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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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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.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date 12/84

Town Arlington, MA

Address 215 Crosby Street

Historic Name Stephen Symmes Jr. House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1841

Source Mrs. Marianne Teuber

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Chimneys and fireplace added ca. 1900.

New plan inside, ca. 1900.

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting The Symmes House is sited

in a residential area of northern

Arlington.

UTM: 19/322620/4699580

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Local tradition ascribes a 1746 construction date to this building, and it is possible that some fragments of an earlier structure may survive. But architectural evidence indicates that the house's primary significance is as a well-preserved example of the Greek Revival style, probably the grandest of the Greek Revival houses in the area. It is fully pedimented with a one-story Doric porch and wide corner pilasters.

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

At his death in 1901, Stephen Symmes, Jr., donated his farm to the town to be used as a hospital site. The city fathers sold the house instead--to the Fairchild family--and the hospital was erected on its present site, using the proceeds from the sale of the house.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Stephen Symmes, Jr., House is a well-preserved example of the Greek Revival style. It is associated with the earliest benefactor of Symmes Hospital, and it retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The house meets Criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Mrs. Marianne Teuber, Present Owner
Arlington Advocate, March 11, 1901

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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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

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43. Sterling-Cutter, Ella
Mahalla, House

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44. Swadkins, Thomas, House

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45. Swan, Henry, House

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46. Symmes, Jr., Stephen, House

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47. Taylor-Dallin House

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49. Whittemore House

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50. Winn Farm

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Symmes, Jr., Stephen, House (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 4/30/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-18-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
~~National Register~~

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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

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

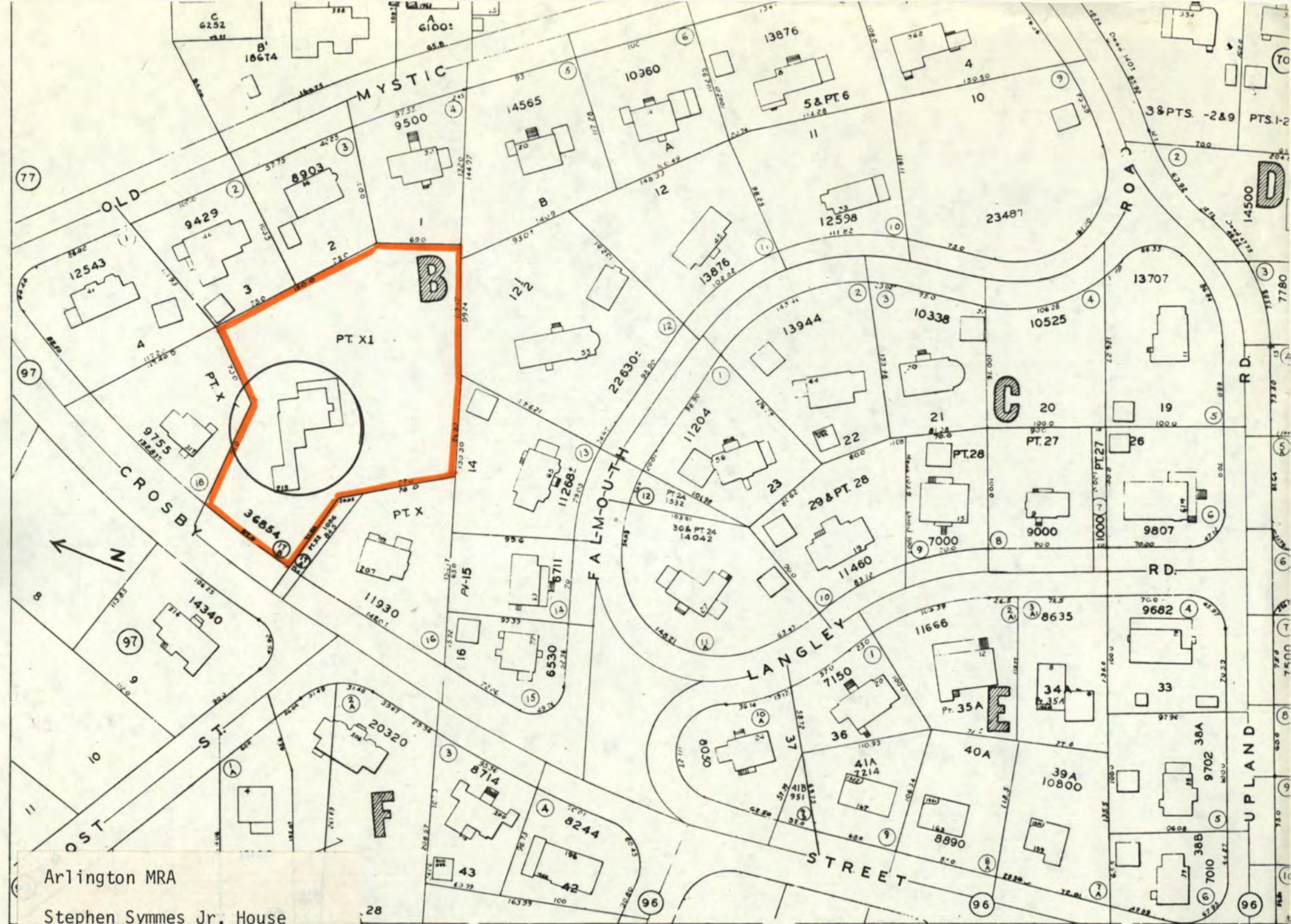
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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