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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Captain Benjamin Locke House

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21 Appleton Street

CITY, TOWN

Arlington

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Phillip & Deborah Hagar

STREET & NUMBER

21 Appleton Street

CITY, TOWN

Arlington

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02174

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

208 Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Captain Benjamin Locke House is located in the residential Arlington Heights neighborhood. The house is sited close to the street on a simply landscaped narrow house lot. The 2½ story, ridge roof house has a central hall, 1 room deep plan, with a central chimney and an asphalt shingled roof. The house is sheathed in clapboards with plain wide cornerboards and simple box cornice. Fenestration throughout, with the exception of the attic story 6/6 windows, is 4/4 and framed by a simple architrave.

The facade is 5 bays wide. The center entry is a 1 story ridge roofed enclosed porch. On the side elevations of the porch are small 2/2 windows. Side elevations are 1 bay deep. Attached to the center of the rear elevation is a 1½ story ridge roof ell with end chimney. A one story shed roof porch runs the depth of the ell on the east side.

The original portion of the house is believed to have been built about 1720, as indicated by structural evidence which shows a 1 story, single bay structure with side hall. The present house was existing, minus the ell, when it was converted into a meetinghouse in 1780. Interior partitions on the ground floor and the chimney were removed. The present chimney and interior finish date from the 1790 refitting as a residence.

The ell was added about 1820 and the enclosed entry porch was added in the mid-19th century. The shed roof porch was built about 1900.

The house is presently fitted with aluminum storm sash.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☒ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☐ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☒ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1720, 1881-90

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Captain Benjamin Locke House is significant for its associations with the Locke family and the growth and development of Arlington.

The original portion of the house was built about 1720 when Francis Locke moved from Woburn to Menotomy (West Cambridge, now Arlington). The family later built a larger house further west on Appleton Street. The family had large landholdings in the area.

Benjamin Locke, grandson of Francis Locke, served on the Prudential Committee and Association. He later commanded 50 men at the Battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill. Locke, in 1780, was chairman of a committee establishing a Baptist Society in Menotomy (now Arlington). Members were opposed to paying ministerial taxes for the Congregational Church. (Congregationalism was the established faith in Massachusetts until 1833.) In 1784 Locke barely escaped arrest by the collector of ministerial taxes.

The first minister of the new Baptist Society boarded at Locke's house during his probationary period.

In 1781 the Society purchased the house from Locke for 100 silver dollars. Locke retained first option for purchase. Joseph Shaw, tenant and member of the Society, was paid \$14 in compensation for moving.

In 1790 the house was sold back to Locke for \$60. One month later, Locke had sold the house to his son for \$66. The house remained in the possession of the Locke family and their descendants until 1975.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arlington Vital Records

Cutter; Benjamin, & Cutter; William R., History of the Town of Arlington, Boston: David Clapp & Son, 1880.

Gozzaldi; Mary, Supplement and Index to the History of Cambridge, Cambridge: Cambridge Historical Society, 1930.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

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B

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

C

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

D

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marianne Balazs

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor & Arlington Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

28 February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Peter Iwaszko

3/23/78

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE Acting

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Arthur Cole

DATE 7-24-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property

Locke, Capt. Benjamin, House

State

Mass.

Working Number

4.3.78.2842

Middlesex

TECHNICAL

Photos 1

Maps 1

Sign.

CONTROL

OK - pl
4.6.78

Growth + development of Arlington not discussed, but eligible for association w/ Locke.

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT 5/24/78

Fre Townes

Locally significant.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Barham
5.15.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

of historical significance.

Accept
Lebovich
6/9/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

7/21/78

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

9.5.78

Send-back

Re-submit

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Capt. Benjamin Locke House
Arlington, MA. *Middlesex* JUL 21 1978
1975 *County*
Stephen Ferguson
Arlington Historical Commission
Town Hall
Arlington, MA. APR 3 1978

Photo #1 *81*
Looking north toward the facade

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

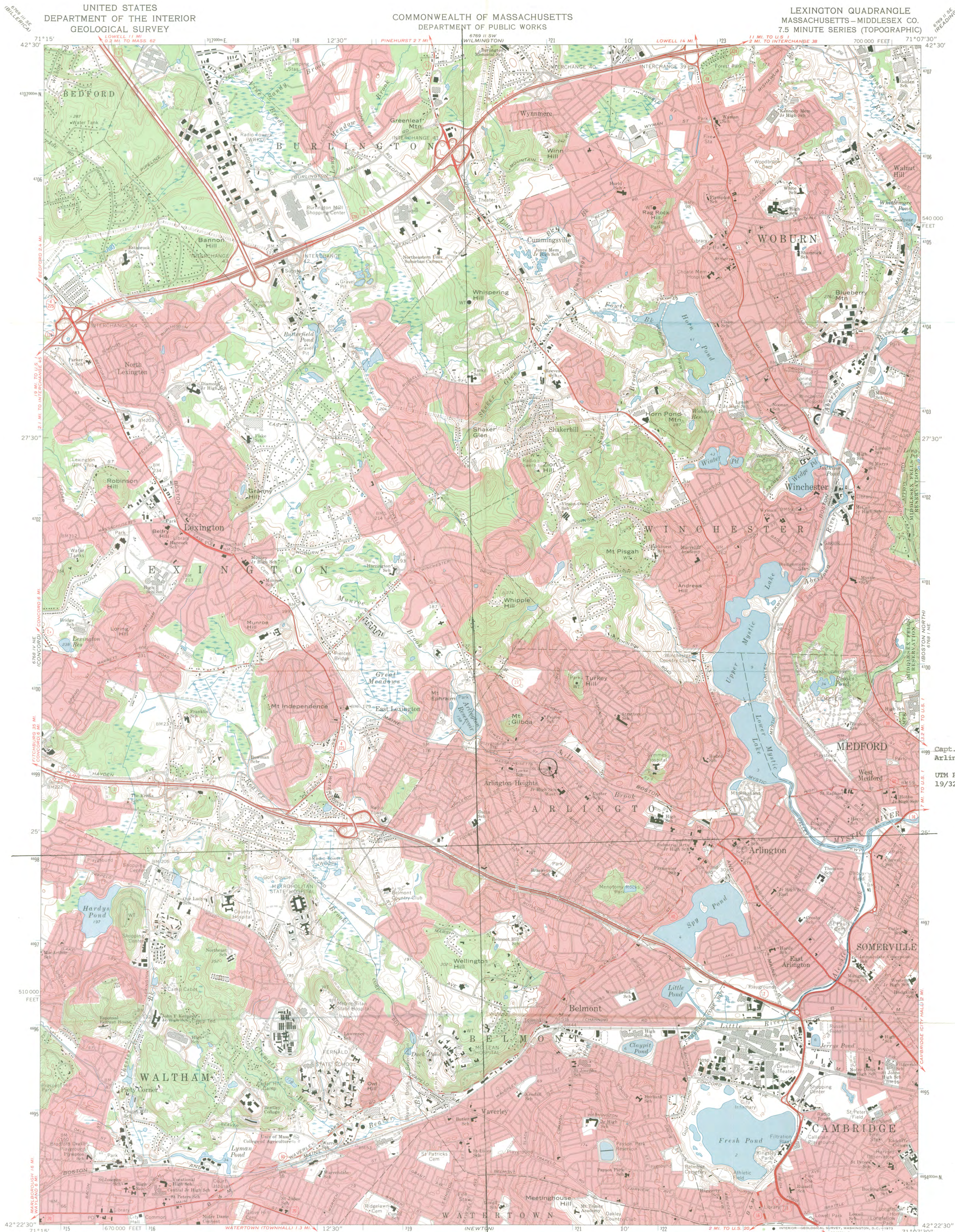
South facade

Capt. Benjamin Locke House

AHS 6

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21 APPLETON ST



Capt. Benjamin Locke House
Arlington, MA.

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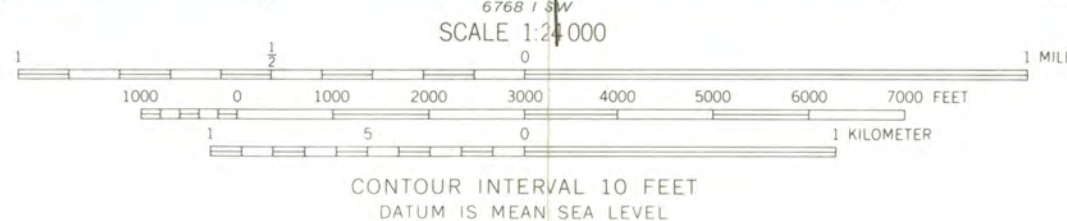
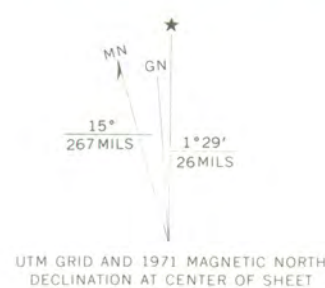
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Geodetic Survey

Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial
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Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark
buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface



LEXINGTON, MASS
N4222.5—W7107.5/7.5

1971

AMS 6768 I NW—SERIES V814

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUL 21 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Half Way House	Chatham Barnstable County
First Parish Church	Duxbury vicinity Plymouth County
Capron House	Attleboro Bristol County
Newell Farm	West Newbury Essex County
Locke, Capt. Benjamin, House	Arlington Middlesex County
Hawthorne Class Studio	Provincetown Barnstable County
Thayer Public Library	Braintree Norfolk County

Also Notified

Honorable Edward W. Brooke
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Gerry E. Studds
Honorable Margaret M. Heckler
Honorable Michael J. Harrington
Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Honorable James A. Burke

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Locke, Capt. Benjamin, House				② OTHER NAMES:		③ date of entry: JUL 21 1978		④ county code: 17	
⑤ LOCATION street & number 21 Appleton St.		city / town Arlington		vicinity of		state MA		county Middlesex	
⑦ OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)						⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: SHPO staff			
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL		⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑪ CONGRESS DISTRICT 8th		⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL		⑬ NPS REGION: NA	
⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑮ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑯ ACCESSION		⑰ if state who prepared form? ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION			
⑱ CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair		☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated		☐ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated		⑲ features: INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7		EXTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8	
⑳ ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		㉑ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO		㉒ SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		㉓ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☐ no			
㉔ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:		☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)		☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25		☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20		☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14	
㉕ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		㉖ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:		㉗ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION		㉘ CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐			
㉙ architectural style(s):		㉚ architect:		㉛ master builder:		㉜ engineer:			
㉝ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉞ interior decorator:		㉟ artist:		㊱ artisan:		㊲ builder/contractor:	
㊳ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:									
㊴ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP									