

FORM B - BUILDING

~~MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION~~
~~294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108~~

AREA	FORM NO.
	324

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

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.

Town Arlington, MA

Address 390 Massachusetts Avenue

Historic Name William Proctor House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1870

Source Visual Analysis, Arlington Maps
 and directories

Style Second Empire

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting The house anchors the northeaster
corner of Avon Place and Massachusetts
Avenue.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date December 1984

UTM: 19/322080/4697640

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This highly visible Arlington landmark is situated on a lot at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Avon Place. It is unmistakably Second Empire with its symmetrical rectangular form, patterned shingle roof with elaborate dormers, and decorative brackets beneath the eaves. Examples of the Second Empire style are rare in Arlington. Particularly noteworthy is its front porch, which possesses a Stick Style sensibility. Its saw-cut posts support a transom with cross boards.

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

This residence was owned for many years by William Proctor. A teller at the Faneuil Hall Bank, which was located at 3 South Market in Boston, Proctor was one of a growing number of commuters who worked in Boston and settled in Arlington during this period. His son, also named William, was a distinguished Boston architect, and a partner at the firm of Gay and Proctor, which designed many Arlington buildings, including the Russell Terrace, the Shingle Style apartment building on Park Terrace, (#572) and Locke School on Park Avenue (#569).

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The William Proctor House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. For its association with Arlington architect William Proctor, and its distinctive and well-preserved architectural form, it meets criteria B and 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

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

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Locke School

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

for Melrose Byers 9/27/85

32. Milestone

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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for Melrose Byers 9/27/85

33. Prentiss-Payson House

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National Register

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for Melrose Byers 4/18/85

34. Prentiss, William, House

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National Register

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35. Proctor, William, House

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for Melrose Byers 4/18/85

36. Rawson, Warren, Building

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37. Rawson, Warren, House

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HouseEntered in the
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39. Robinson House

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National Register

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Fessenden HouseEntered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Proctor, William, House (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 4/20/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-18-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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 _____

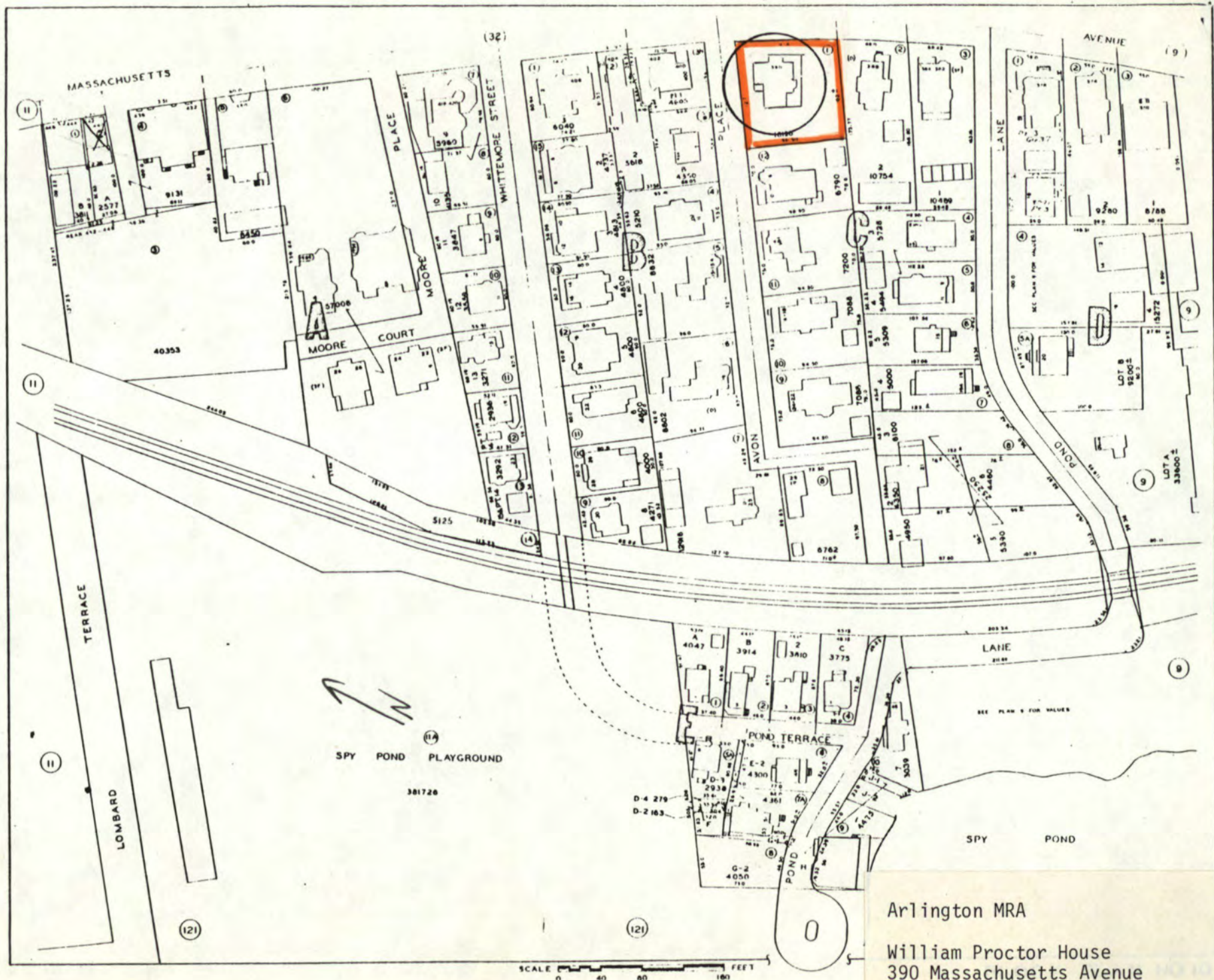
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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