

FORM B - BUILDING

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NATIONAL
REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

115

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MAAddress 42-44 Prospect StreetHistoric Name Benjamin F. Clough House

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

Use: Present Multi-family residentialOriginal Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1855Source Map, Sanderson 1957Style Greek Revival (temple-front)Architect unknownExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardOutbuildings none

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

Major Alterations (with dates) Colonial Re-
vival entry surround and Palladian window
c1900.

Condition FairMoved no Date n/aAcreage 0.15 A 5,582 sq. ft. 59-24-21

Setting On a busy street on a commer-
cial area with some multi-family
residences

UTM REFERENCE 19/315001/4693360USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTONSCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Nancy S. SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date August 1986

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The Benjamin Clough House is one of four surviving temple-front Greek Revival style houses in the city. Its elaborate 2½ story form is characterized by Ionic columns carrying the gable pediment. Later Colonial Revival style details like the Palladian window in the gable field and the fanlight entry surround, harmonize with the original features and have acquired a significance of their own. The house also illustrates the mid-late 19th century development of the central Main Street area as a home for workers, small businessmen and factory owners. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations, and meets criteria A and C of the National Register.

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

Set on what is now primarily a busy commercial street with some remaining multi-family residences, this house is a good example of a temple-front Greek Revival and is one of the remaining four of this type in the city. Although in only fair condition, it retains many of its original Greek Revival features: the two-story portico supported by fluted columns with four-sided Ionic capitals, corner returns, paneled corner boards, full-length first floor windows with corniced heads, and a gable-end side entrance with fluted pilasters and Greek fret molding across the top. Other features appear to be Colonial Revival additions: the Palladianesque window with dentils in the gable, the balustrade on the second floor porch and Chippendale railing on the first, brackets under the balcony, and the elliptical fanlight and sidelights with leaded tracery around the entrance. This example retains its original clapboard siding and multi-pane sash.

See # 97, 112, Area E

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 apparently built ca. 1855 by Benjamin F. Clough, who had come from Maine about 1853 and started a shoe-making business in a factory behind this house. The factory first made brogans, reportedly for sale to slave owners, and in 1857 employed 60 people. During the Civil War it switched to the production of men's, women's, and children's shoes. In 1871 the factory closed and the building was remodeled into residences. This house was acquired by Clough's son-in-law, George J. Barker, who later became president of a large lumber company on Bacon Street. The Barkers, who owned this house well into the twentieth century, were probably responsible for the Colonial Revival additions.

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Maps and atlases - 1854, 1875, 1886, 1900, 1911, 1915, 1923

Directories - 1871, 1886, 1901, 1923

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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Boston Manufacturing Company Housing (153--165 River St.) Entered in the National Register ☒ Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest _____
12. Brigham House Entered in the National Register ☒ Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest _____
13. Building at 202--204 Charles Street Entered in the National Register ☒ Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest _____
14. Buttrick, Francis, House Entered in the National Register ☒ Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest _____
- See 15. Buttrick, Francis, Library ☒ Substantive Review ☒ Keeper Beth X. Savage 9/28/89 Attest _____
16. Byam, Charles, House Entered in the National Register ☒ Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest _____
17. Central Square Historic District Entered in the National Register ☒ Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest _____
18. Charles Street Workers' Housing Historic District Entered in the National Register ☒ Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest _____
- See 19. Christ Episcopal Church ☒ Substantive Review ☒ Keeper Beth X. Savage 9/28/89 Attest _____
20. Clough, Benjamin F., House Entered in the National Register ☒ Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Clough, Benjamin F., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Waltham MRA
NAME:

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: 89001536

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



Clough House
42-44 Prospect St
Waltham MA 019
#115



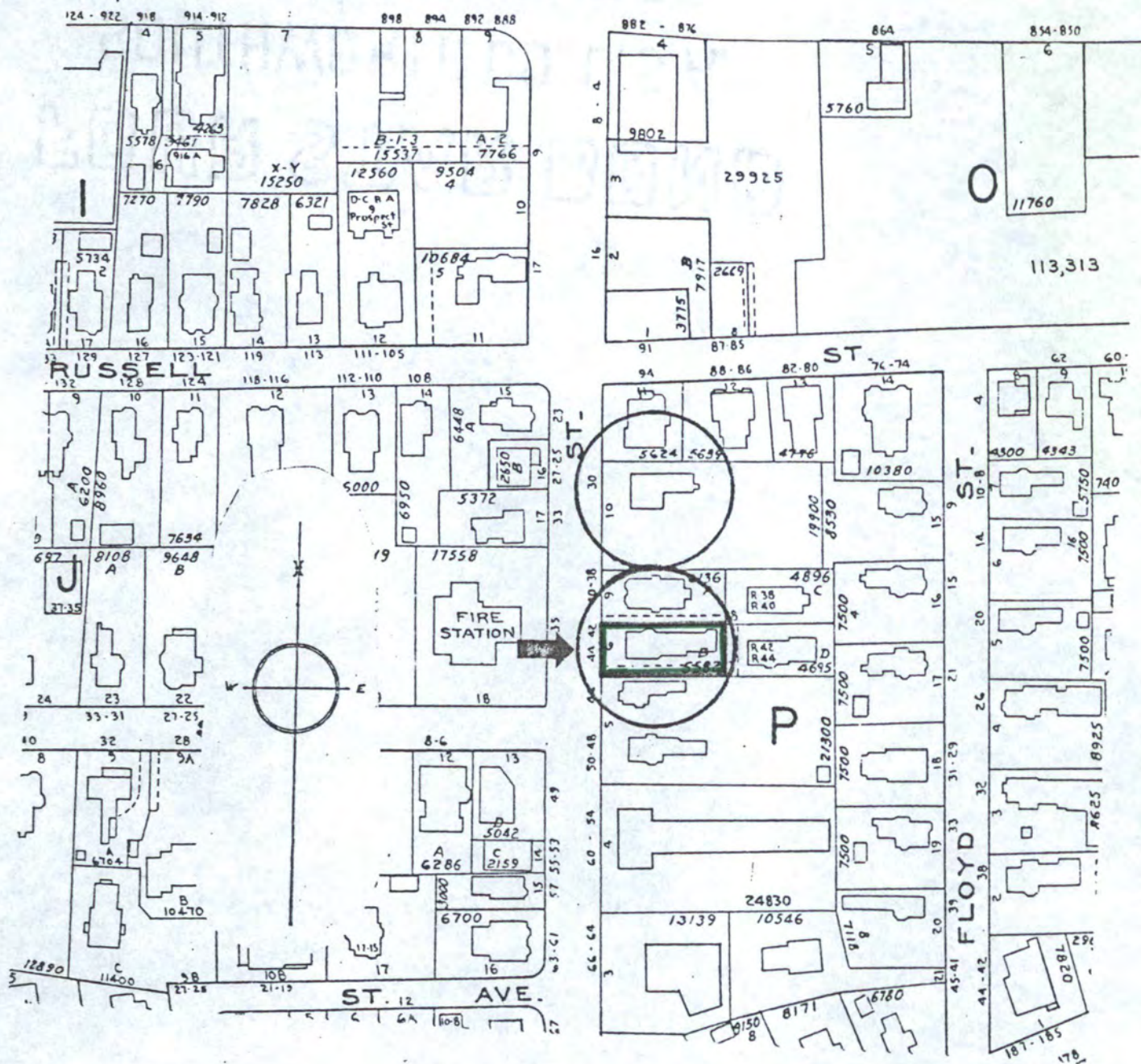
Clough Forest

42-414 Prospect St

Waltham MA MKA

#115

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

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA
 42-44 Prospect Street
 Benjamin F. Clough House
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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