

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

SKETCH MAP

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

Town Arlington, MA  
Address 41 Park Avenue  
Historic Name Arlington Coal & Lumber  
Use: Original Business  
Present Business  
Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization  
Public  
Original owner \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1875  
Source Town Atlas  
Style Gothic Revival/Stick Style  
Architect Unknown  
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard  
Outbuildings Wood storage sheds at rear of property.  
Major alterations (with dates) ca. 1960: front window replacements  
Moved No Date N/A  
Approx. acreage Two and a quarter acres  
Setting The building occupies a large flat lot behind Arlington Heights' commercial strip.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg  
Organization Mass. Historical Commission  
Date 1/85

UTM: 19/326370/4699020

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

The Arlington Coal and Lumber Building is an unusual and outstanding example of the Gothic Revival style. Its main facade displays fine Stick Style detailing, with a variety of wooden wall cladding, extended brackets, and three round-arched windows (now filled in) topped by a carved triangular panel.

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

Built ca. 1875, the Arlington Coal and Lumber Building has played many roles: at one time, it was an important civic center for the town. Its second floor auditorium, Union Hall, was one of several such meeting facilities around town, and served many purposes. It was the site of religious services while various Protestant denominations waited for their churches to be built; dancing classes and dramatic productions were held there; the Arlington Zouaves, a quasi-military marching society, met in the hall; and in 1885, it was even used for roller skating. The first floor, then as now, was used for commercial purposes, and the building once housed the Arlington Heights branch of the public library. It has been very well maintained.

**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

The Arlington Coal and Lumber building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association. A well detailed example of the Gothic Revival Style, and a building that has played many roles during Arlington Heights' early years of development, it meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Town Atlas  
Assessors Records

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

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Name Arlington Multiple Resource Area  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

ARLINGTON

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

Accept Comm. Meeting 4/18/85

Date/Signature

Maureen [Signature] 9/27/85

Attest

2. Pierce Farm Historic District Entered in the National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

3. Kensington Park Historic District Entered in the National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

4. Orvis Road Historic District Entered in the National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 9/27/85

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5. Allyn House Entered in the National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

6. Arlington Coal & Lumber Entered in the National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

7. Arlington Gaslight Company Entered in the National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

8. Arlington Pumping Station Entered in the National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

9. Arlington Reservoir Substantive Major Keeper

Maureen [Signature] 9/27/85

Attest

10. Baptist Society Meeting House Entered in the National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Arlington Coal & Lumber (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
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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

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**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**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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