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AREA FORM NO.

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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

NATIONAL REGISTER
WALTHAM, MA MRA
Town Waltham, Massachusetts

Address 188-190, 192-194 Adams St.

Historic Name Aaron Martin Houses

Use Present residential

Original residential

Photo (3"x 3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date 1892-1900

Source deed research, maps

Style Queen Anne/Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings none

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

Major Alterations (with dates) - none

Condition good

Moved no - Date - n/a

Acreage 15,000 sq.ft. 0.34A 76-4-9

Setting Situated in densely settled residential area of late 19th century houses.

UTM REFERENCE 19/315400/4692430

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

Organization Waltham Hist. Comm.

Date June, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Aaron Martin Houses possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. They are significant as well-preserved and early examples of the four-square form with vestigial Queen Anne style trim. They also reflect accelerated residential construction on the South Side, spurred by the late-19th century prosperity of the American Waltham Watch Company. The Martin Houses meet 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.

#188-190 and 192-194 Adams Street represent an interesting variation on the South Side Waltham, double-house theme. These remarkable, unspoiled houses possess boxy forms which are enclosed by hip roofs with double-hip roof dormers. Much of their charm is derived from the pedimented front porches with turned posts, and spool-work transoms. The windows of the 3-bay main facades are fully enframed and pedimented, with incised floral decoration.

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

Built at some point between 1892 and 1900, these houses date to a period of accelerated South Side house construction, spurred by the prosperity of the American Watch Company, and improved public transportation links with the north side of the Charles River - by 1890 the Newton Street Railway had converted to electricity, extending its routes throughout much of the western South Side and the rest of Waltham, Massachusetts.

#188-190 and 192-194 Adams Street were built on land owned by Charles A. Hall and Lumen N. Hall. The Halls had acquired this land in 1872 from Charles Harrington. Charles A. Hall was a machinist at the American Waltham Watch Company; and Lumen A. Hall was a city clerk. The Halls sold this lot to Aaron L. Martin on May 16, 1892. Martin is also listed as an employee of the American Waltham Watch Company, and lived in a substantial Queen Anne House at 786 Moody Street (see form).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps/Atlases: 1881, 1886, 1898, 1900
Middlesex County Deeds - 1213:4; 2121:553
Waltham/Watertown Directories - 1890's

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
51. Johnson, Newell D., House National Register	Keeper <u>A. Loree Byers</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
52. Lawton Place Historic District Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>A. Loree Byers</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
53. Libby, Nelson F., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>A. Loree Byers</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
54. Linden Street Bridge Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
55. Lord's Castle Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>A. Loree Byers</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
56. Lyman Street Historic District Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>A. Loree Byers</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
57. Martin, Aaron, Houses Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>A. Loree Byers</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
58. Martin, Aaron, House (786 Moody St.) Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>A. Loree Byers</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
59. Moody Street Fire Station Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>A. Loree Byers</u> 9/28/89 Attest _____
60. Moody Street Historic District Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage</u> 3/9/90 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Martin, Aaron, Houses

MULTIPLE NAME: Waltham MRA

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: 89001486

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 Entered in the
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
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

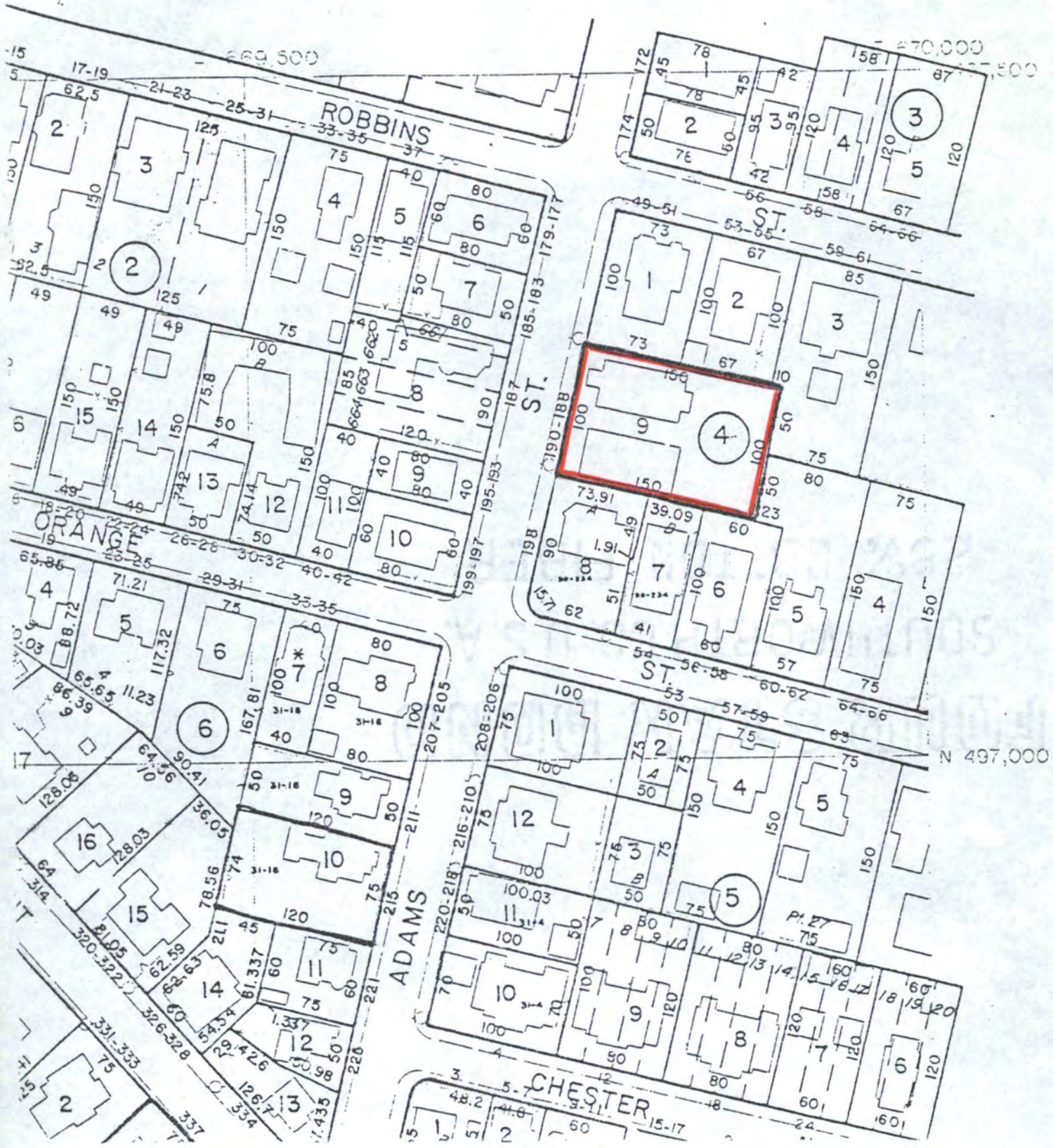
Date _____



188-190, 192-194 Adams ST.
MHC #36
Waltham, MA, MAIRA
Aaron Martin Houses

Aaron Martin Houses #36
188-190, 192-194 Adams Street
1" = 100'
1975; updated to 1987
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #76-4-9



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301