

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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~~MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
201 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02109~~

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 B WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

Town Arlington, MA

Address 2-10 Park Terrace

Historic Name Russell Common

Use: Present Apartment Complex

Original Apartment Complex

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1898

Source Arlington Town Atlas

Style Shingle Style

Architect Gay & Proctor

Exterior wall fabric Shingle

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting With a large parking lot on one side and Massachusetts Avenue on the other, Russell Common is sited in the midst of a dense commercial area.

UTM: 19/322880/4697940

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

Designed by the well-known Boston architectural firm of Bay and Proctor, Russell Common is a fine example of the Shingle Style, translated into a multifamily apartment block. The hipped roof is punctuated by a number of gables and chimneys, and small porches denote the building's entryways. Originally, the building was well landscaped, facing a large grassy park that is today a parking lot. The building's setting was originally charming, fronting on Russell Park, which was then covered by lawn.

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

In 1893, a group of young businessmen organized themselves into "The Finance Club," a group similar to Arlington's "21 Associates". They bought the Old Squire James Russell Estate, erected the Finance Block on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue; and in 1898 added this row of tenement houses to the rear. Conveniently located near public transportation, Park Terrace was one of the first multiple-unit buildings designed to attract middle-class commuters. Its construction reflects the growing suburbanization of Arlington and the impact that real estate speculators were having on the town's development.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

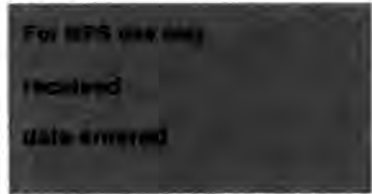
Russell Common at 1-10 Russell Common retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places, with associations with Arlington's suburbanization and as a fine example of the Shingle style.

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

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ARLINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Russell Common

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 4/18/85

Attest

42. Shattuck, Ralph W., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 9/27/85

Attest

43. Sterling-Cutter, Ella
Mahalla, House

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National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 4/18/85

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44. Swadkins, Thomas, House

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National Register

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45. Swan, Henry, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 9/27/85

Attest

46. Symmes, Jr., Stephen, House

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47. Taylor-Dallin House

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48. Wayside Inn

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49. Whittemore House

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50. Winn Farm

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Russell Common (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 4/7/85 - 4/20/85
Action: ACCEPT 4-18-85
 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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

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

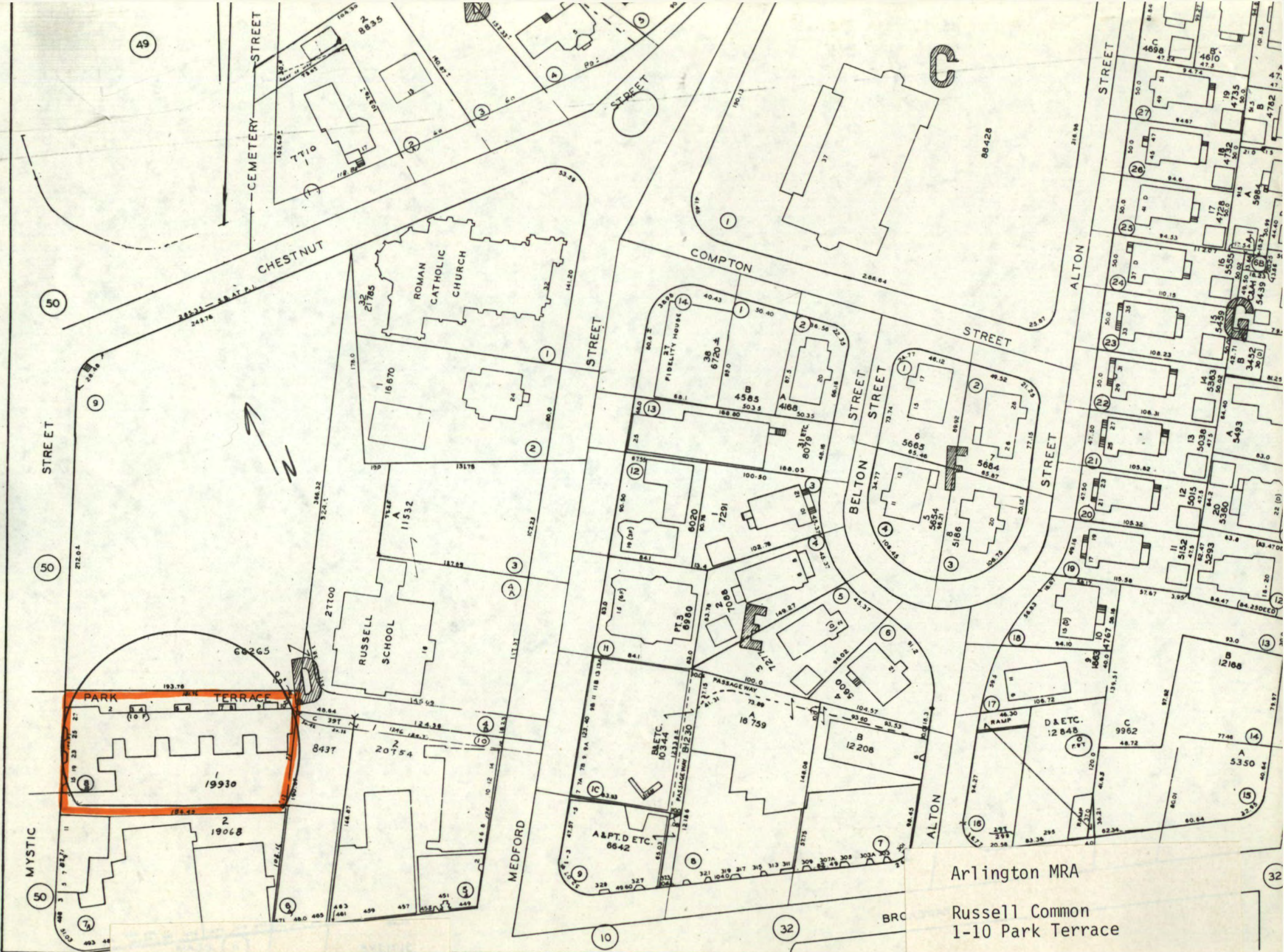
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Russell Common

Arlington MRT, MA



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 Russell Common
 1-10 Park Terrace

