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AREA FORM NO.

32

FORM B - BUILDING

NATIONAL REGISTER

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town WALTHAM, MA MRA
Waltham, Massachusetts

Address 357 Crescent Street

Historic Name Wetherbee House

Use Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1892

Source water dept, deed research

Style Queen Anne

Architect UNKNOWN

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard and patterned shingle

Outbuildings garage --NC

Major Alterations (with dates) -

none

Condition good

Moved -no Date -n/a

Acreage 0.24A 10,300 sq. ft. 76-8-7

Setting Overlooking the Charles

River, this house is part of

Crescent St's remarkable collection

of well preserved, well designed Queen Anne houses.

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

Organization Waltham Historical Comm

Date June, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

Photo (3"x 3" 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

see attached map

UTM REFERENCE 19/315360/4692200

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

357 Crescent Street provides a glimpse of a well-to-do late 19th c. American Waltham Watch Company foreman's home. This house, with its irregular form, complex roof configuration, richly ornamented entrance porch, stained glass transoms, and picturesque, conically-capped corner towers, ranks among the most elaborate examples of the Queen Anne style in Waltham. As a reflection of the development of the South Side by the "Watch" in the second half of the 19th century, and as a well-detailed and well-preserved example of the Queen Anne style, 357 Crescent Street meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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

This house ranks among the most elaborate examples of the Queen Anne style in Waltham, possessing an irregular plan characterized by projecting porches, bays, oriels and conically-capped corner tower. This house is sheathed in clapboards and patterned shingles. Particularly noteworthy is its front porch with paneled chamfered posts, and medallions at the porch's entablature and pedimented roof. The original multi-panel double-doors are flanked by large, arched windows, with colorful stained glass fanlights. In addition to the alternating courses of clapboards and patterned shingles, this house features vertical and horizontal "stick" work above the 2nd floor windows, of the main and side facades. Projecting from the northeast corner is a square 2-story bay, with a lunette window at the bay's gable (lunette and stick panelling from a sunburst motif characteristic of the Queen Anne style).

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

#357 Crescent Street symbolizes, in domestic architectural terms, the late 19th century prosperity of the American Waltham Watch Company. Deeds and Water Department records indicate that the house was built in 1892. On April 9, 1892, Frank W. Wetherbee purchased this house from George L. Olney. The Olney/Wetherbee deed does not mention buildings on this property (Middlesex Deed 2155: 417), but buildings are mentioned in a mortgage deed between Wetherbee and a William Earl Allen, on Nov 3, 1892. (\$5,000 mortgage for three years at 5%). Frank W. Wetherbee, formeman, dial dept., American Waltham Watch Co. is first listed at this address in 1893. Prior to the early 1890's, Wetherbee lived at 72 Taylor Street and worked for E.W. Wetherbee, dial manufacturer, rear 42 Crescent Street. Frank Wetherbee lived at 357 Crescent Street until at least 1915.

See also forms # 41, 58, 121, 150, 173 for similiar architectural designs.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Water Dept. records
Maps/atlasses : 1874, 1886, 1911, 1915
Middlesex Deeds - 2155:420; 2155:417; 1931:494; 1862:250; 1846:162; 1087:273
Waltham Directories- 1880's, 1890's, 1900's

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, 357 Crescent Street, continued

Projecting from the southeast corner is a 3-level tower, with a 4-bay loggia at the 3rd level. The conically-capped tower retains its slate shingles and copper finial. The central portion of this house is crowned by a hip-roof. In the center of the main facade's roof slope, is a double dormer. Rectangular panels containing oval, stain glass windows, appear on the first floor of the north and south walls.

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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. Waltham Gas and Electric Company
Generating Plant
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

92. Waltham High School
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

93. Waltham Water Works Shop
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

S.P. 94. Warren, Nathan, House
Substantive Review

for Keeper Patricia Savage 8/9/90
Attest _____

95. Wellington, Benjamin, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

96. Wellington, William, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

97. Wellington--Castner House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

98. Wetherbee House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

99. White, Warren, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

100. Whitney--Farrington--Cook House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Wetherbee 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: 89001575

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 _____



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Waltham, MA
MAC # 32

Wetherbee House

WALTHAM, MA MRA
Frank W. Wetherbee House #32
357 Crescent Street
1" = 100'
1975; updated to 1987
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #76-8-7



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COVE

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301