

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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~~MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108~~

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

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

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.

Town Arlington, MA

Address 232-234 Pleasant Street

Historic Name First Parish Church Parsonage

Use: Present residential

Original residential duplex

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1855

Source Menotomy Historic District data

Style Greek Revival/Italianate transitional

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings two sheds

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date December 1984

Setting The house is set close to Pleasant Street. It is one of three adjacent houses that form an impressive interlude at that point.

UTH: 19/322030/4696980

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

Built to house two families, this frame structure is composed of a main block and one-story wings that project from its north and south walls. It possesses characteristics of both the Greek Revival and Italianate styles and represents the transition between the two. Particularly noteworthy are the double entrance's delicately dentilated cornices and multi-paned transoms and sidelights typical of the Greek Revival style. The window surrounds; polygonal flat-roofed side bay with corner brackets and narrow fenestration and heavily bracketed cornice are all Italianate in sensibility. Two sheds on the edges of the property are not considered contributing structures.

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

One of the first multifamily structures in Arlington, the house at 232-234 Pleasant Street was built in 1855 by Nathan Pratt, a wealthy citizen. Pratt gave half of the house to the First Parish Church as a parsonage. By the end of the century, the house had returned to a single ownership.

CRITERIA OF EVALUATION

The former First Parish Church parsonage possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling. For its associations with the First Parish Church, and its fine architecture features, it fulfills criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

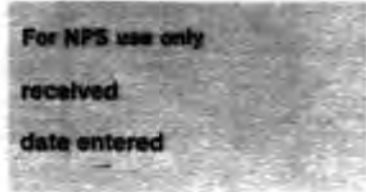
BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

- 1875 Beers & Co. Atlas
- 1884 Bird's Eye View of Arlington, Arlington Advocate
- 1897 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 Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 21. First Parish Church Parsonage | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
Attest | <u>Delores Byers 4/18/85</u> |
| 22. Hall, Edward, House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
Attest | <u>Delores Byers 4/18/85</u> |
| 23. Highland Hose House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
Attest | <u>Delores Byers 4/18/85</u> |
| ✓ 24. Hill, Addison, House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
Attest | <u>Delores Byers 9/27/85</u> |
| 25. Hornblower, Edward, House and Barn | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
Attest | <u>Delores Byers 4/18/85</u> |
| 26. House at 45 Claremont Avenue | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
Attest | <u>Delores Byers 4/18/85</u> |
| 27. House at 5--7 Winter Street | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
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| 28. House at 5 Willow Court | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
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| 29. Kimball, W.W., House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
Attest | <u>Delores Byers 4/18/85</u> |
| 30. Locke, Lt. Benjamin, Store | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

First Parish Church Parsonage (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 4/20/85
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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

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

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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 _____

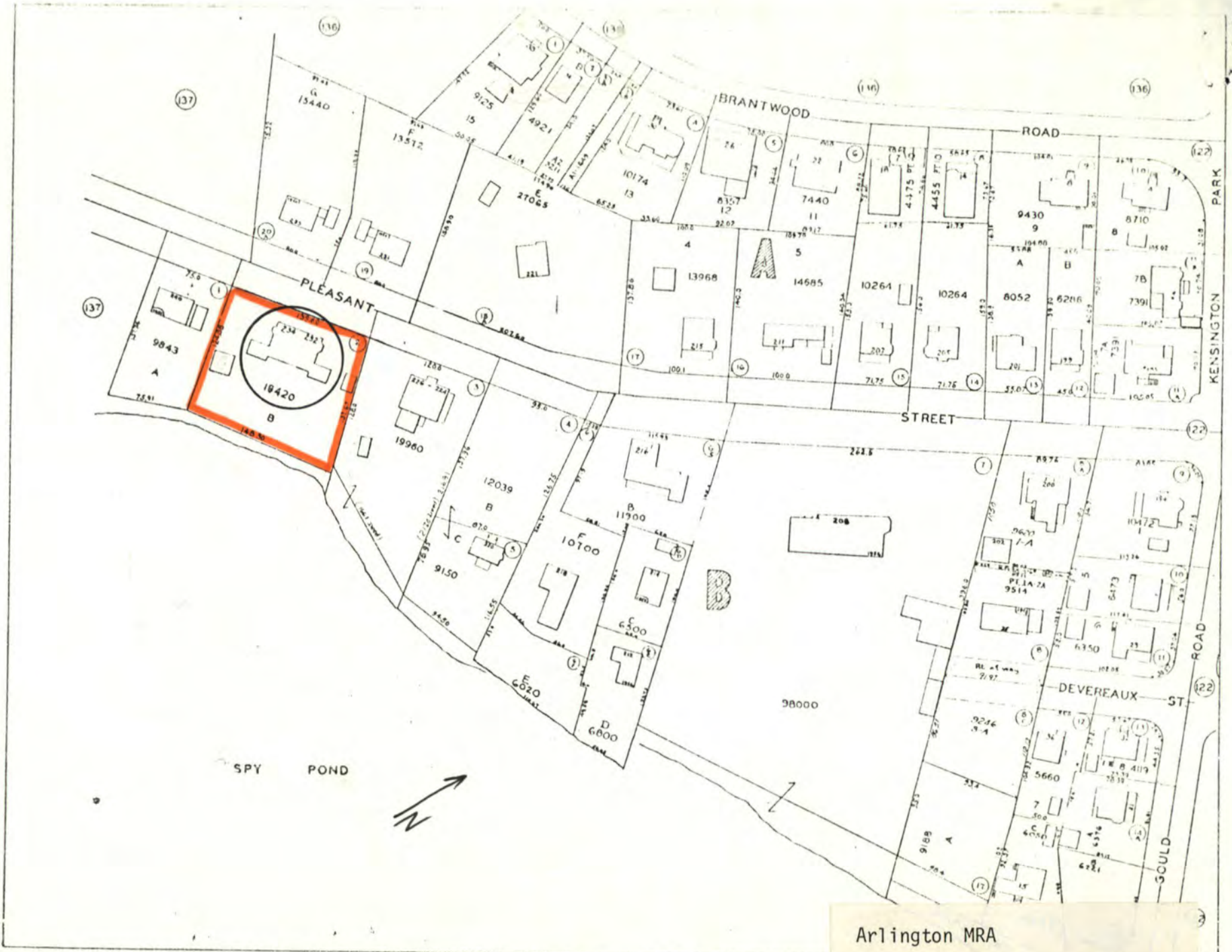
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



First Parish Church Parsonage

232-234 Pleasant St.

Arlington, MA



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232-234 Pleasant Street

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