

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	516

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

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.

See attached map.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg
Organization Mass. Historical Commission
Date December 1984

Town Arlington

Address 393 Massachusetts Avenue

Historic Name Wayside Inn

Use: Present Commercial

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date Before 1750

Source Parker's History of Arlington

Style Vernacular Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) ca. 1860:

Side ell and front porch.

Moved No Date NA

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting This house sits on busy Massachusetts Avenue at the edge of Arlington's Central Business District

UTM References: 19/323120/4697640

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This building has a half-house floor plan unusual for Georgian-period homes. The substantial third-floor overhang on the right side of the building is also unusual. The house is in a fine state of preservation, with good Greek Revival details, including the front and side porches.

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

One of Arlington's few remaining pre-Revolutionary structures, this house was owned in the 18th century by the Cutter family, who were among the first settlers in the area, and in the early 19th century by the Whittemore family. In the 19th century, it may have been used as a stagecoach stop or hotel, as its owner, Phillip Whittemore, also owned the Whittemore Hotel, which later became Arlington House. The Hotel, which has been destroyed, was built in 1826 on the site of Cooper's tavern at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Broadway and Medford Streets. But the name "The Wayside Inn" did not appear in local documents until the early 20th century, by which time the building was a private dwelling. The Whittemore family sold the house to Ralph W. Shattuck, the hardware merchant. He lived here and maintained his store in an adjacent building during the late 19th century.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Wayside Inn is a fine example of the Georgian style of architecture with fine Greek Revival additions. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, material, workmanship, feeling and, with associations with 19th century Arlington, it meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Parker's History of Arlington
Assessors Records

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wayside Inn (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: 2 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		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

(ATM not filled. I will take away view & responsibility)

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 maps

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

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

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 4/18/85

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44. Swadkins, Thomas, House

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National Register

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Melora Byers 4/18/85

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45. Swan, Henry, House

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National Register

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Melora Byers 9/27/85

Attest

46. Symmes, Jr., Stephen, House

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47. Taylor-Dallin House

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National Register

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Melora Byers 9/27/85

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48. Wayside Inn

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National Register

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Melora Byers 9/27/85

Attest

49. Whittemore House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 4/18/85

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50. Winn Farm

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melora Byers 4/18/85

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REF #
85002640

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Arlington MRA, MA

