

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA

FORM NO.

374

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

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 December 1984

Town Arlington, MA

Address 200 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Edward Hornblower House and
barn

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date barn, ca. 1805, house ca. 1830,
modifications ca. 1870.

Source visual analysis

Style Greek Revival with Romantic
Revival elements.

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric flush boards and
clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) gable,
oriel, and porch with/encircling low
fence ca. 1870

Moved yes Date barn ca.
1850

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting Like many other important houses
in the immediate area, this one sits very
close to Pleasant Street.

UTM: 19/322260/4697160

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

This house was moved from an undetermined location to its present site in 1850. Probably dating to the 1830s, it has gable ends facing north and south. The house is an unusual amalgam of mid and late 19th century styles. Circa 1850 flush boards cover its main facade, while its edges are defined by corner and fascia boards, also ca. 1850. The central portion of its main facade displays treatments that indicate ca. 1870s alternations probably dating from Edward Hornblower's occupancy in the early 1870s: an Eastlavian entrance porch supports a bay window; a low-pitched gable rises above; a low stick-style balustrade fronts the building. Porch, window, and gable features characteristic of Romantic

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

During the early 1870s, this was the home of Edward Hornblower, a founder of the Boston brokerage firm of Hornblower and Weeks, later Hornblower, Weeks, and Hemphill Noyes. From 1876 until 1912, the house was owned by George Freeman, a Boston jeweler and member of the Arlington Boat Club. Homes along Pleasant Street, overlooking Spy Pond, were popular with upper-middle-class commuters in the mid to late 19th century.

The small structure at the rear was originally a barn, built in 1805 for the Squire Wittemore House. The barn was formerly situated on the site of St. John's Episcopal Church, further north on Pleasant Street. Like the Whittemore House, the barn was moved, and was placed on its present site ca. 1850.

cont. Architectural Significance

Revival houses do not mask this structure's Greek Revival elements.

A small square structure on the southeastern portion of the lot, formerly a barn, was also moved to the site ca. 1850.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Edward Hornblower House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. As a well-detailed house reflecting a series of 19th-century alterations, and as a representation of Arlington's suburban development, it meets

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher) Criteria A & C

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

of the National Register of Historic Places.

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. First Parish Church
ParsonageEntered in the
National Registerfor Keeper
Attest

Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

22. Hall, Edward, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper
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Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

23. Highland Hose House

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National Registerfor Keeper
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Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

✓ 24. Hill, Addison, House

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Melvyn Byers 9/27/85

25. Hornblower, Edward, House
and BarnEntered in the
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Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

26. House at 45 Claremont Avenue

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Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

27. House at 5--7 Winter Street

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28. House at 5 Willow Court

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29. Kimball, W.W., House

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30. Locke, Lt. Benjamin, Store

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hornblower, Edward, House and Barn (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 4-78-85
☐ 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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ 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

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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