

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
N/A	C



Arlington, MA

of area (if any) Orvis Road

Historic District (proposed) _____

Historical date or period 1918-1930

indicating properties within it.
Inventory forms have been completed.
and indicate north. (Attach a

UTM:
 A: 19/323540/4696910
 B: 19/323320/4696720
 C: 19/323280/4696800
 D: 19/323470/4696970

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation
Planner
Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date January 1985

(Staple additional sheets here)

MAR 6 1985

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

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CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Orvis Road Historic District is significant for its well-preserved and finely detailed single and two-family dwellings, and for its association with Arlington's suburban Development in the first decades of the 20th century. A singularly cohesive neighborhood, the district retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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DISTRICT DATA SHEET

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Arlington MRA/Orvis Road Historic District

Area C

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NC=noncontributing

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n/a		11 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Craftsman
n/a		12 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival
n/a		15-17 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Craftsman
n/a		16-18 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival/ Craftsman
n/a		27-29 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Craftsman
n/a		30 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival
n/a		31 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Craftsman
n/a		32 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival
n/a		35 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Craftsman
n/a		36 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival
n/a		39 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Craftsman
n/a		40 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival
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n/a		54 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival/ Craftsman

DISTRICT DATA SHEET

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Arlington MRA/Orvis Road Historic District, continued

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n/a		57 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Craftsman
n/a		58 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival/ Craftsman
n/a		61 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Craftsman/Bungalow
n/a		62 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival/ Craftsman
n/a		74 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival/ Craftsman
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Arlington MRA

Orvis Road Historic District

MAR 6 1985

NO INTRUSIONS

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Orvis Road Historic District (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 4/20/85
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 4-18-85
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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 <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	Check one <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered	Check one <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
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80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

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Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

Town Arlington, MA

Name of area (if any) Orvis Road

Historic District

General date or period 1918-1930

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)

See attached map.

UTM:

A: 19/323540/4696910

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Acreege: approx. 4 1/2 acres

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n/a		54 Orvis Road	ca. 1918-1930	Colonial Revival/ Craftsman

STREET DATA SHEET

Admission 1834/Orvis Road Historic District
Area C
Christie, A.C.

<u>BLK#</u>	<u>HISTORIC NAME</u>	<u>STREET ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>STYLS</u>
n/a		0-2 Orvis Road	ca. 1910-1920	Colonial Revival
n/a		11 Orvis Road	ca. 1915-1920	Craftsman
n/a		12 Orvis Road	ca. 1910-1920	Colonial Revival
n/a		12-17 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Craftsman
n/a		18-22 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Colonial Revival, Craftsman
n/a		23-28 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Craftsman
n/a		30 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Colonial Revival
n/a		31 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Craftsman
n/a		33 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Colonial Revival
n/a		34 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Craftsman
n/a		35 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Colonial Revival
n/a		38 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Craftsman
n/a		40 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Colonial Revival
n/a		43 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Craftsman
n/a		45 Orvis Road	ca. 1919-1920	Colonial Revival, Craftsman

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE	BY	REVISION	DESCRIPTION
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	01	Initial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	02	Colonial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	03	Colonial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	04	Colonial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	05	Colonial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	06	Colonial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	07	Colonial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	08	Colonial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	09	Colonial Review
01-18-85	CRISTIAN	10	Colonial Review

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

ARLINGTON

1. ~~Town~~ Center Historic District (BOUNDARY INCREASE) ✓ Keeper

Scout Cove (Boundary) 4/18/85

Date/Signature

Bruce M. Dwyer 9/27/85

Attest

2. Pierce Farm Historic District ✓ Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

3. Kensington Park Historic District ✓ Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

4. Orvis Road Historic District ✓ Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

5. Allyn House ✓ Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

6. Arlington Coal & Lumber ✓ Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

7. Arlington Gaslight Company ✓ Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

8. Arlington Pumping Station ✓ Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

9. Arlington Reservoir ✓ Keeper

BOUNDARY INCREASE

Bruce M. Dwyer 9/27/85

Attest

10. Baptist Society Meeting House ✓ Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REF #
85002677

Orvis Road Historic District (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 3/6/85
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 9/28/85
Action: ACCEPT 9-27-85
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one
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<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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27-29, 31, 35, 39 Orvis Road (r. to l.)
Orvis Road Historic District
Arlington MA (MRA)

Neg: with photographer
View W, showing S, E elevs.

PHOTO # 7

Orvis Rd

DUETTE PHOTOGRAPHERS
EIGHT CENTRAL STREET
ARLINGTON, MA 02174
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MAR 6 1985



MASSACHUSETTS

FREEMAN

RANDOLPH

NEWCOMB

ORVIS CIRCLE

Arlington MRA

Orvis Road Historic District

Scale: 1" = 120'
 Arlington Town Assessors 6/19/85
 NO INTRUSIONS Map 1960