



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

own Arlington, MA

address 8 College Avenue

Historic Name Maria Bassett House

Use: Present residential

Original farmhouse

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1850-1870

Source Visual Analysis

Style Italianate

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates)

twentieth-century siding

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting From the hillside on which the
house sits, there is a view of the
Mystic Lakes.

UTM: 19/322820/4699310

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

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This is the grandest of the remaining Italianate houses in the area. Its heavy double brackets, dentil courses, and boldly molded window surrounds are details that mark a well-executed Italianate house. A fine polygonal bay, its flat roof supported by paired brackets, extends from the building's side. The building has a high Italianate balcony and porch that may have been added or altered slightly at a later period. The single-story porch, which wraps around the front and side of the building, is ornately decorated with brackets, dentils, paired columns, and turned spindles.

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

The Maria Bassett House, built ca. 1850, is one of earliest houses in a section of Arlington — the northwest corner — that did not fully develop until the 1920s and 1930s. The gentle hills overlooking the Mystic Lakes were known in the second half of the 19th century for dairy farming and this house, sited on a hill above the lakes, may have been associated with this endeavor.

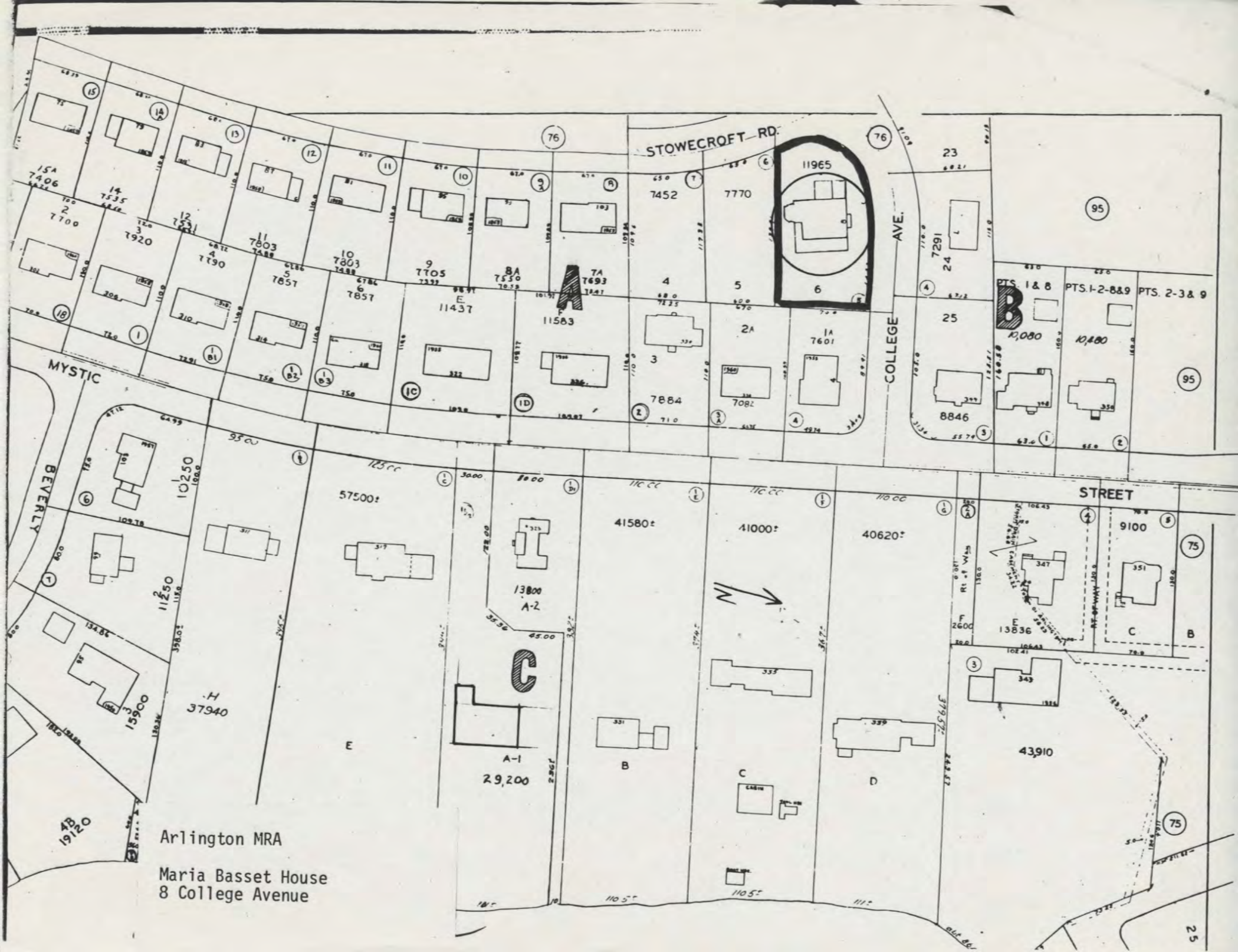
CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Maria Bassett House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It fulfills criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places as a grand example of the Italianate style.

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

Stadley map, 1898
Arlington Past and Present

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20012



STOWCROFT RD.

COLLEGE AVE.

MYSTIC

BEVERLY

STREET

Arlington MRA

Maria Basset House
8 College Avenue



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bassett, Maria, House (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 4/20/85
Action: ACCEPT
RETURN 4-18-85
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

Please provide scale for map

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *Dr. Byers* Date *4/18/85* Phone: _____

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	11

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

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Organization Mass Historical Commission
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Major alterations (with dates) _____

Twentieth century asbestos siding

Moved No Date NA

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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

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Bassett, Maria, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelora Byers 9/27/85

Attest

12. Buildings at 1334 and
1339 Massachusetts Ave.

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

13. Call-Bartlett House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
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Attest

14. Capitol Theater Building

Entered in the
National Registerfor
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15. Chapel of St. Anne

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KeeperMelora Byers 4/18/85

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16. Cushman House

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KeeperMelora Byers 4/18/85

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17. Cutter, Jefferson, House

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18. Cutter, Second, A.P.,
HouseEntered in the
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KeeperMelora Byers 4/18/85

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19. Damon House

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National Registerfor
KeeperMelora Byers 4/18/85

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20. Farmer, Kimball, House

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Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 9/28/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-27-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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