



# CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

1. The undersigned hereby applies to the Cambridge Historical Commission for a Certificate of (check one box):  Appropriateness,  Nonapplicability, or  Hardship, in accordance with Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws and/or Chapter 2.78 of the Municipal Code.

2. Address of property:  , Cambridge, Massachusetts

3. Describe the proposed alteration(s), construction or demolition in the space provided below:  
(An additional page can be attached, if necessary).

We are proposing to lift the existing house by 18" as the street has been raised up around the house over the last 150 years. Our goal is to raise the house and apply a brick foundation to mimic and to fit in with the surrounding neighbors. Also we propose filling in one of the two front porches so that there is only one stair needed to access the front of the house, this will keep the front facade simple. We are also proposing to unify 2 of the rear cantilevers at the rear of the home by infilling below them and connecting them from where they currently have a small gap between them that feels a little awkward. The other exterior change to the home that we would like to make is to add a dormer on the 3rd floor of the home to accommodate the stairs coming up from the 2nd floor. this dormer would be in the same style as the existing dormers with 3 skylights flanking the dormer.

I certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. The undersigned also attests that he/she has read the statements printed on the reverse.

Name of Property Owner of Record:

Mailing Address:

Telephone/Fax:  E-mail:

Signature of Property Owner of Record: Mark J. Lanza, Trustee  
(Required field; application will not be considered complete without property owner's signature)

Name of proponent, if not record owner:

Mailing Address:

Telephone/Fax:  E-mail:

(for office use only):

Date Application Received: 1/9/18 Case Number: 3878 Hearing Date: 2/1/18

Type of Certificate Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

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We are proposing to lift the existing house by 18" to conform to current code requirements and to allow us to make the basement into usable space. As the street level has been raised around the house over the last 150 years, raising the house will more nearly reflect it's original relationship to the street. Our intent is to apply face brick to new foundation walls so that the visible portion of the foundation will be like those of other houses in the area. We propose to eliminate two windows that had been added on the North façade facing the driveway. These date from a 1950s remodeling of the kitchen and were not appropriate to the historical character of the house.

We also propose enclosing one of the two front porches in order to create a powder room on the main floor of the house. This eliminates the need for a second stair to access the front of the house, which helps to keep the front facade simple. We are also proposing to unify the two second floor cantilevers at the rear of the house by infilling below them and connecting them where they currently have a small gap separating them. We believe this simplifies the design and certainly makes the interior space more usable.

At the 3rd floor (attic) level, we propose to expand an existing dormer at the back of the house and modify the roof structure below the existing ridge of the roof to gain more usable space and to add a new dormer on the North side of the house to accommodate the stairs coming up from the 2nd floor. This dormer is to be built in the same shed roof style as the existing dormers and will be flanked by 3 skylights to provide light in the attic space.

Regarding the windows for the home, we propose to remove the existing aluminum screens and to replace the windows with accurate historical reproduction windows.