

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area	Form no.
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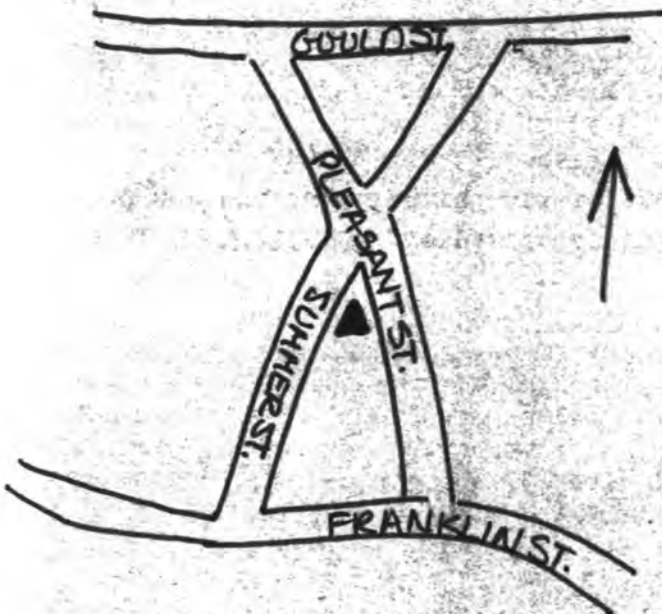
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PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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Town Stoneham  
Address 113 Summer St.  
Historic Name E.A. Durgin House  
Use: Original residence  
Present residence  
Ownership:  Private individual Thomas F & Annette C. Walsh  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Original owner E.A. Durgin

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1870  
Source maps, va  
Style Second Empire  
Architect unknown  
Exterior wall fabric clapboard  
Outbuildings Barn at rear w/cupola  
Major alterations (with dates) asphalt roof (ca. 1950)  
Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approx. acreage 14,452 sq. ft.  
Setting Altered early-mid 19th century residential.

Recorded by Candace Jenkins with Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape research

Date May 1, 1979

Assessor's Map #13-80

Boston North Quad  
UTM: 19/327860/4704800

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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)**

The E.A Durgin House is one of Stoneham's few Second Empire style residences to retain its original form, features and setting intact. Constructed ca. 1870, it is a large cottage of irregular plan formed of a side-hall core with north side wing and rear-end ell. Its most prominent feature is a steeply pitched roof tower which rises above the entry. More common elements include open porches, bracketed cornice, pedimented dormers and 2/2 sash. The only obvious alteration to the house is its asphalt roof. The house faces west on a relatively large triangular lot formed by the intersection of Summer and Pleasant Streets. It preserves its original granite curbing, posts, and steps, as well as a barn with cupola at the rear end of the lot.

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

The E.A. Durgin House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant as a good local example of a Second Empire cottage, and as the home of a local shoe dealer. As a well preserved and typical representative of Stoneham's residential development during its greatest period of prosperity, the Durgin House meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

E.A. Durgin was a "dealer in boots, shoes and rubbers; repairing neatly done at short notice" . . . as an advertisement of 1895 promised. This house is among the most architecturally fanciful in Stoneham, and is distinguished by its central tower with shingled gable. Mr. Durgin began his shoe business in 1883 in a shop on Main Street. This house was later the residence of J. Fassenden, an upholsterer.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

1874 map of Stoneham  
1889 map of Stoneham

Promotional literature on Stoneham, Stoneham Public Library

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Buswell, Clara, House Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

Attest

12. Chamberlain, Samuel, House Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

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13. Cogan, Bernard, House Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

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14. Cogan, James, House Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

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15. Colonial Beacon Gas Station Entered in the  
National Register

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16. Cowdrey, George, House Entered in the  
National Register

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17. Daniels, Blake, Cottage Entered in the  
National Register

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18. Dean, Silas, House Entered in the  
National Register

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19. Dow Block Entered in the  
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20. Durgin, E. A., House Entered in the  
National Register

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Durgin, E. A., House (Stoneham MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 20 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85  
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84  
Action:  ACCEPT 4-13-84  
 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

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection





Dwight, E. A., House

Storham 112A Ma

8150



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295