

## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

UTM REFERENCE 19/316070/4696370  
USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON  
SCALE 1:25000

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NATIONAL  
REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

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WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MAAddress 724 Lexington StreetHistoric Name Nahum Hardy HouseUse: Present ResidentialOriginal Residential

## DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1845Source StyleStyle Greek RevivalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardOutbuildings Garage NC

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

noneCondition GoodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 0.6 A. 26,505 sq. ft. 23-9-7

Setting On corner of major thorough-  
fare and quiet street in area of  
20th c. houses

Recorded by Nancy S. SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date Aug. 1986

revised C. Jenkins 2/88

The Nahum Hardy House is a well-detailed and preserved example of a side hall plan Greek Revival style house. Built c1845, it is located on the old Lexington Road on land owned by Harvard College from 1783-1839 during which time it was known as College Farms. The house possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It 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.

Set on the corner of a major thoroughfare and a quiet residential street in an area of predominantly twentieth century houses, this is one of the few Greek Revival houses in the area and one of a number of fine examples in the city. Although it has had some additions, it preserves many of its original features: a pedimented attic; a full entablature with a distinctive dentil-like course that is actually constructed of round wooden pegs; pilastered cornerboards; two side chimneys; window architraves extending to floor level on first floor windows; and a gable end side entrance with fluted pilasters and sidelights. The gabled dormers and portico with Tuscan columns are probably later additions as are the many ells, although those on the west have the same dentil-like peg detail. It is a 2½ story, clapboard clad, sidehall plan house with a two story rear ell. Windows retain original 6/6 sash. It is set off from the street by a granite retaining wall and granite posts define the driveway.

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

This house is on land that was known as the College Farm because for many years it was owned by Harvard College. It was also known as the Rogers Farm because the money for its purchase came from the sale of land in Rowley, MA, left to Harvard by an Ebenezer Rogers. Harvard purchased the Waltham farm, about 160 acres comprising most of the land between Collge Farm Road and Hardy Pond, in 1728 apparently as an income property, for it was leased to a series of tenants. In 1819, Nahum Hardy became the tenant; in 1830 he made an agreement with Harvard to buy the property, and in 1839 the agreement was finalized; the sale also included the pew and the horse shed at the meeting house that had customarily been reserved for the tenant of the College Farm (M.D.384:99).

After acquiring the property, Nahum Hardy built this house. It was probably constructed ca. 1845, for the unusual dentil-like detail on the entablature is exactly like that on the Amos Stearns House at 1079 Trapelo Road (see form), known to have been built in 1845, and suggests that the two houses were built at about the same time by the same carpenter. About 1860 Hardy moved to a house on Curve Street and sold this one to John McGregor, a farmer; after his death the house was acquired in the late 1890s by Edwin B. Pratt, also a farmer. During the first decade of the twentieth century the tennis court of the Prospect Tennis Club was located at this house. The Pratts still owned the house in 1923.

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Middlesex Deeds - 384:99

Maps and atlases - 1836, 1854, 1875, 1886, 1900, 1911, 1915, 1923

Directories - 1871, 1888-89, 1893, 1895, 1897-98, 1899, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1914

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

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|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Community:                          | Form No: |
| Waltham, MA                         | 162      |
| Property Name:<br>Nahum Hardy House |          |

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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 GroupName Waltham MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Hall, Henry C., House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

42. Hammond, Ephraim, House

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth L. Savage 9/16/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

43. Hammond, Jonathan, House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

44. Hardy, Nahum, House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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45. Harrington Block

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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46. Harrington, Samuel, House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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47. Hill, Rev. Thomas, House

Entered in the  
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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48. Hobbs Brook Basin Gate House

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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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49. Holbrook, Richard, Houses

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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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50. Johnson, Edwin C., House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hardy, Nahum, 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: 89001562

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

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CLASSIFICATION

☐ count      ☐ resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

☐ historic      ☐ current

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DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification

☐ materials

☐ descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage      ☐ verbal boundary description

☐ UTM's      ☐ boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps      ☐ USGS maps      ☐ photographs      ☐ presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



724 LEXINGTON ST  
WALTHAM, MA MRA  
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WALTHAM, MA MRA

Nahum Hardy House #162  
 724 Lexington Street  
 1" = 100'  
 1975; updated to 1987  
 Waltham Engineering Dept.

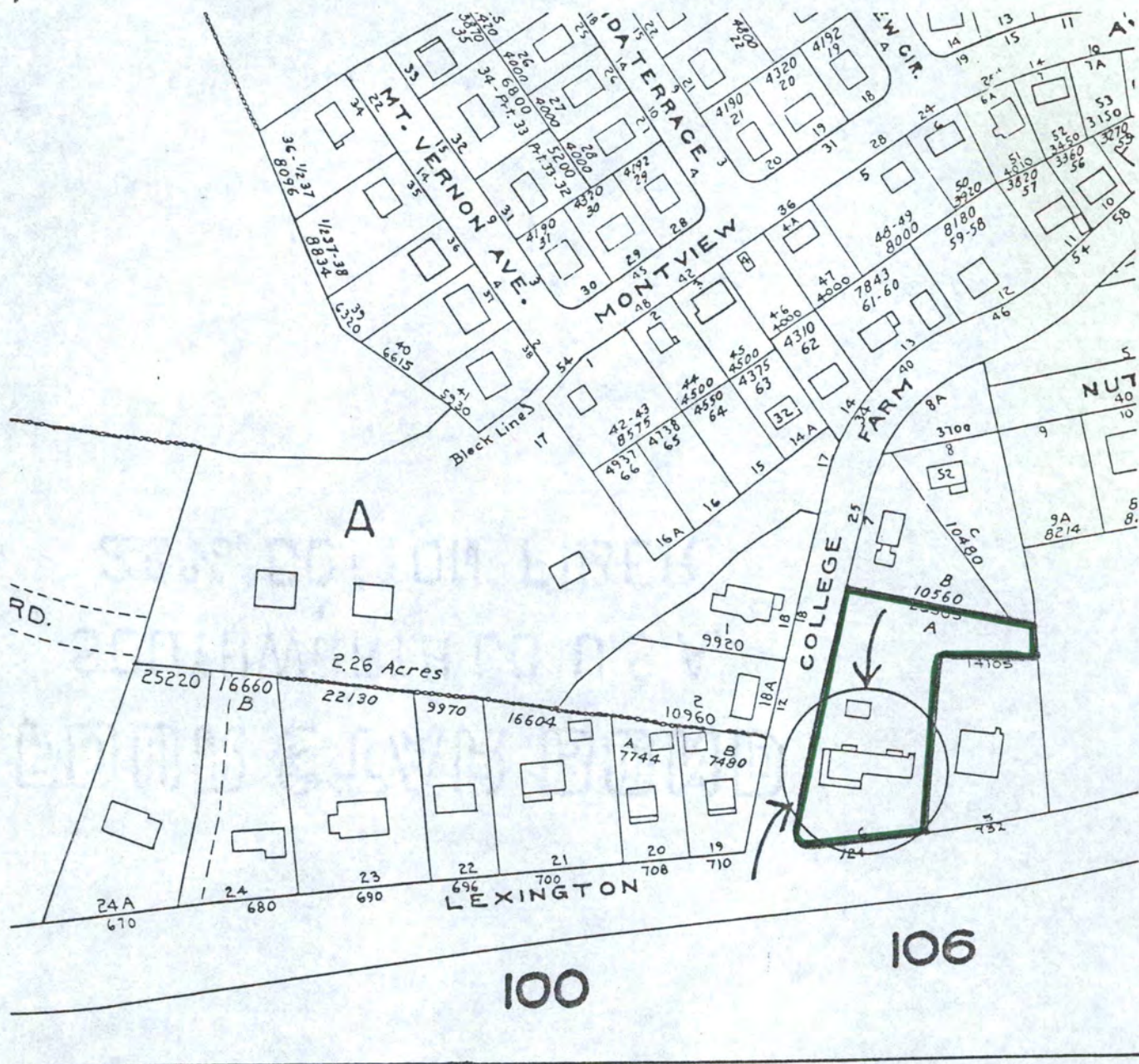
lot #23-9-7



SCALE 1:1200 (1 INCH = 100 FEET)

100 0 100 200 300 400 FEET

GRID BASED ON MASSACHUSETTS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301