

**FORM B - BUILDING**

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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| AREA | FORM NO. |
|      | 15       |

Washington, Mass.  
Town Washington MRA

Address Valley Road

Historic Name Sibley-Corcoran House

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo.  
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Use: Present Residence

Original Residence & Farm

**DESCRIPTION**

Date ca. 1810-1816

Source Registry of Deeds

Style Federal/Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Brick Asphalt Paper

Outbuildings Garage (mid 20th century)

Major Alterations (with dates) Greek Revival

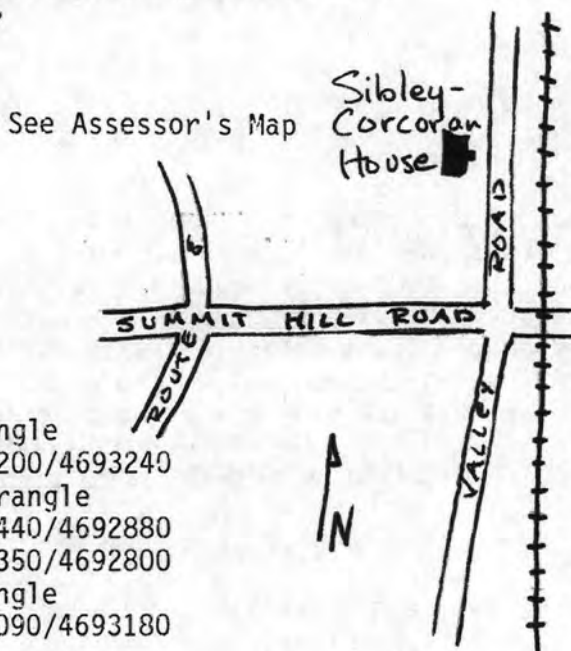
details added ca. 1825; barn demolished (foundations remain)  
Condition good

Moved no Date N/A

Acreage approximately 10 acres

Setting west side of Valley Road just north of Summit Hill Road intersection

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



Peru Quadrangle  
A: 18/655200/4693240  
Becket Quadrangle  
B: 18/655440/4692880  
C: 18/655350/4692800  
Peru Quadrangle  
D: 18/655090/4693180

UTM REFERENCE See above

USGS QUADRANGLE See above

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg  
Preservation Planner  
Organization Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date June 1986

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Sibley-Corcoran House is a Federal-period residence constructed during Washington's brief period of growth and was originally associated with an extensive farmstead. Its construction in the 19th century's second decade came on the eve of the departure of many Washington farmers for more fertile land in Ohio's Western Reserve, a crucial factor in the town's sparse historical development. Architecturally, the house demonstrates the application of Greek Revival-style detailing to a Federal-style residence.

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

The Sibley-Corcoran House was originally a five-bay central entrance Federal-style house not unlike others in Washington, with 6/6 fenestration. In the 1820s, Greek Revival-style surface treatments were added, including broad entablature with cornice and frieze, and enclosed pediments. Still later additions include enclosed porches resting on granite blocks at both the main entryway and southern, secondary entrance, and a shed-roofed ell at the rear. A garage behind the house was built in the mid 20th century.

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

The nominated property was built ca. 1810-1816 by Ezra Sibley and sold, with 123 acres of land, to Daniel Sibley in 1825. Daniel Sibley was responsible for adding the building's Greek Revival-style details. In 1838, construction began on the Western Railroad through Washington. Its tracks ran to the immediate east of the Sibley-Corcoran House. John Corcoran, who purchased the house in 1869, was a railroad employee, as was his son Mike.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Eliot, History of Washington  
Middle Berkshire Registry of Deeds.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:  
Washington, Mass.  
Washington MRA

Form No:  
15

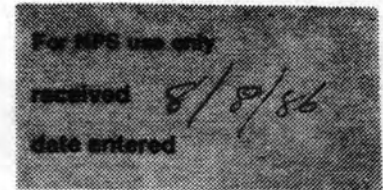
Property Name: Sibley-Corcoran House

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

National Register Criteria (continued)

The Sibley-Corcoran House retains integrity of location, design, setting, feeling, and association and fulfils Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational 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

## Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Clark--Eames House

Entered in the *for*  
National Register Keeper

Attest

*Conrad Byers* 9/12/86

2. Eames, Philip, House

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National Register Keeper

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*Michael Byers* 9/12/86

3. Lower Historic District

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National Register Keeper

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*Michael Byers* 9/12/86

4. Saint Andrew's Chapel

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~~National Register~~ Keeper

Attest

*accept Patrick Andrews* 9/12/86  
*Beth L. Savage* 9/12/865. Sibley--Cocoran HouseEntered in the *for*  
National Register Keeper

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*Michael Byers* 9/12/86

6. South Center School House

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National Register Keeper

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*Michael Byers* 9/12/86

7. Upper Historic District

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~~National Register~~ Keeper

Attest

*Patrick Andrews* 9/2/87 R S  
*Beth L. Savage* 9/2/878. Deming--Root--Messenger-  
Schultz House~~Entered in the~~ *for*  
~~National Register~~ Keeper

Attest

*Eligible Patrick Andrews* 9/12/86  
*Beth L. Savage* 9/12/86

9.

Keeper

Attest

10.

Keeper

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Sibley--Cocoran House (Washington MRA)  
Berkshire County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 8 1986  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 9/8/86 - 9/22/86  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-12-86  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in National Register  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

- ☐ 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  
☐ good  
☐ fair
- ☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ 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

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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





Sibley-Corcoran House 1810-1816 #15  
Washington Mass Multi Resource Nomination  
Valley Road  
Washington, MA 01223  
James N. Parrish 11/10/84 BCRPC  
Photo 24 of 25 Roll 100 Frame 21  
View west from Valley Road.

*Washington, MA, MA*





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Sibley - Corcoran House  
Valley Road  
Washington, MA MRA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000302