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

Town Arlington, MA

Address 45 Claremont Avenue

Historic Name N/A

Use: Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1885-1890

Source Arlington Maps and Directories

Style Italianate/Victorian Gothic

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting Situated at the corner of

Appleton and Claremont Streets, this house

is surrounded by well-maintained lawns.

UTM: 19/318150/4698530

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

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 12/84

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

This handsome framed dwelling is a fine example of the amalgamation of the Victorian Gothic and Italianate styles, a comparatively rare residential form in Arlington. The curved line of its porch's bracings is countered by the triangular shape of its steeply pitched gable. Its windows are fully enframed with bracketed caps. In the center of the gable is a pine tree window.

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

Theodore B. Merrick, an instructor at the Institute of Technology (now M.I.T.) in Cambridge lived in this house during the 1890s. It was built ca. 1885-1890 in an area that was primarily farmland until the mid-1870s. After this time, a number of handsome homes were built as the area grew increasingly popular with well-to-do commuters. After Merrick's occupancy, it was for many years the home of George Tewksbury. He is listed in the Arlington Directory as a "promoter, Studio Building in Boston."

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This house possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It fulfills Criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places

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

- 1875 Beers & Co. Atlas
- 1884 Bird's Eye View of Arlington, Arlington Advocate
- 1898 Stadley & Co. Atlas
- 1923 Sanborn Map Co. Atlas
- Arlington Directories of 1869/70, 1883, 1890, 1898, 1923

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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. First Parish Church
Parsonage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 4/18/85

22. Hall, Edward, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 4/18/85

23. Highland Hose House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 4/18/85

✓ 24. Hill, Addison, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/27/85

25. Hornblower, Edward, House
and Barn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 4/18/85

26. House at 45 Claremont Avenue

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National Register

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

27. House at 5--7 Winter Street

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

28. House at 5 Willow Court

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

Delores Byers 4/18/85

29. Kimball, W.W., House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 4/18/85

30. Locke, Lt. Benjamin, Store

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 45 Claremont Avenue (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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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: _____

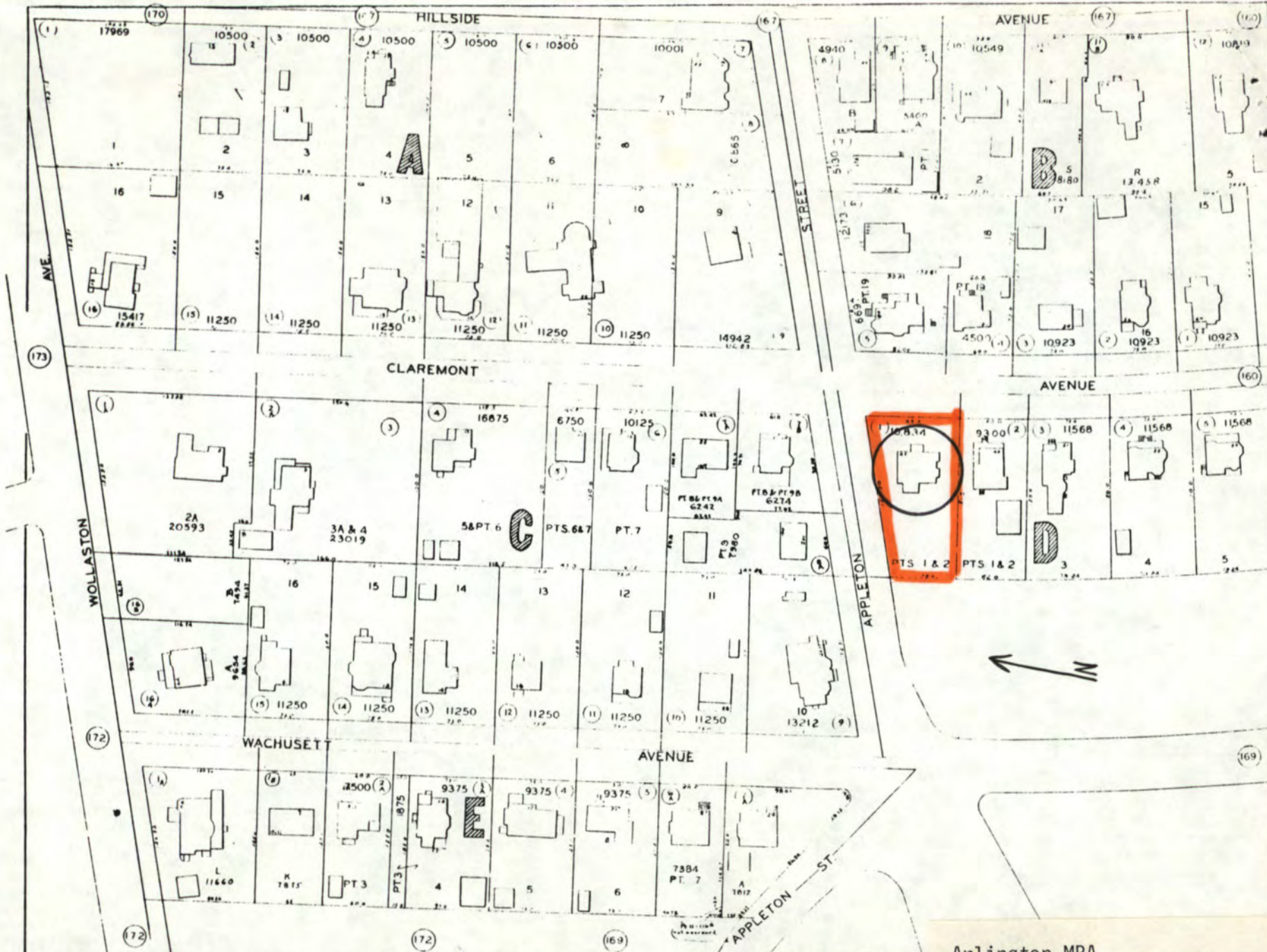


House at 45 Clarendon Ave, Arlington MA, MA

Roll 3

or 34

45 Clarendon Ave 247



Arlington MRA

 45 Claremont Avenue

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