

FORM B - BUILDING

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NATIONAL
REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

94

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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 19/316010/4693920USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTONSCALE 1:25,000Town Waltham, MA Waltham, MAAddress 70 School StreetHistoric Name Josiah Beard HouseUse: Present ResidentialOriginal Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1844Source DeedsStyle Greek RevivalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardOutbuildings garage-NCMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition GoodMoved From Church St. Date 1888Acreage 0.25 A 5,902 sq. ft. 60-7-2Setting On residential street with mid-19th c. houses, across from institutional buildingRecorded by Nancy S. SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.

August 1986

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NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Josiah Beard House is a well detailed and preserved example of a vernacular sidehall plan Greek Revival style house in the city. Its 2½ story form is detailed with a pedimented gable, full entablature, paneled cornerboards, and encircling Doric porch. The original owner was a prominent citizen and later owners were typical residents of the area. The house is also a good illustration of the development of the north central Main Street area in the mid-19th century as a home for workers and small businessmen. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Set on a residential street with predominantly nineteenth century houses near the City center, this house is an excellent example of a gable-end side entrance Greek Revival house. It retains many of its original features and finishes: a pedimented attic, full entablature, an unusual spade-shaped detail on the paneled corner boards, floor-length window architraves on the first floor, and an encircling portico supported by fluted Doric columns. The various ells on the south and west, the cross-gabled two story bay on the east, and the double front door are all probably later additions. It is a 2½ story clapboard clad house enclosed by a gable roof. Its glazed double-leaf entry and 2/2 window sash appear to date from the late 19th century.

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 in 1844 by Josiah Beard. At that time the lot included the lot was the whole corner lot at School and Church streets and this house was built facing Church Street.

Josiah Beard reportedly invented the bottle cap; he also held a number of public offices including that of Selectman, bank director, and Representative to the General Court in 1862. Beard died in 1885, and the property was sold to Thomas P. Smith, a printer who lived elsewhere on School Street. In 1888 Smith built an apartment building, the Hotel Kilby, on the corner lot and moved this house around the corner to its present location on School Street. The house was rented thereafter; in 1923 the occupants included a widow and a carpenter.

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Directories - 1871, 1880, 1886, 1888-89, 1901, 1923

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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Cover

Substantive Review

Keeper 151 9/28/89

1. American Waltham Watch Company entered in the
-
- Historic District National Register

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2. American Watch Tool Company

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National RegisterKeeper Shelous Byers 9/28/89

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3. Andrews, Joseph, House

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4. Baker, Charles, House

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5. Baker, Charles, Property

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6. Banks, E. Sybbill, House

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- SUK 7. Barnes, Thomas, House

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper Eligible Beth Sarge 9/28/89

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8. Beard, Josiah, House

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National RegisterKeeper Shelous Byers 9/28/89

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- SUK 9. Beth Eden Baptist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth Sarge 9/28/89

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10. Boston Manufacturing Company Housing
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- (380--410 River St.)

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National RegisterKeeper Shelous Byers 9/28/89

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Beard, Josiah, 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: 89001529

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

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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

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



70 School St.

WALTHAM, MA 01901

#94

Beard House

Jersey



70 SCHOOL ST.

WALTHAM, MA MRA

#94

Beard House

Josiah

Josiah Beard House #94
70 School Street
1" = 100'
1975; updated to 1987
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #60-7-2



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301