

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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BOSTON, MA 02116

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AREA

WALTHAM, MA MRA

FORM NO.

13-A-43

Photo (3"x3" 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

Town WalthamAddress 27 Appleton StreetHistoric Name E. Sybbill Banks HouseUse: Present dwellingOriginal same

DESCRIPTION

Date 1892Source Water Dept.; Deeds; AtlasesStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboard/shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) side por-
tion of verandah glazed-1920sCondition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage .125A 5,144 sq. ft. 60-21-17Setting centrally located off Main Streetamong other period houses that areless well preserved and detailedUTM REFERENCE 19/316200/4693710USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTONSCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Elaine Smerlas/Nancy SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date December, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Sybbill Banks House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. Built for a single working woman of some repute, it was among the first of several Queen Anne and other turn-of-the-century homes to be built in the Appleton Street area. It is an unusually well-detailed and well-preserved vernacular example of the Queen Anne style. The Banks House meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Banks House, built in 1892, is a well-detailed and well-preserved vernacular example of the Queen Anne style. It is built on an L-plan and rises $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories to a gable roof. It is sheathed with clapboards and patterned shingles in the gable fields. A verandah with spindle valance and balustrade and turned posts, extends across the facade and around the south elevation; a pediment with Queen Anne sunburst detail marks the entry location. The projecting cross gable on the rear of the south elevation has chamfered sides topped by spindle valances that echo the porch detail. Modified palladian windows light both the south and front gable fields. Two asymmetrically placed stairway windows and an oculus are found on the north elevation. Some windows display typical Queen Anne sash with multi-pane over single pane sash.

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

27 Appleton Street was built in 1892 for E. Sibbill Banks (1851-1929), daughter of Colonel Nathaniel P. Banks (see form #124) of Waltham, a Civil War and local hero. Sibbill Banks, a single woman, was prominent in Waltham's amateur theatre and taught elocution. For a number of years she was employed in the Somerville Post Office and later in the Central Office in Boston. She was one of the first women to be pensioned by the Federal government. In 1910, before she retired, Ms. Banks sold 27 Appleton Street to Warren Eaton, a mechanical engineer who had recently married. There he and his wife, Lucy, raised two daughters, Mary (1911-) and Lucy (1913-1985). The house remained in the daughters' trust until it was eventually sold in 1984 to Peter and Elaine Smerlas. Perhaps because relatively few people have lived there, the house retains many of its original finishes.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Waltham Public Library Archives.
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Middlesex Registry of Deeds.
Waltham Directories- 1890s, 1900s
Maps/Atlases- 1898, 1900, 1926, 1955, 1986

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
Cover	Substantive Review	Keeper <u>151</u> 9/28/89
1. American Waltham Watch Company	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/28/89
Historic District		Attest _____
2. American Watch Tool Company	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/28/89
		Attest _____
3. Andrews, Joseph, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/28/89
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4. Baker, Charles, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/28/89
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5. Baker, Charles, Property	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/28/89
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6. Banks, E. Sybbill, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/28/89
		Attest _____
SDK 7. Barnes, Thomas, House	Substantive Review DOE/OWNER OBJECTION	Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Sarge</u> 9/28/89
		Attest _____
8. Beard, Josiah, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/28/89
		Attest _____
SDK 9. Beth Eden Baptist Church	Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth Sarge</u> 9/28/89
		Attest _____
10. Boston Manufacturing Company Housing	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/28/89
(380--410 River St.)		Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Banks, E. Sybbill, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Waltham MRA
NAME:

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: 89001488

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

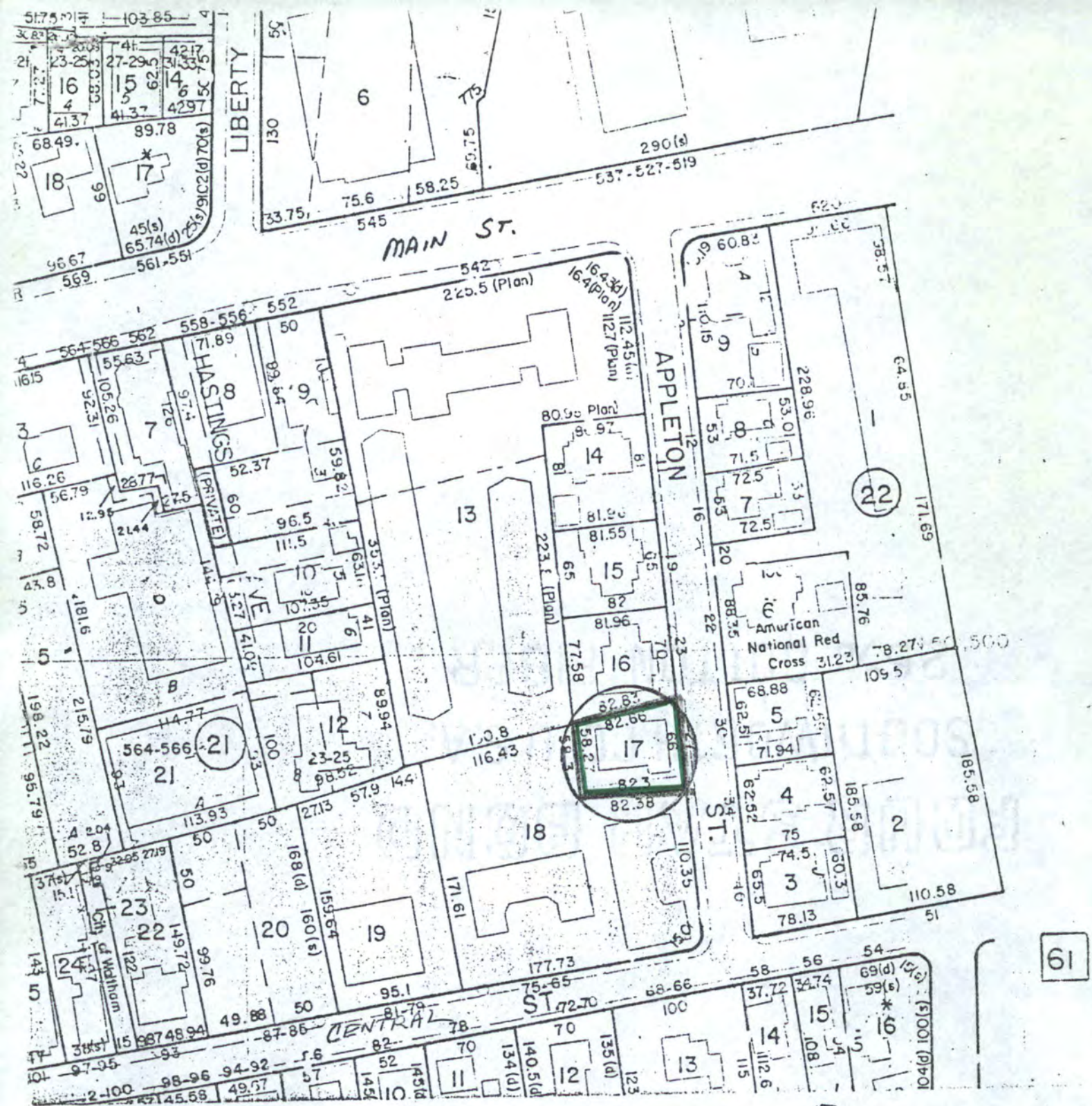
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Waltham MA 01904
Burlington
E. S. H.



Waltham MA MRA
Banks House
27 Appleton St.



ATLAS, CITY OF WALTHAM
 COMPILED BY THE
 WALTHAM ENGINEERING
 DIVISION
 1 IN = 140 FT.

1986
 WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS MRA
 27 APPLETON ST.
 SIBILL BANKS HOUSE



WALTHAM, MA MRA

E. Sybbill Banks House #

27 Appleton Street

1" = 100'

1975; updated to 1987

Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #60-21-17

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301