

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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

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.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date December 1984

| AREA | FORM NO. |
|------|----------|
|      | 618      |

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

Town Arlington, MA

Address 19 Winter Street

Historic Name Robinson House

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

DESCRIPTION:

Date Mid 19th Century

Source Town Atlas

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Aluminum siding

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting The house is situated in a  
thickly settled residential area.

UTM: 19/323800/4696960

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This house was originally owned by the Robinson Family; it and its stylistic twin next door (13 Winter Street, #617) the open land between them, and the fine old trees - pear, copper beech & silver maple that grace their properties form a particularly distinguished mid 19th century ensemble. Despite the presence of aluminum siding, the Robinson House is a fine example of the Greek Revival style, with full-length windows, pedimented front gable, and a full colonnaded porch wrapping around two sides of the building.

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

Both the Robinson House and the W.W. Kimball House were in all probability built for speculative purposes. In 1846, regular train service commenced from Boston through Arlington, and development increased along Massachusetts Avenue.

**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

The Robinson House possess integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association. With associations with Arlington's early suburban development, and as a fine example of the Greek Revival style, it meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Town Atlas  
Assessors Records

BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT  
80 BOSTON STREET  
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 Area  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Locke School

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/27/85

32. Milestone

Entered in the  
National Register

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Melrose Byers 9/27/85

33. Prentiss-Payson House

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Melrose Byers 4/18/85

34. Prentiss, William, House

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Melrose Byers 9/27/85

35. Proctor, William, House

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36. Rawson, Warren, Building

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37. Rawson, Warren, House

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Melrose Byers 4/18/8538. Robindreau, Alfred E.,  
HouseEntered in the  
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39. Robinson House

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Melrose Byers 4/18/8540. Robinson-Lewis-G.F.,  
Fessenden HouseEntered in the  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Robinson House (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: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

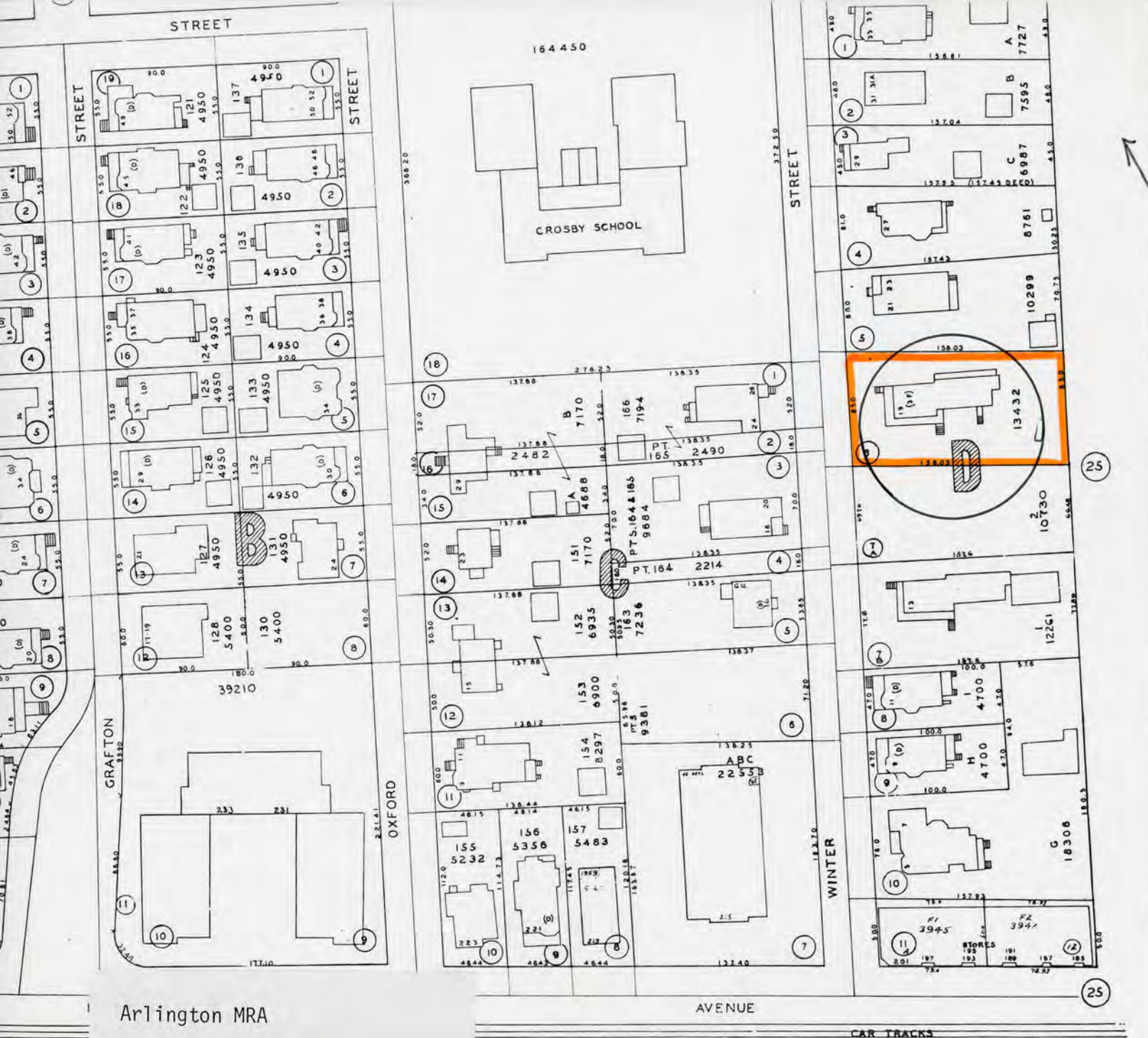
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



Robinson House

Arlington MRA, MA



Arlington MRA

Robinson House  
19 Winter Street

UTH: 19/323800/  
4696960

0 40 80 160 FEET

BLOCK PLAN NO. 28