

FORM B - BUILDING

~~MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION~~
~~294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108~~

AREA	FORM NO.
	352

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

Town Arlington, MA

Address 37-49 Park Street

Historic Name Warren Rawson House

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
 staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

Use: Present Five-unit residential

Original multi-unit residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1885-1890

Source Arlington Maps and Directories

Style Late 19th c. Frame Vernacular

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting The Warren Rawson House is
 sited in a very thickly settled area of
 single- and two-family residences.

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 January, 1985

UTH:19/323670/4697820

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

An unusual remnant of northeast Arlington's days as an important center for market gardening is 37-49 Park Street. This long rectangular frame structure, built ca. 1885-1890, once housed farm workers. It contains seven units. Devoid of saw-cut or incised decoration, its main facade displays regimental rows of plainly framed doors, windows, and dormers.

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

As a dormitory for farm laborers, this structure may represent a building form unique to Arlington. Multi-unit housing for factory workers (usually constructed of brick) were built in urban industrial centers like Lowell and Lawrence. Few New England farms, however, were large enough to require housing for their laborers. The Arlington market garden farms of the Wymans, Moores, and Rawsons were large enough to require workers' living quarters constructed near the fields and greenhouses.

Market gardener Warren W. Rawson was the first person in Arlington to apply extensive scientific techniques to his farming enterprise. Among his innovations were the use of steam-heated hothouses and electric arc lamps. In the 1890s, Rawson employed as many as 65 laborers to work the fertile fields of eastern Arlington. He built the structure at 37-49 Park Street ca. 1885-1895 to house a number of his workers. According to a 1902 directory, residents included six Irish farm workers and a steamfitter. From their rear windows, they could see Rawson's farm from Warren Street to the Mystic River.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Warren Rawson House is a significant and well-preserved example of vernacular housing perhaps unique to Arlington. It possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and fulfills criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

1875 Beers & Co. Atlas
1884 Bird's Eye View of Arlington, Arlington Advocate
1898 Stadley & Co. Atlas
1923 Sanborn Map Co. Atlas
Arlington Directories of 1869/70, 1883, 1890, 1898, 1923

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Arlington Multiple Resource AreaState Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Locke School

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National Register

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for Melrose Byers 9/27/85

32. Milestone

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National Register

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33. Prentiss-Payson House

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34. Prentiss, William, House

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35. Proctor, William, House

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36. Rawson, Warren, Building

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37. Rawson, Warren, House

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39. Robinson House

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Fessenden HouseEntered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rawson, Warren, House (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 7/20/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-18-85
☐ 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

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	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



37-49 Park St.

Rawson, Warren, House

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