cambridge neighborhoods. The Commission appreciates the support given to this project by the City Council over the years, and is proud to share this award with you.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Sullivan
Executive Director



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April 5, 1990

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CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION WINS NATIONAL AWARD

At its annual meeting in Boston last week, the Society of Architectural Historians presented its 1990 Antoinette Forrester Downing Award to the Cambridge Historical Commission and Survey Director Susan Maycock for their book East Cambridge. The annual award recognizes excellence in published architectural surveys and is given to the book that best contributes to understanding the built environment.

East Cambridge is the result of the Cambridge Historical Commission's extensive primary-source research into the early history of the neighborhood, the individuals and industries behind its settlement, and the development of its residences and monumental county buildings.

The award cited in particular the chapters on East Cambridge's rich industrial and social history which provide a broader context for understanding the area's architecture. These chapters present vivid details of the operation and working conditions in the extensive glass making, furniture making and meat packing factories, the development of strong

neighborhood organizations, and the successive immigration and settlement of Irish, Italian, and Portuguese groups.

The publication of East Cambridge in 1989 marked the 25th anniversary of the Cambridge Historical Commission's Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, one of the country's first professional architectural surveys in which every building in the city was inventoried, photographed, and studied. The City of Cambridge was praised for its farsightedness in supporting the Commission's survey and its publications, which include volumes on Cambridgeport, Mid. Cambridge, Old Cambridge, and Northwest Cambridge.

East Cambridge was published by The MIT Press and includes over 400 photographs and maps. It is available at the MIT Press bookstore in Kendall Square and other local bookstores.

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Photograph available on request from the Cambridge Historical Commission.



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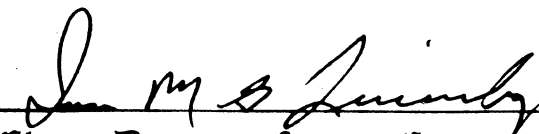
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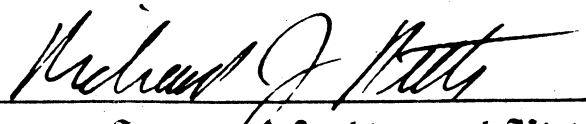
The Cambridge Historical Commission

for

East Cambridge: A Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge

In Recognition of its Excellence as
a Published Architectural Survey


Chair, Downing Award Committee


President, Society of Architectural Historians



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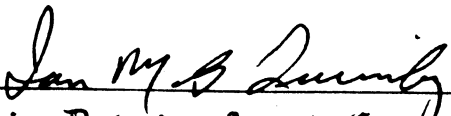
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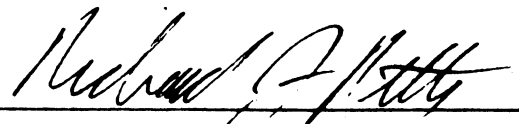
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April 23, 1990

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Attached, please find a notification from Charles Sullivan, Executive Director of the Historical Commission, relative to the Commission receiving the Antoinette Forrester Downing Award from the Society of Architectural Historians for its recent publication, East Cambridge. The author, Susan Maycock, who is the Commission's Survey Director, also received the award.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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City of Cambridge receiving the Antoinette
Forrester Downing Award from the Society
of Architectural Historians for its
recent publication "EAST CAMBRIDGE".

In City Council,

April 23, 1990

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