

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

376

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 ArlingtonAddress 216 Pleasant StreetHistoric Name Call-Bartlett HouseUse: Original ResidentialPresent Residential

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Henry Call

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1855Source Menotomy Historic District ReportStyle Greek RevivalArchitect UnknownExterior wall fabric ClapboardsOutbuildings NoneMajor alterations (with dates) NoneMoved No Date N/AApprox. acreage less than one acre

Setting The house is situated on a
landscaped lot on the western shores of
Spy Pond.

UTM: 19/322270/4697230Recorded by Betsy FriedbergOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate 1/85

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Greek Revival houses appear in virtually every neighborhood in Arlington, but few are as fine as the Call-Bartlett House. The gable ends of this dwelling face Pleasant Street (west) and Spy Pond (east). An inspection of its eastern facade reveals a stately two-story portico running the width of the house. There are four smaller homes on the pond side of the former Call-Bartlett estate. One of these dates to the 18th century, two are of 19th century construction, and the fourth is a relatively recent addition to the structures that line Spy Pond's western edge. None are part of the Pleasant Street property today. A possibility exists that this handsome residence was significantly altered in the third quarter of the 19th century by the introduction of a north wing and an expanded portico with chamfered posts.

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

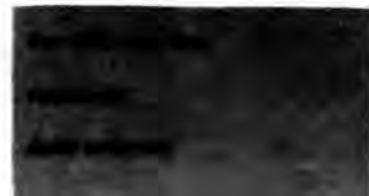
Built in 1855, this house was first occupied by Henry Call, formerly of Charlestown, Massachusetts. The house also has important historical associations with Prof. George Bartlett, principal emeritus of the State Normal Art School. Born and educated in England, Bartlett studied at the South Kensington School and became an eminent draftsman, designer, and lithographer before coming to America in 1870. He lived in this house from the 1880s until his death on March 29, 1923.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Call-Bartlett House is an especially fine example of Greek Revival architecture and holds associations with several of Arlington's prominent citizens. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and meets Criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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|---|------------------------------------|
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Bassett, Maria, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 9/27/85

Attest

12. Buildings at 1334 and
1339 Massachusetts Ave.

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

13. Call-Bartlett House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

Attest

14. Capitol Theater Building

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

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15. Chapel of St. Anne

Entered in the
National Registerfor
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Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

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16. Cushman House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
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Melvyn Byers 4/18/85

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17. Cutter, Jefferson, House

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18. Cutter, Second, A.P.,
HouseEntered in the
National Registerfor
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19. Damon House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

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20. Farmer, Kimball, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Call-Bartlett House (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 4/5/85 - 4/26/85
Action: ACCEPT 4-18-85
Entered in the RETURN
National Register 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	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair		
☐ deteriorated		
☐ ruins		
☐ 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

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: _____

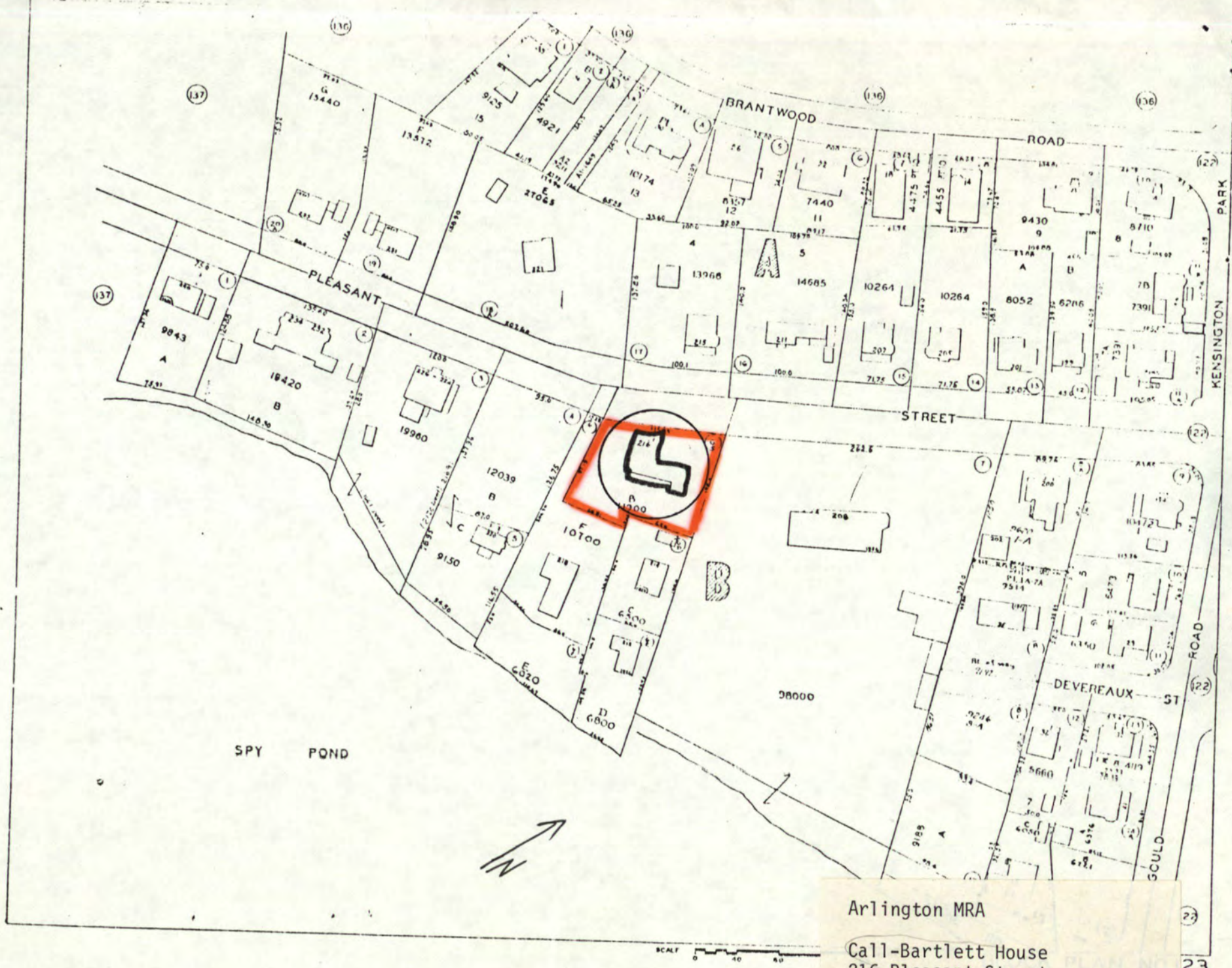
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Call - Bartlett House

216 Pleasant St,

Arlington, MA



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