

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	20

Washington, Mass.
Town Washington Multiple Resource Area
Address Middlefield Road
Historic Name Clark-Eames House

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

Use: Present Residence
Original Farm & Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1782-1797
Source Registry of Deeds
Style Federal cottage
Architect Unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards
Outbuildings none

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



Major Alterations (with dates) _____
portico (late 19th century)
Condition Excellent
Moved No Date N/A
Acreage two acres
Setting south side of road opposite intersection of Johnson Road

UTM REFERENCE 18/658540/4689470
USGS QUADRANGLE Becket Quadrangle
SCALE 1:24,000

Betsy Friedberg
Recorded by Preservation Planner
Organization Massachusetts Historical Commission
Date June 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Clark-Eames House, one of the few late 18th century dwellings surviving in Washington, is a well-preserved example of a Federal-style cottage. Historically, the property is significant as a documentation of Washington's pattern of dispersed, isolated settlement, a pattern that persisted long after other rural Massachusetts hill towns had developed nucleated village centers. The property's changing use from agricultural to recreational reflects city dwellers' discovery of Washington's bucolic virtues in recent years.

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

The Clark-Eames House is a well-preserved example of a modest Federal-style cottage. One and a half stories in height with a center chimney set forward of the ridge, the building is five bays wide. Its center entrance is shielded by a spindled and bracketed portico with a gable roof, a late 19th century addition. Ornamentation is otherwise limited to simple window enframements with shallow lintels, corner boards, and raking cornice.

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

One of the few intact Federal-period houses in Washington, the nominated building was seat of a farm of some 70 acres for much of the 19th century. It is presently used as a vacation residence and occupies a lot of less than two acres. It remains in a rural setting.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Vital Records of Washington, Massachusetts, to 1850
Middle Berkshire Registry of Deeds

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Washington, Mass. Washington MRA	Form No: 20
Property Name: Clark-Eames House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

National Register Criteria (continued)

The house retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and fulfils Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Washington Multiple Resource Area
State Berkshire County, MASSACHUSETTS

Courtesy Byers 9/2/86

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. ~~Clark--Eames House~~

Entered in the ^{for}
National Register Keeper

Melvin Byers 9/2/86

Attest

2. Eames, Philip, House

Entered in the ^{for}
National Register Keeper

Melvin Byers 9/2/86

Attest

3. Lower Historic District

Entered in the ^{for}
National Register Keeper

Melvin Byers 9/2/86

Attest

4. Saint Andrew's Chapel

~~Substantive Review~~ ^{for} Keeper

accept Patrick Andrus 9/12/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

5. Sibley--Cocoran House

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National Register Keeper

Melvin Byers 9/2/86

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6. South Center School House

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Melvin Byers 9/2/86

Attest

7. Upper Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~ ^{for} Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/2/87 R S

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/2/87

8. Deming-Root-Messenger-
Schultz House

~~Substantive Review~~ ^{for} Keeper

Eligible Patrick Andrus 9/12/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

9.

Keeper

Attest

10.

Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Clark--Eames House (Washington MRA)
Berkshire County
MASSACHUSETTS

AUG 8 1986

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 9/4/86 - 9/22/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-12-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

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: _____



Clark-Eames House 1782 #20
Washington Mass Multi Resource Nomination
Middlefield Road
Washington, MA 01223
James N. Parrish 11/10/81 BCRPC
Photo 25 of 25 Roll 100 Frame 16
View southwest of front fasade and east
gable from the road.



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Clark-Eames House
Middlefield Road
Washington, Mass. MRA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000302