

FORM B - BUILDING

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

AREA	FORM NO.
	377

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

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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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 224-226 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Prentiss-Payson House

Use: Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1856

Source Menotomy Historic District Report

Style Greek Revival/Italianate with later 19th century modifications

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings shed

Major alterations (with dates) _____

dormers and upper story window en-

framements ca. 1880.

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting Like several other substantial

homes in the area this one is situated

very close to Pleasant Street. The rear

of the house overlooks Spy Pond.

UTH: 19/322080/4697000

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date 12/84

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This mid-19th century frame vernacular residence is composed of a large main block and small rear addition. Stylistically, its form, window enframements, and the return eaves of its gable roof are Italianate in sensibility. Its main entrance, with a full transom topped by an unbroken pediment, is Greek Revival in feeling.

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

Built in 1856, this house's original occupants were a Miss Prentiss and a Miss Payson. They moved to Arlington from Charlestown, MA. For many years this was the residence of Payson Prentiss, organist at the First Parish Church and the Universalist Church. He was a music teacher and commodore of the original Arlington Boat Club on Spy Pond. He died on June 9, 1906. His widow, Ellen, is listed at this address in the 1920s. The western shore of Spy Pond was the center for seasonal recreation activities in the second half of the 19th century.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Prentiss-Payton House, typical of the mid-19th century suburban residences built along Pleasant Street, possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It fulfills Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

"Final Report of the Arlington Historic District Study Committee to the Town of Arlington," March, 1972.

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

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Continuation sheet

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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 Delores Byers 9/27/85

32. Milestone

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

for Delores Byers 9/27/85

33. Prentiss-Payson House

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National Register

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for Delores Byers 4/18/85

34. Prentiss, William, House

Entered in the
National Register

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35. Proctor, William, House

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36. Rawson, Warren, Building

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37. Rawson, Warren, House

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39. Robinson House

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Fessenden HouseEntered in the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Prentiss-Payson House (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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

- ☐ 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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ 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 _____

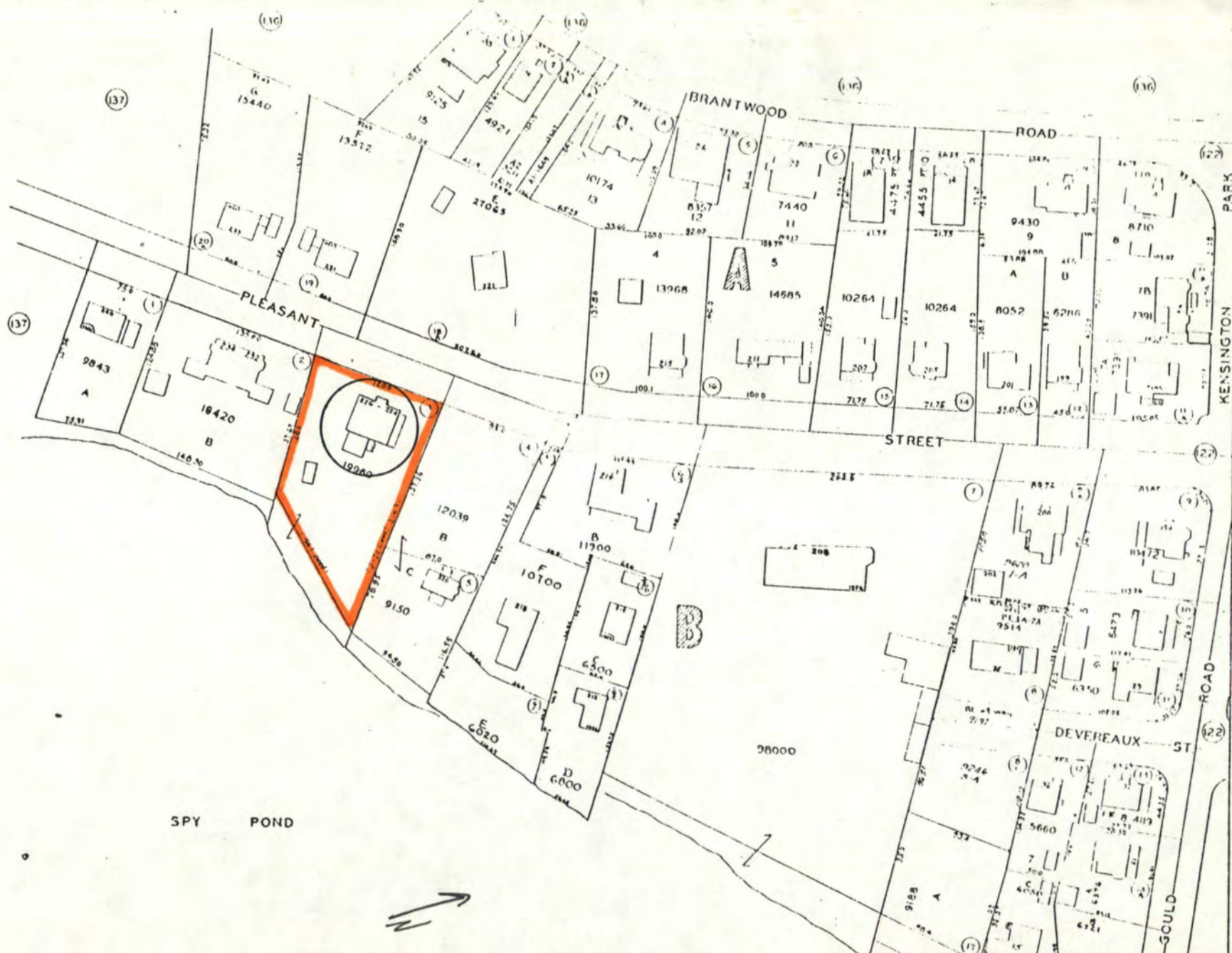
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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