

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SMV.1114
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Story, Isaac House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	11 Linden Ave
<b>City/Town:</b>	Somerville
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Spring Hill
<b>Local No:</b>	151
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	C 1853
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Italianate
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Archaeology, Prehistoric; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Local Historic District (3/11/1985)



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Town Somerville  
Address 11 Linden Avenue  
Historic Name Isaac Story  
Present residential  
Original residential  
Description  
Built ca. 1853  
Source Samuels, Somerville: Past and Present  
Style Italianate  
Architect unknown

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).  
Indicate north

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard  
Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) Colonial

Revival porches ca. 1910

Condition fair

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Urban residential street near commercial part of Elm St.. On a large city lot with side garden now overgrown, late 19th century surrounds

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Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date September 1988

See Attached Assessor's Map

UTM REFERENCE 19 325/940 4694/720

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North

SCALE 1:25,000

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Isaac Storey House retains integrity of location, design, materials, and feeling in that it is representative of a mid-19th century dwelling in the Spring Hill area. The house is significant for its architectural merit and fulfills Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.**

The Isaac Storey House is a two and one-half story Italianate side-hall entranced dwelling that retains its side yard unlike most other houses in Somerville. Architectural features of the house include a wide fascia with overscaled brackets at the corners and a polygonal bay with decorative brackets. The side hall entrance is sheltered by the flat roofed open porch with unadorned columns and a beaded molding.

Until recently parts of the landscaping of the side yard were discernable as was the cobblestone drive. Presently only the spatial setting remains. The house is sited above the street level and is bordered by a bluestone retaining wall with granite posts.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.**

Located in the Spring Hill area, near Elm Street, the Isaac Storey House was one of the earliest houses built in the immediate neighborhood of Somerville and prior to the major land subdivisions. While other transitional buildings, bridging the gap between the Greek Revival and Italianate tradition are extant, the setting of this house with a side yard evokes a greater sense of space than do most other local residences. The side yard is south of the house and provided a prospect towards Cambridge from the elevation of Spring Hill.

Judge Isaac Storey (b.1818, Marblehead) lived here after moving to Somerville in 1853. Judge Storey practiced law in Boston and was a justice of the Somerville Police Court (1872) and of the Middlesex District Court.

Some Indian artifacts have been found at the rear of this dwelling where a large rock is located.

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