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AREA

FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

NATIONAL REGISTER WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MA MRAAddress 786 Moody StreetHistoric Name Aaron Martin HouseUse: Present dwellingOriginal same

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date early 1890sSource Atlases; directoriesStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboard/shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 7,491 sq. ft. 0.17^A 77-20-1Setting prominently sited on large cornerlot just north of Crescent Streetintersection--south of Moody Streetcommercial areaRecorded by Ed GordonOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date August, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

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

see attached map

UTM REFERENCE 19/315620/4692250USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTONSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Aaron Martin House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Built for American Watch Company machinist and real estate speculator Aaron Martin, it is illustrative of the "Watch's" development of the South Side in the second half of the 19th century. It is also important as one of Waltham's more full-blown examples of the Queen Anne style that remains in a well-preserved state. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Aaron Martin House is located on lower Moody Street, near its intersection with Crescent Street. It is a fine example of an early 1890s wood-frame Queen Anne style house with many exuberant features. Its basically boxy, two story, hip roof form is successfully camouflaged behind lively projecting forms such as a front porch with punched and cut gingerbread decoration at the base and railings, an oriel over the porch with an elaborate window enframingent, and no less than three, two-story bays on the front, rear and side elevations. The window surround exhibits an incized floral motif and dentils, while the bays are paneled and divided by saw-cut shingle aprons. Projecting from the hip roof is an off-center tower with multi-pane eyebrow windows and a bulbous, bell-shaped roof. Hip roofed double dormers appear at the main and south facades. This house ranks among the better preserved examples of the domestic Queen Anne style in Waltham, retaining its distinctive form, materials and design elements. Other houses of similiar quality are form #s 32, 58, 121, 150, 173.

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

The Aaron Martin House is part of the South Side's small but choice collection of Queen Anne style houses. It is one of the few not located on Crescent Street with its river views, and more importantly is one of the few not altered with artificial siding. Like most of its counterparts, it was built for a skilled American Waltham Watch Company employee in the early 1890s. Waltham/Watertown directories of this period first list Martin at this address in 1893; his occupation was machinist. Further research may indicate that he was a Watch Co. department foreman. This house's lot was vacant in 1886 and owned by the Hall family of 107 Crescent Street. It is clearly shown on the 1900 atlas labeled Aaron Martin.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps/Atlases--1874, 1881, 1883, 1886, 1890.
Waltham/Watertown Directories--1890s.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Johnson, Newell D., House

National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

52. Lawton Place Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

53. Libby, Nelson F., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

54. Linden Street Bridge

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth J. Savage 9/28/89

Attest _____

55. Lord's Castle

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

56. Lyman Street Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

57. Martin, Aaron, Houses

Entered in the
National Register

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58. Martin, Aaron, House
(786 Moody St.)

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National Register

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59. Moody Street Fire Station

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest _____

60. Moody Street Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Martin, Aaron, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Waltham MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/21/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/21/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001540

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/28/89 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



786 Moody St.

North, Aaron, House

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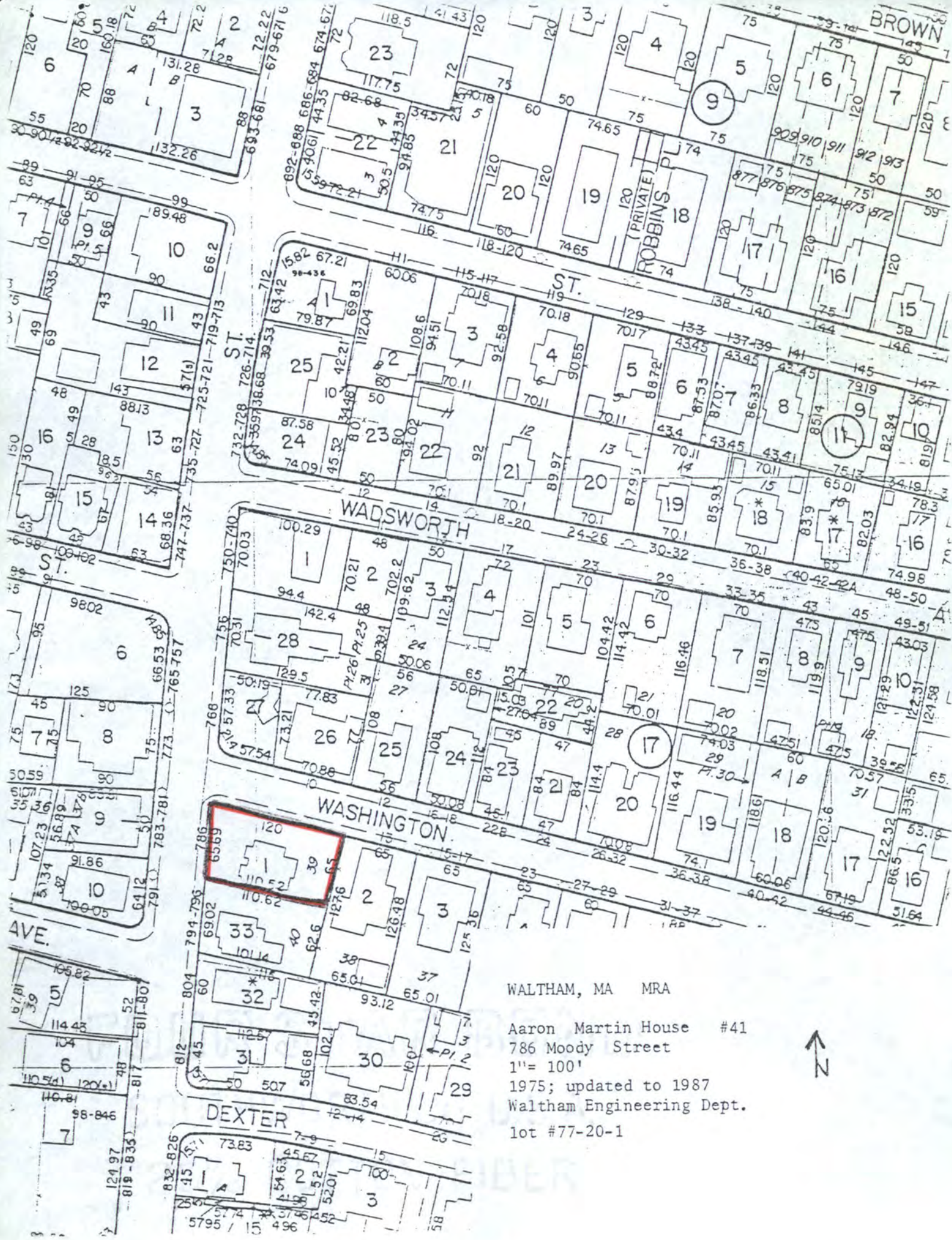
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1970 Atlas, City of Waltham
 Compiled by the Waltham
 Engineering Division
 Scale: 1 inch = 140 feet

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 786 Moody Street
 Aaron Martin House
 6-C-8
 MHC 41.



WALTHAM, MA MRA

Aaron Martin House #41
 786 Moody Street
 1" = 100'
 1975; updated to 1987
 Waltham Engineering Dept.
 lot #77-20-1



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301