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FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Arlington

Address 93 Summer Street

Historic Name Ella Mahalla Cotter Sterlin House

Use: Present residential

Original farmhouse

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1840-1865

Source N/A

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

ell extended several times

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting The property has a low stone retaining wall, granite posts, and an iron gate.

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.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date December 1984

UTM: 19/322460/4698340

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The finest Greek Revival house in this section of Arlington, the E.M.C. Sterling House has a full pedimented gable, a one-story Doric porch, corner pilasters, and a side-lighted entrance. An extended ell of several sections is attached to the southeast wall of the house. The house stands atop a low rise on a broad lawn, and the property is framed by a low stone wall and gateposts.

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

According to the 1875 J.B. Beers & Co. Atlas, this house belonged to E.M.C. Sterling. This was probably Ella Mahalla Cutter Sterling, the daughter of J. Cym Cutter, who in 1875 continued to own and farm most of the property surrounding this house. Mrs. Sterling was married to Edwin L. Sterling.

The Cutter Family was prominent in Arlington affairs beginning in the early eighteenth century, when John Cutter was chosen to be deacon of the newly organized Northwest Precinct/Second Parish of Cambridge.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The E.M.C Sterling House is an intact example of the Greek Revival style. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association and it meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

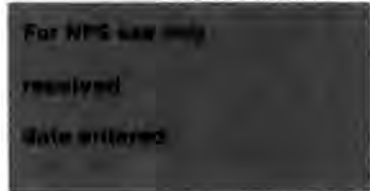
BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

- Stadley map, 1898 - (does not show house)
- Beers map, 1875
- Walker map, 1889
- Arlington Past & Present, 1907.
- Building permits

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Russell Common

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 4/18/85

Attest

42. Shattuck, Ralph W., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 9/27/85

Attest

43. Sterling-Cutter, Ella
Mahalla, House

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44. Swadkins, Thomas, House

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45. Swan, Henry, House

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46. Symmes, Jr., Stephen, House

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47. Taylor-Dallin House

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48. Wayside Inn

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49. Whittemore House

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50. Winn Farm

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Sterling-Cutter, Ella Mahalla, 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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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: _____



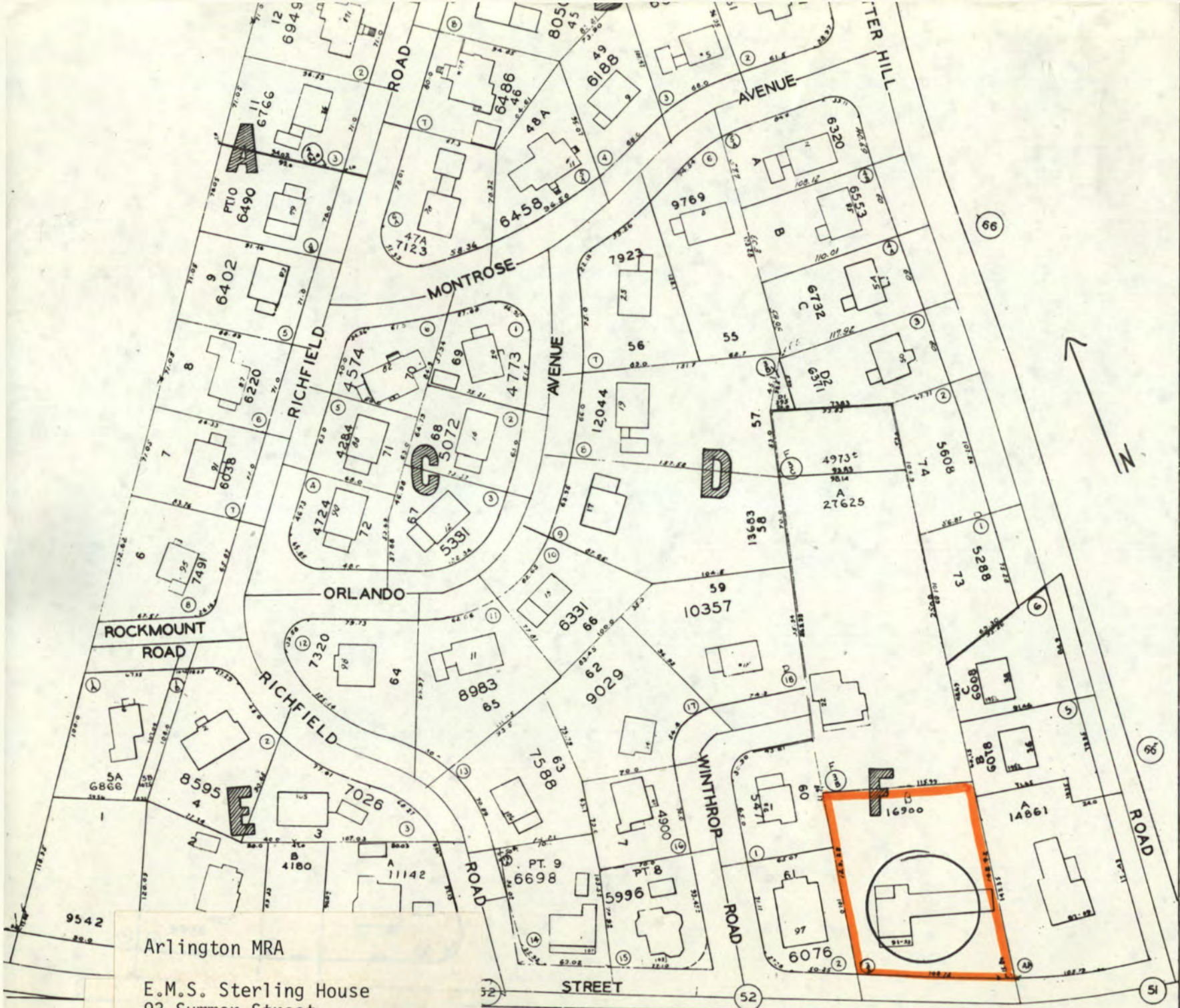
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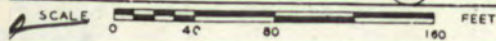
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