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AREA FORM NO.

32

FORM B - BUILDING

NATIONAL REGISTER

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town WALTHAM, MA MRA
Waltham, Massachusetts

Address 357 Crescent Street

Historic Name Wetherbee House

Photo (3"x 3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Use Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1892

Source water dept, deed research

Style Queen Anne

Architect UNKNOWN

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard and patterned shingle

Outbuildings garage --NC

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

Major Alterations (with dates) -

none

Condition good

see attached map

Moved -no Date -n/a

Acreage 0.24A. 10,300 sq. ft. 76-B-7

Setting Overlooking the Charles

River, this house is part of

Crescent St's remarkable collection

of well preserved, well designed Queen Anne houses.

UTM REFERENCE 19/315360/4692200

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

Organization Waltham Historical Comm

SCALE 1:25,000

Date June, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

357 Crescent Street provides a glimpse of a well-to-do late 19th c. American Waltham Watch Company foreman's home. This house, with its irregular form, complex roof configuration, richly ornamented entrance porch, stained glass transoms, and picturesque, conically-capped corner towers, ranks among the most elaborate examples of the Queen Anne style in Waltham. As a reflection of the development of the South Side by the "Watch" in the second half of the 19th century, and as a well-detailed and well-preserved example of the Queen Anne style, 357 Crescent Street 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. and association.

This house ranks among the most elaborate examples of the Queen Anne style in Waltham, possessing an irregular plan characterized by projecting porches, bays, oriels and conically-capped corner tower. This house is sheathed in clapboards and patterned shingles. Particularly noteworthy is its front porch with paneled chamfered posts, and medallions at the porch's entablature and pedimented roof. The original multi-panel double-doors are flanked by large, arched windows, with colorful stained glass fanlights. In addition to the alternating courses of clapboards and patterned shingles, this house features vertical and horizontal "stick" work above the 2nd floor windows, of the main and side facades. Projecting from the northeast corner is a square 2-story bay, with a lunette window at the bay's gable (lunette and stick panelling from a sunburst motif characteristic of the Queen Anne style).

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

#357 Crescent Street symbolizes, in domestic architectural terms, the late 19th century prosperity of the American Waltham Watch Company. Deeds and Water Department records indicate that the house was built in 1892. On April 9, 1892, Frank W. Wetherbee purchased this house from George L. Olney. The Olney/Wetherbee deed does not mention buildings on this property (Middlesex Deed 2155: 417), but buildings are mentioned in a mortgage deed between Wetherbee and a William Earl Allen, on Nov 3, 1892. (\$5,000 mortgage for three years at 5%). Frank W. Wetherbee, formeman, dial dept., American Waltham Watch Co. is first listed at this address in 1893. Prior to the early 1890's, Wetherbee lived at 72 Taylor Street and worked for E.W. Wetherbee, dial manufacturer, rear 42 Crescent Street. Frank Wetherbee lived at 357 Crescent Street until at least 1915.

See also forms # 41, 58, 121, 150, 173 for similiar architectural designs.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Water Dept. records  
Maps/atlasses : 1874, 1886, 1911, 1915  
Middlesex Deeds - 2155:420; 2155:417; 1931:494; 1862:250; 1846:162; 1087:273  
Waltham Directories- 1880's, 1890's, 1900's

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, 357 Crescent Street, continued

Projecting from the southeast corner is a 3-level tower, with a 4-bay loggia at the 3rd level. The conically-capped tower retains its slate shingles and copper finial. The central portion of this house is crowned by a hip-roof. In the center of the main facade's roof slope, is a double dormer. Rectangular panels containing oval, stain glass windows, appear on the first floor of the north and south walls.

United States Department of the Interior  
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 Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 94. Warren, Nathan, House Substantive Review for Keeper Patricia Savage 8/9/90  
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  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 97. Wellington--Castner House Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 98. Wetherbee House Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 99. White, Warren, House Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 100. Whitney--Farrington--Cook House Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Wetherbee 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: 89001575

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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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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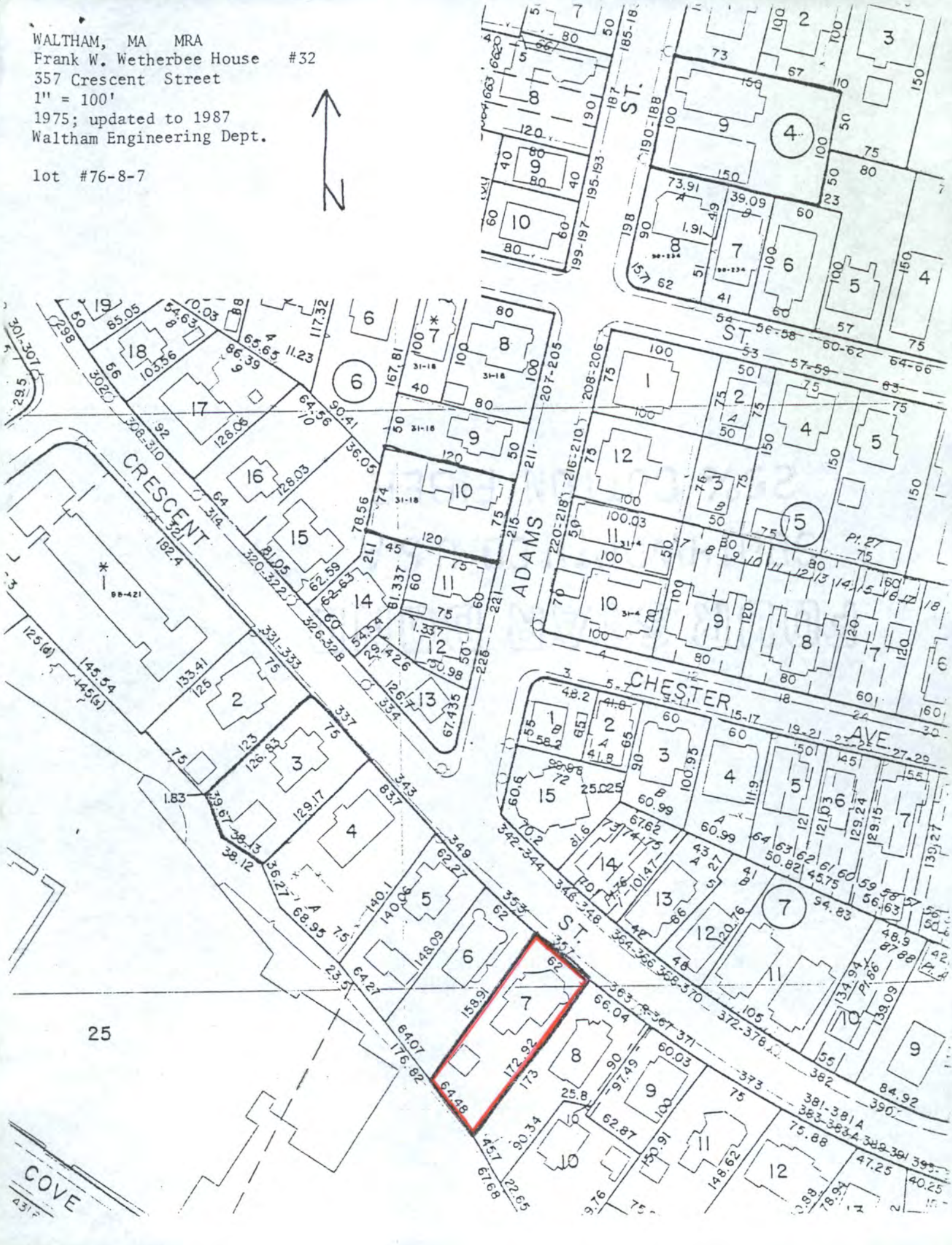
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Waltham, MA  
MAC # 32

Wetherbee House

WALTHAM, MA MRA  
Frank W. Wetherbee House #32  
357 Crescent Street  
1" = 100'  
1975; updated to 1987  
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #76-8-7



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COVE

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301