

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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BOSTON, MA 02116

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NATIONAL REGISTER

AREA	FORM NO.
	96

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MA

Address 26 Liberty Street

Historic Name Marshall Smith House

Use: Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1846-1847

Source Deeds

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings garage-NC

Major Alterations (with dates) Bay window on north (n.d.)

Condition Fair-good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 0.2A 8,055 sq. ft. 60-7-11

Setting On residential street with mid-19th c. houses; across from large institutional building

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Waltham Historical Comm.

Date August 1986

revised C. Jenkins 2/88

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

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

UTM REFERENCE 19/316100/4693920

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Marshall Smith House is a well detailed and preserved example of a vernacular sidehall plan Greek Revival style house in the city. Its 2½ story form is detailed with a full entablature, pedimented gable ends, cornerboards and a full Doric porch. With its well documented succession of owners, this house is a particularly good illustration of the development of the north central Main Street area in the mid-19th century as a home for workers and small businessmen. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Set on a residential street of predominantly nineteenth century houses very near a major commercial district, this house is an excellent example of a modest side-wall center entrance Greek Revival house with full porch and one of the few houses of this type in the city. The house is characterized by a pedimented attic, a plain entablature and cornerboards, fluted Doric columns supporting the porch and a brick foundation. The unusual porch balustrade, the bay on the north, and the long ell on the west are all probably later additions. It is a clapboard clad structure rising 2½ stories to a gable roof. Its symmetrical, traditional five bay facade is centered on a double entry. Flanking windows, as well as the five aligned above, contain original 6/6 sash.

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

This house was probably built in 1846 or 1847 by Marshall Smith, a chair and harness maker. Smith owned it for only a year; it then passed through various hands, was owned for about 10 years by Stephen Stone, a yeoman, and was auctioned to pay his debts. It was finally acquired in 1865 by Phebe Foster, a widow. The Fosters occupied it until about 1912; it was then acquired by Patrick J. Healy, a teamster, and in 1923 the members of his large family were variously employed as a stenographer, phone operator, salesman, bookkeeper, electrician, and lineman.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex Deeds - 506:413,418; 515:11; 598:15; 695:134; 942:166,167
Maps and atlases - 1854, 1875, 1886, 1900, 1911, 1915, 1923
Directories - 1871, 1886, 1901, 1911, 1915, 1923

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 71. Potter--O'Brien House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/28/89 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 72. Prospect House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 9/28/89 |
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| 73. Robbins, Royal E., School | Entered in the
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| 76. Sanderson, Nathan, II, House | Entered in the
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| 77. Sanderson--Clark Farmhouse | Entered in the
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| 78. Smith, Marshall, House | Entered in the
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| 79. Smith, Perez, House | Entered in the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Smith, Marshall, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Waltham MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/21/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/21/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001560

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/28/89 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification
___ materials
___ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___ acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTMS ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

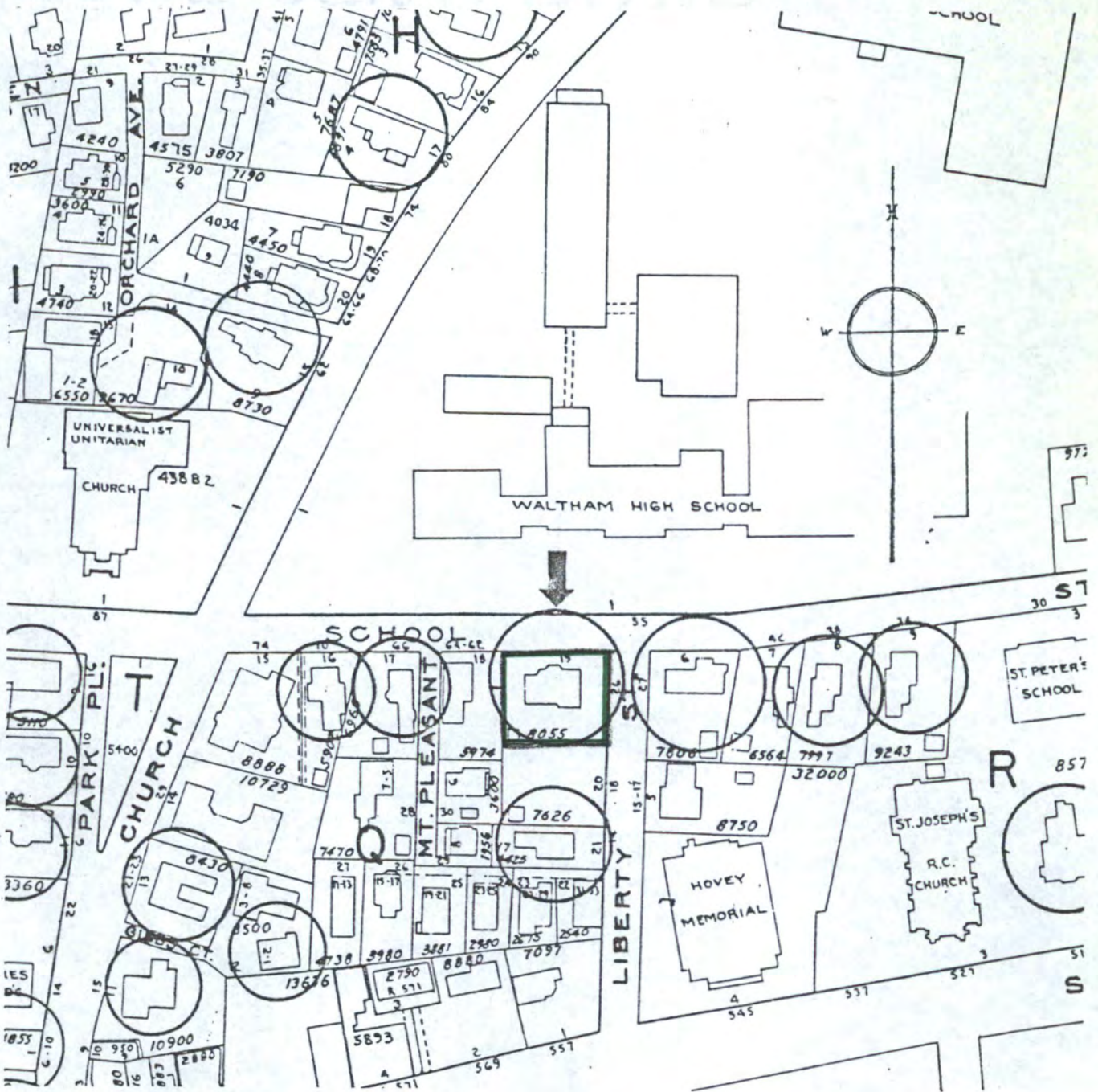


26 Wheeler St
WALTHAM, MA 01981

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M. Smith House





1970 Atlas, City of Waltham
 Compiled by the Waltham
 Engineering Division
 Scale: 1 inch = 140 feet

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301