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Inventory No:	NRD.166
Historic Name:	Smith, Edson D. House
Common Name:	
Address:	85 Walpole St
City/Town:	Norwood
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1883
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne;
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture;
Area(s):	NRD.D
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Foundation: Brick;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

P1-6 USGS NORWOOD

NRD.166

AREA (D)

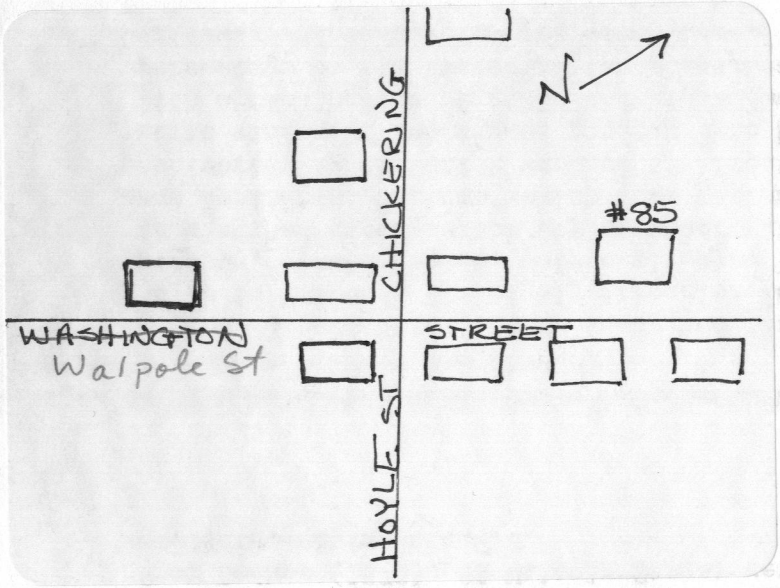
FORM NO. (166)

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



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

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

Norwood

ess 85 Walpole Street

oric Name Edson D. Smith House

Present single family house

Original single family house

RIPTION

ca. 1883-1887

ce maps/atlases

e Stick/Queen Anne

Architect -

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards and shingle

Outbuildings -

Major Alterations (with dates) -

Condition fair- good

Moved - Date -

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Retains late 19th century landscape feature - broad lawn, copper beach, side driveway.

Recorded by Ed Gordon

Organization Norwood Hist. Commission

Date March - June 1989

NRD.1166

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The potential is high for a National Register District along all - or portions of Walpole Street from Winter Street to the F. O. Winslow House at #269 Walpole Street. This area reflects Norwood's late 19th century prosperity in the years following incorporation as a municipality separate from Dedham (1872). 85 Walpole Street retains integrity of design, material elements, siting etc.

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

#85 Walpole Street ranks among the finest examples of the Stick/Queen Anne style in Norwood. Its highly irregular form is "alive" with projecting porches, skewed gables, polygonal bays, broad gables and double dormers. It is sheathed in the stick style manner with clapboards overlaid by vertical and horizontal "sticks" which form rhythmic horizontal bands. Particularly noteworthy is the stick work of the front porch anbd the pointed arch of the attic window at the skewed gable. This house's roof configuration is complex with a combination of gable and hip forms. The house retains a high percentage of its Victorian landscape features including its deep lawn, side driveway and massive copper beech tree.

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

For much of the 19th century this house's lot was part of the Lewis Guild estate. As late as 1876, the Guild House was the only structure on the west side of Walpole Street between Winter Street and what is now Chickering Street. The Lewis Guild House, judging by the size of the structure shown on the 1876 Atlas, was a mansion scale residence. The Guild House was no longer extant by 1882. The present house was built ca. 1882 - 1887. Evidently, its first owner was Edson D. Smith. He is listed as a "bookkeeper" in the 1890 Norwood Directory. The 1888 map indicates that a semi-circular driveway was once located in front of this house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps/Atlases - 1851, 1857, 1876, 1882, 1888
Norwood Business Directories

NRD.1600

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Community: Norwood, MA
Property Address: 85 Walpole ST

Area(s)	FormNo.
D	166

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

☐ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☑ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☑ A ☐ B ☑ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by Edward W. Gordon
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

85 Walpole Street is considered N.R. eligible as architecturally significant residential property making strong visual contribution to streetscape via mature trees,broad lawn and above all intact Stick/Queen Anne form and fabric. Home to banker Edson Smith. Built during early rise to prominence as upscale neighborhood during mid 1880's. Meets A and C criteria of N.R.