

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET
 BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Washington, Mass.
Washington MRA

Address Stone House Road

Historic Name Philip Eames House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence and Farm

DESCRIPTION

Date 1843

Source Date Stone

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Quarried irregular cut granite

Outbuildings greenhouse, two sheds
(all early 20th century)

Major Alterations (with dates) None

Condition Excellent

Moved No Date N/A

Acreage 1 acre

Setting West side of Stone House Road, on the brow of hill, in very rural setting

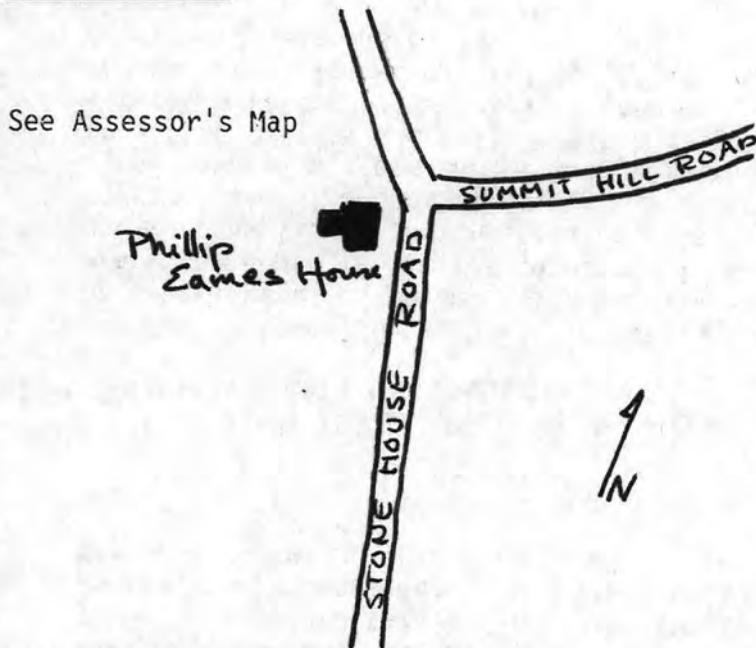
Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, preservation planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date June 1986

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 18/654840/4693520

USGS QUADRANGLE Becket Quadrangle

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Philip Eames House, Washington's most imposing mid 19th century residence, retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The well-preserved building is Washington's only stone house and displays finely articulated late Federal/early Greek Revival-style detailing. It fulfills Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

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

The Philip Eames House, built in 1843, is Washington's most imposing and best-preserved residence. With its five-bay, central entrance, double-pile plan, the house is similar to others in Washington. It is distinguished, however, by its execution in stone, its fine detailing, and its unusually intact state of preservation. The building is 2 1/2 stories in height, with a stone chimney at each end of the gable roof. The entryway is embellished with an elliptical fan and full-length sidelights, set within a keyed arch and four tapered pilasters of smooth-cut granite. An enclosed pediment at each gable end is also composed of granite blocks. 6/6 sash windows are accented with granite lintels and sills.

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

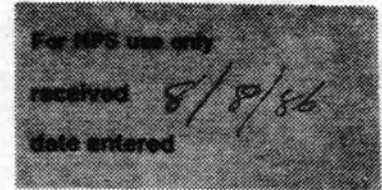
The Philip Eames House was built in 1843 on land close by the path of the Western Railroad, which began construction through Washington in 1838. The route over difficult terrain required the removal of vast quantities of rock to create a half-mile cut 55 feet deep. The Eames House was constructed of quarried granite said to have been block-cut from Summit Rock, the point through which the line was blasted. Eames' birthplace, built in 1764, stood to the north and east of the nominated property until the early 20th century. During the 1850s, Philip Eames owned one of several saw mills, which thrived during the town's brief period of prosperity in the wake of the railroad's construction. In the early 20th century, the house was owned by an avid gardener, who was responsible for the construction of a sizable greenhouse on the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Elliot, History of Washington.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 1 of 1

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Washington Multiple Resource Area
State Berkshire County, MASSACHUSETTS

Conrad Byers 9/2/86

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Clark--Eames House

Entered in the *for*
National Register Keeper

Conrad Byers 9/2/86

Attest

2. ~~Eames, Philip, House~~

Entered in the *for*
National Register Keeper

Conrad Byers 9/2/86

Attest

3. Lower Historic District

Entered in the *for*
National Register Keeper

Conrad Byers 9/2/86

Attest

4. Saint Andrew's Chapel

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

accept Patrick Andrus 9/12/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

5. Sibley--Cocoran House

Entered in the *for*
National Register Keeper

Conrad Byers 9/2/86

Attest

6. South Center School House

Entered in the *for*
National Register Keeper

Conrad Byers 9/2/86

Attest

7. Upper Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/2/87 R S

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/2/87

8. Deming--Root--Messenger--
Schultz House

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Eligible Patrick Andrus 9/12/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

9.

Keeper

Attest

10.

Keeper

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Eames, Philip, House (Washington MRA)
Berkshire County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 8 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 9/4/86 - 9/22/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-12-86
 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	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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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: _____



Capt. Phillip Eames House 1843 #14
Washington Mass Multi Resource Nomination
Stone House Road
Washington, MA 01223 *MRA*
James N. Parrish 11/10/81 BCRPC
Photo 18 of 25 roll 17 Frame 17A
View west of Capt. Phillip Eames Stone
house from road.



Capt. Phillip Eames House 1843 #14
Washington Mass Multi Resource Nomination
Stone House Road
Washington, MA 01223 *MRA*
James N. Parrish 11/10/81 BCRPC
Photo 19 of 25 Roll 17 Frame 19A
View ~~S.E.~~ of north gable, Capt. Phillip
Eames House showing date stone under
cornice and pediment "Phillip Eames 1843".



17-19

Philip James House
Stone House Road
Washington, Mass. MRA



Phillips Eames House
Stone House Road
Washington, Mass. MRA

17-21

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000302