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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

Town Arlington, MA

Address 104 Bartlett Avenue

Historic Name Cushman House

Use: Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1890-1895

Source Arlington Maps

Style Queen Anne

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard and Shingle

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting The Cushman House, surrounded by
trees, sits in the foothills of
Arlington Heights.

UTM: 19/322000/4697550

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

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

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This well-crafted house is one of the best examples of the pure Queen Anne Style in Arlington.* Its steeply pitched roof with front-facing gable and contrasting surface textures are typical of the Queen Anne house. The first story's smooth dark clapboards with darker trim contrast with the rough, light-colored bevelled shingles, arranged in a scallop pattern, on the second story. The recessed corner entrance porch, which exhibits turned spindles, spool-work transoms, and curving brackets is also typical. The use of differing proportions and a rich variety of materials serve to enliven the building, giving it an exuberance missing in many of its neighbors.

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

For most of the late 19th century, this lot was part of L. P. Bartlett's estate. Bartlett's house faced Massachusetts Avenue to the east of Bartlett Avenue. The Cushman House was constructed during the initial phase of Bartlett Avenue's development in the 1890s and it appears in the 1898 Stadley and Company Atlas, labeled Cushman. By 1923, it was owned by Ellen Parson.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Cushman House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. As a fine example of the Queen Anne style, 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 Directors of 1869/70, 1883, 1890, 1898, 1923

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Bassett, Maria, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 4/27/85

Attest

12. Buildings at 1334 and
1339 Massachusetts Ave.

Substantive Review

Keeper

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13. Call-Bartlett House

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14. Capitol Theater Building

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15. Chapel of St. Anne

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16. Cushman House

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17. Cutter, Jefferson, House

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18. Cutter, Second, A.P.,
HouseEntered in the
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19. Damon House

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20. Farmer, Kimball, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Cushman 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 7-18-85
☐ RETURN
☐ 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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

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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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