

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AUG 21 1989

NATIONAL REGISTER

1522

AREA	FORM NO.
	122

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MA

Address 177 Weston St (8 Caldwell St) aka

Historic Name Edwin C. Johnson House

Use: Present Private residence

Original " "

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1847-1853

Source Deed research, maps

Style Greek Revival/Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Garage-NC

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good-excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acres 15,009 sq.ft. 0.34 A. 58-15-49

Setting Situated on rise above Weston St.

Faces ample front yard which runs

eastward to contemporary suburb, homes
bordering Caldwell St.

Recorded by Ed Gordon

Organization Waltham Historical Commission

Date August, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north

UTM REFERENCE 19/314150/4693580

USGS QUADRANGLE NATICK

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Edwin C. Johnson House is a large well detailed and preserved example of the transitional Greek Revival/Italianate style. It displays a symmetrical three bay facade, wide cornerboards and entablature and a projecting roof with return eaves, as well as an entry with sidelights, transom and dentilated pediment. It also represents the earliest suburbanization of Weston Street. It possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

#117 Weston St. is a stately example of a ca. late 1840's/early 1850's Greek Revival/Italianate house. Its massing, center hall plan, cornice headed windows and gable roof with return eaves are essentially Italianate. Its pedimented entrance enframent (pilasters, side lights, entablature and pediment) along with its wide cornerboards, and fascia boards are Greek Revival stylistic characteristics. This building retains its clapboard sheathing. Interestingly, the windows of the 2-bay side walls have been placed nearly flush with the corner pilasters. Two cornice headed windows appear at attic level. A stylish cupola which appears in a late 19th century birds-eye, has been removed.

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

#177 Weston Street was built ca. 1847-1853 on land that had been part of Nehemiah Warren's extensive farmlands. Nehemiah Warren had owned much of the land in the Weston St./Main St. area beginning ca. 1830. He was the father of Nathan Warren, Waltham historian whose house is still extant at 50 Weston St. Weston St. is a very old highway which dates back to at least the early 18th century. In a sense, the construction of 177 Weston St. represents the beginnings of suburban house construction in the area. Edwin C. Johnson purchased this house's lot (originally much more extensive than it is today, extending northward to Main St.) from Nehemiah Warren for \$1500 on October 15, 1846. (Middlesex 495:201). This house's form and elements suggest a construction date closer to 1854 than 1846. This house appears labeled Johnson on the 1854 Waltham map. This property was sold in a deed of July 1, 1862 (892:449) by Edwin C. Johnson to Harvey Garcelon of Portland, Maine. Garcelon paid Johnson \$4,900.00 for this house and its 7 acres. Garcelon, in turn sold it just over one year later to Charles H.B. Caldwell for \$6,000 on 1 September 1863 (914:225). It remained in the Caldwell family until July 3, 1883 (1637:375)--at that time Frederick A. Caldwell, a guardian of his father's estate, sold it to Charles W. Bemis and John Derby. The 1886 atlas indicates that at least 3 other buildings besides 177 Weston St were part of this property. Caldwell St. appears on this Atlas as Highland St. Later, owners of 177 Weston St. included Frank E. Tower and Minnie E. Adams.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps/Atlases - 1836, 1854, 1874, 1881, 1886, 1900-1915
Middlesex Deeds

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
41. Hall, Henry C., House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	✓ Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
42. Hammond, Ephraim, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	SN ✓ Keeper <u>Beth A. Savage 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
43. Hammond, Jonathan, House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	✓ Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
44. Hardy, Nahum, House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	✓ Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
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49. Holbrook, Richard, Houses <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	✓ Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
50. Johnson, Edwin C., House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	fu ✓ Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Johnson, Edwin C., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Waltham MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/21/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/21/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001522

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/28/89 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Johnson, Edwin Coy, H&A

Johnson H&A

177 WESTON ST

MHC # 122

WALTHAM, MA MRA

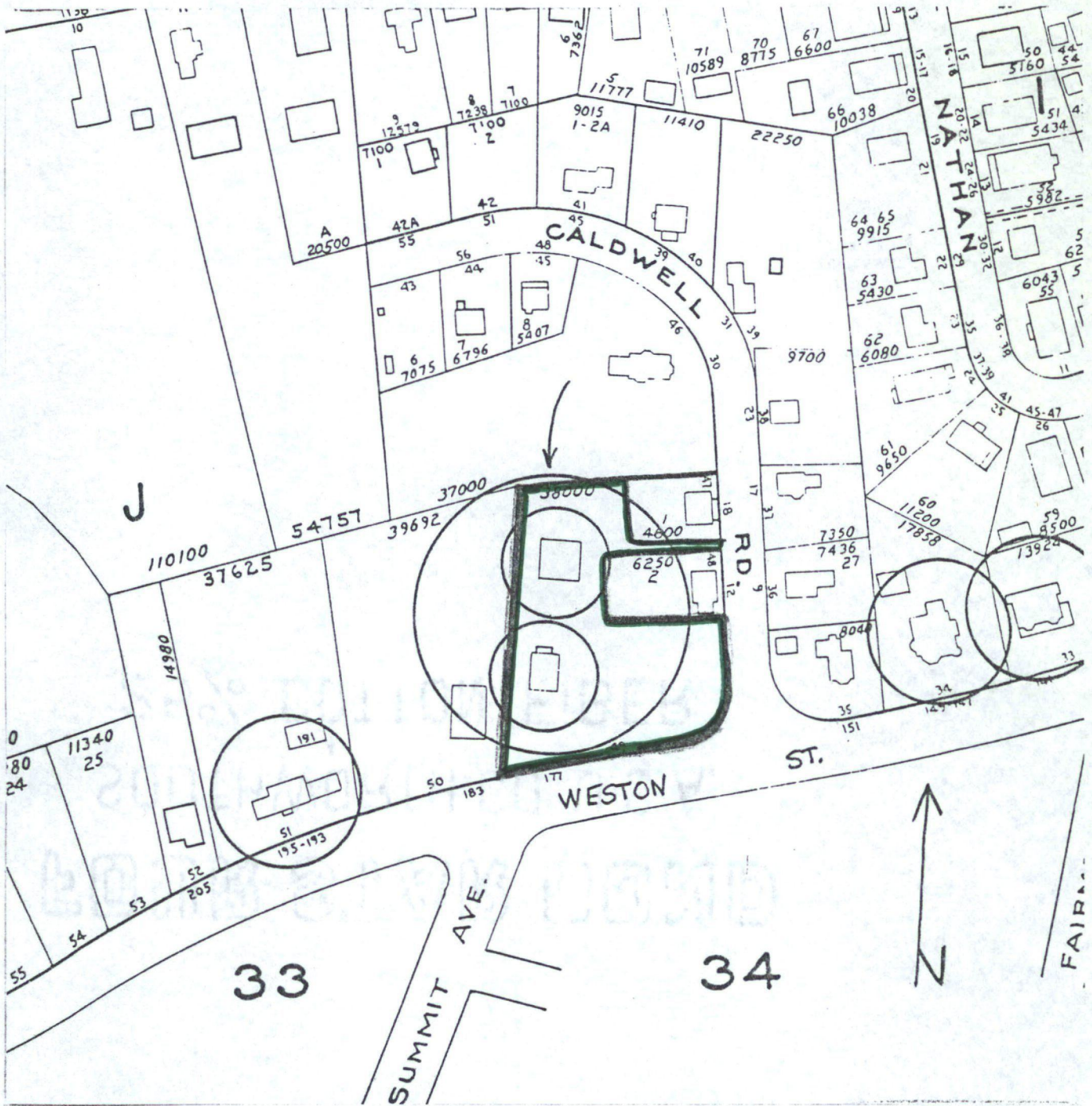


Edwin C. Hesse
Johnson Hse
127 Weston St
MHC # 122
Waltham, MA MRA



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Johnson H&C
177 Weston St
Waltham MA 01981
#122



1970 Atlas, City of Waltham
 Compiled by the Waltham
 Engineering Division
 Scale: 1 inch = 140'

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 177 Weston Street (8 Caldwell Street)

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Edwin C. Johnson House #122
 8 Caldwell Street
 1" = 100'
 1975; updated at 1987
 Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #58-15-49



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301