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80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

Town Arlington, MA

Address 187 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Edward Hall House

Use: Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1890

Source "History of Pleasant Street up until 1912"

Style Queen Anne

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard & Shingle

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting This house retains its original circular driveway. Its large corner lot is well maintained.

NTM: 19/322260/4697230

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date 12/84

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

The complex roofline of the Edward Hall House, with its projecting gables, conically roofed circular tower, and richly articulated verandah, adds complexity to the simple rectangular-plan shape of this ca. 1890 Queen Anne house. It effects a picturesque and rambling appearance despite the constraints imposed by its confining corner lot. A semi-circular driveway adds to the illusion of grander dimensions. This dwelling owes its distinctiveness to the abundant Art Nouveau-influenced carving on the main gable end and the especially handsome Queen Anne verandah. The medium-relief carving, the work of an accomplished hand, consists of energetic swirls of vegetation that divide the gable into symmetrical halves.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.) occupies the apex of the gable, above the paired windows. The verandah itself is a delightful design of arched bays that are modulated in width as they encircle the corner tower before terminating at the north side of the house. The turned posts are weighted at midpoint with outsized spheres. The balustrade of tightly spaced-spindles is original. Also of note are the tapered chimneys and the half-timber decoration on the north and south gable ends. The 1/1 sash windows are probably replacements; otherwise, the exterior of this dwelling is unaltered.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: This house was built in 1890 on land owned by Charles Bacon, the president of Felt Mills in Winchester, for his daughter, Mrs. Edward Hall. Mrs. Hall sold the house to Albert Walcott in 1912. Although the interior was destroyed by a fire in 1893, the elaborate Queen Anne exterior of the house remains untouched.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Edward Hall House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling, materials, and association. As a well-preserved and well-detailed example of the Queen Anne style in Arlington, it meets Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

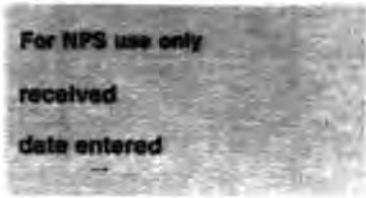
BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

- 1875 Beers & Co. Atlas
- 1884 Bird's Eye View of Arlington, Arlington Advocate
- 1898 Stadley & Co. Atlas
- 1923 Sanborn Map Co. Atlas
- Arlington Directories of 1869/70, 1883, 1890, 1898, 1923

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. First Parish Church
Parsonage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 4/18/85

22. Hall, Edward, House

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

Delores Byers 4/18/85

23. Highland Hose House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

✓ 24. Hill, Addison, House

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Delores Byers 9/27/85

25. Hornblower, Edward, House
and Barn

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

26. House at 45 Claremont Avenue

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

27. House at 5--7 Winter Street

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

28. House at 5 Willow Court

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

29. Kimball, W.W., House

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

30. Locke, Lt. Benjamin, Store

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hall, Edward, House (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 4/20/85
Action: ACCEPT 4-18-85
Entered in the RETURN
National Register REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. 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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

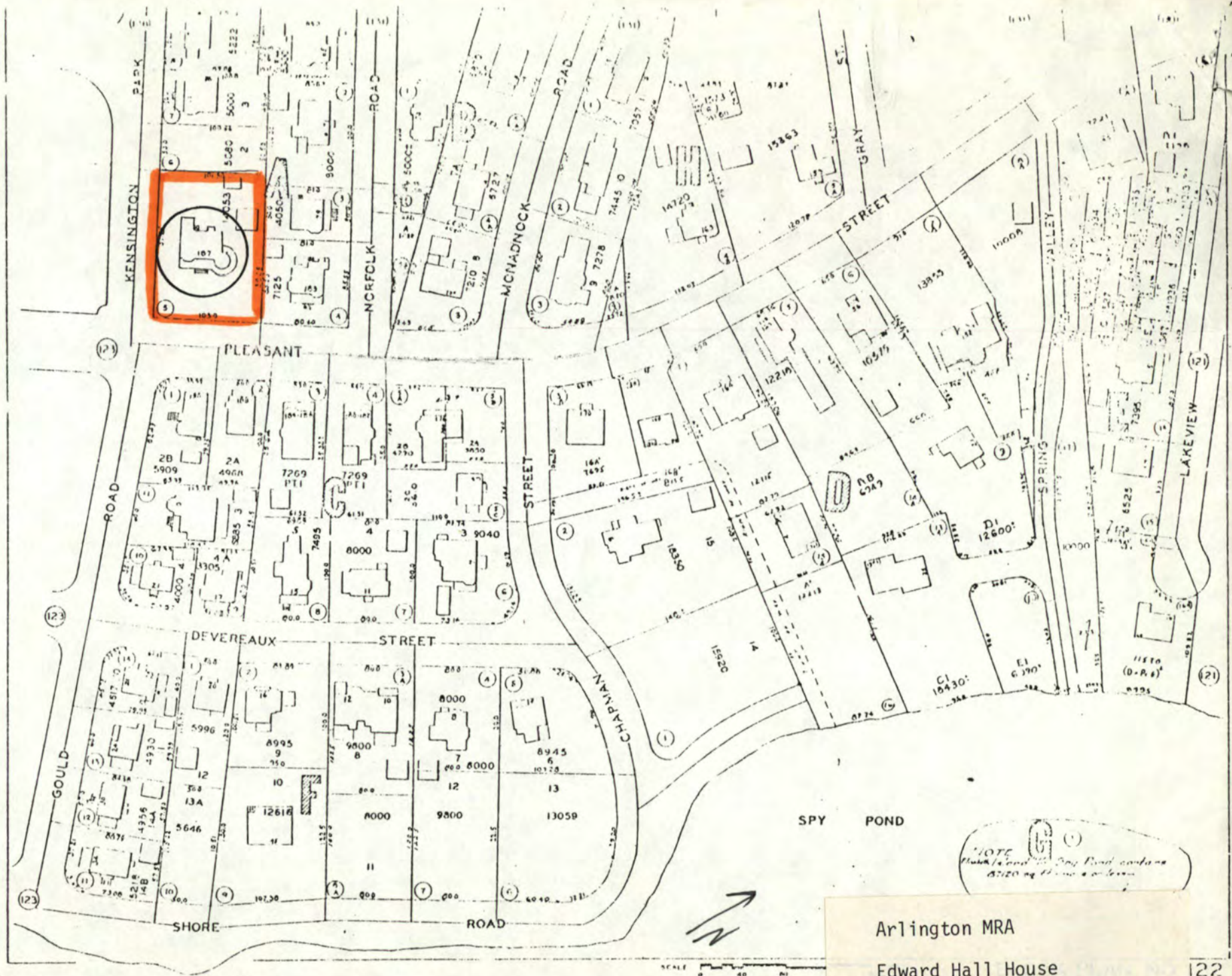
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Hall, Edward, House

187 Pleasant St.

Arlington MA



NOTE
 Plot 187 on Gould Road contains
 6720 sq ft of area

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 Edward Hall House
 187 Pleasant Street