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AREA FORM NO.

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

NATIONAL REGISTER
Town WALTHAM, MA MRA
Waltham, Massachusetts

Address 385 Trapelo Road

Historic Name Whitney-Farrington-

Cook House

Use Present private residence

Original private residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1858

Source stylistic

Style Italianate

Architect - unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings shed on west side of
property. C

Major Alterations (with dates) none -

Condition good

Moved no - Date n/a

Acreage 1 acre 36-1-1

Setting Set back from road on tree-
shaded lot, faces Federal Archives
and Record Center. Retains pre-20th
century charm

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

Organization Waltham Historical Comm

Date June, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

Photo (3"x 3" 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

see attached sheet

UTM REFERENCE 19/318010/4696150

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Whitney/Farrington/Cook House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as a reflection of Trapelo Road's development from the 17th century to the 20th as the major transportation corridor in northern Waltham. It is also important as a well-preserved and sited vernacular example of an Italianate style farmhouse. It 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.

#385 Trapelo Road is a straight-forward, 3-bay x 2-bay, center-hall plan, Italianate house. Its 3-bay main facade features a Tuscan-columned entrance porch. Its entrance is flanked by multipane side-lights and simple pilasters. The front door is surmounted by an entablature. Retaining its clapboard sheathing, this house's windows are fully enframed with raised moldings, and contain 6/6 wood sash. The narrow, 2-bay, east-and-west-facing, end-wall-gables exhibit return-eaves. Beneath the main facade's eaves are fascia boards. To the rear is a one story ell. The house is set well back from Trapelo Road and is surrounded by a wooded area. Its significance is enhanced by the rural qualities of its setting.

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

The early history of this house is something of a mystery, despite Edmund C. Sanderson's efforts to document the history of the property. According to Sanderson, the house's lot was part of the landholdings of the Hastings family prior to 1824. Joseph Hastings, housewright, evidently began acquiring property in this vicinity during the 1720's. His house was apparently on the south side of Trapelo Road. Later owners included his son Josiah Hastings, and his grandson Elijah Hastings. In 1829, Elijah sold his house on the north side, and barn on the south, to Miss Lucy Whitney; and the remainder of the estate was sold to Ebenezer Cheney of Watertown - Mrs. Cheney being a sister of Elijah Hastings. The present house on this site may date to Abel Farrington's purchase of this property in 1858 - there is little structural evidence to suggest this house was the smallpox hospital referred to in Sanderson's account of the property. Sanderson states that "the house now standing on the premises formerly stood on Pigeon Hill where it was used as a small pox hospital." This house remained in the Farrington family until 1887. On Aug 26, 1887, Elijah Farrington sold this house to William E. Cook [see Middlesex County Deeds, 1813:341]. In July 1911, this house was sold, by William Cook to John W. Cook, for \$4,000. This transaction involved the one

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps/Atlases 1836, 1854, 1874, 1884, 1911

Lawrence, Phinias Trapelo! Past and Present, October 8 - Dec. 17, 1858

Sanderson, Edmund L. Waltham 1630 - 1884

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, 385 Trapelo Road, continued

acre house lot and a 20 acre lot. William Cook stipulated that he and his wife were entitled to use the north bedroom "for our natural lives", and that he was entitled "joint use, with the grantee, of the pantry and kitchen therein contained." Architecturally, this house represents a locally rare variation on an Italianate theme : the 3-bay, center hall plan Italianate house. Far more common is the side-hall plan, or irregular plan, Italianate house.

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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

91. Waltham Gas and Electric Company
Generating Plant Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

92. Waltham High School Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

93. Waltham Water Works Shop
for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

Suff 94. Warren, Nathan, House *Substantive Review*
for Keeper Beth A. Savage 3/9/90
Attest _____

95. Wellington, Benjamin, House
Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

96. Wellington, William, House
Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
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97. Wellington--Castner House
for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
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98. Wetherbee House Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
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99. White, Warren, House Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
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100. Whitney--Farrington--Cook House
for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

Approved by _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Whitney--Farrington--Cook House

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: 89001510

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

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



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Whitney--Fostington--Cook Hill

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Whitney -- Farrington -- Cook House

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Whitney-Farrington-Cook House
385 Trapelo Road

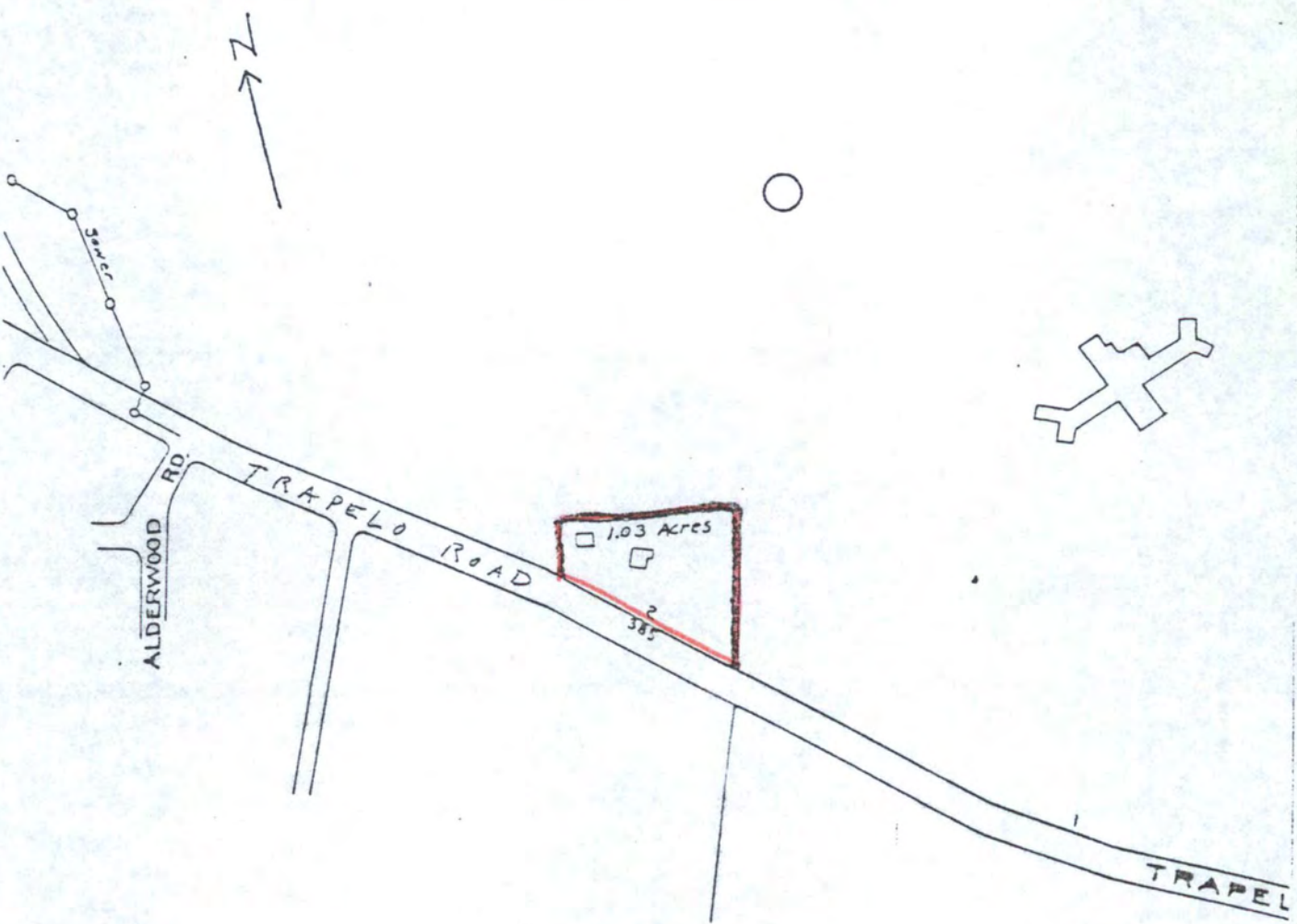
1" = 200'

1975

Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #36-1-1

227. Acres



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1970 Atlas, City of Waltham
Compiled by the Waltham
Engineering Division
Scale: 1 inch = 140 Feet

Waltham, MA. MRA
385 Trapelo Road
Whitney-Farrington House
111-A-2 MAC #167

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301