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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	327

Town Wakefield

Address 22 Prospect Street

Historic Name William Stimson House

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date prior to 1795

Source Wm. E. Jones 1944 List

Style Federal

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) Addition at S.W. corner; 2 well story shed rod additions on south.(this century)

Condition Fair - Poor

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting Approx. 75' frontage and set back approx. 60' from curb on raised lot.

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

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 19/329010/4707800

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

#### **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

A typical example of early Federal design in Wakefield, this well preserved house features a central chimney - a local variation on standard Federal design. It retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets Criterion C of the NRHP on the local level.

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

The William Stimpson homestead is a 2½ story, five bay Federal house which follows the pattern found in Wakefield buildings of this period. It has a central chimney, unlike contemporary Federal houses in other communities which switched to double chimneys, and it has a boxed cornice with eaves returns. The outer two bays of the north facade are slightly paired, sash is 6/6 and surrounds are simply molded. The current occupant reports that the house may contain an original mantelpiece by Wm. McIntyre, the Salem Federal designer. There are six fireplaces and two brick ovens which may, according to Ruth Woodbury, indicate it was originally intended as a two family house.

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

This house was constructed prior to 1795 by William Stimpson, a physician and son of Dr. Thomas and Mary. William Stimpson earlier lived in Greenwood in a large house which he moved before 1765 to the corner of Main and Salem Streets. It was later demolished to build the Lilley Eaton house in 1804. Between 1765 and 1804 Stimpson presumably had this house built. A subsequent owner was William Atwell who owned this and the house at #24 as well. Atwell was a razor strop manufacturer whose shop was at the rear of this house. The house remained in the Atwell family into the 20th c.

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Eaton, Lilley. A Genealogical History of Reading, Boston, 1874.  
Wakefield Historical Society, Vertical Files, Ruth Woodbury notes.  
Interview with Ms. Fairweather, current occupant.  
Maps of 1857 (probably appears), 1874 (J.E. Atwell), 1889 (Atwell), 1906 (Wm. H. Atwell Hrs.).

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Massachusetts State Armory  
Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helene Byer 7/6/89

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72. Richardson, Dr. S.O., House  
Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helene Byer 7/6/89

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73. Simpson, Dr. Thomas House  
Entered in the  
National Register

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74. South Reading Academy  
Entered in the  
National Register

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75. St. Joseph's School  
Entered in the  
National Register

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~~76. Stimpson, William, House~~  
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77. Sweetser, Daniel, House  
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78. Sweetser, Michael, House  
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79. Temple Israel Cemetery  
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80. Tilton, D. Horace, House  
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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 Stimpson, William, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Wakefield MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/23/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/07/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000741

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 7/6/89 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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTMs       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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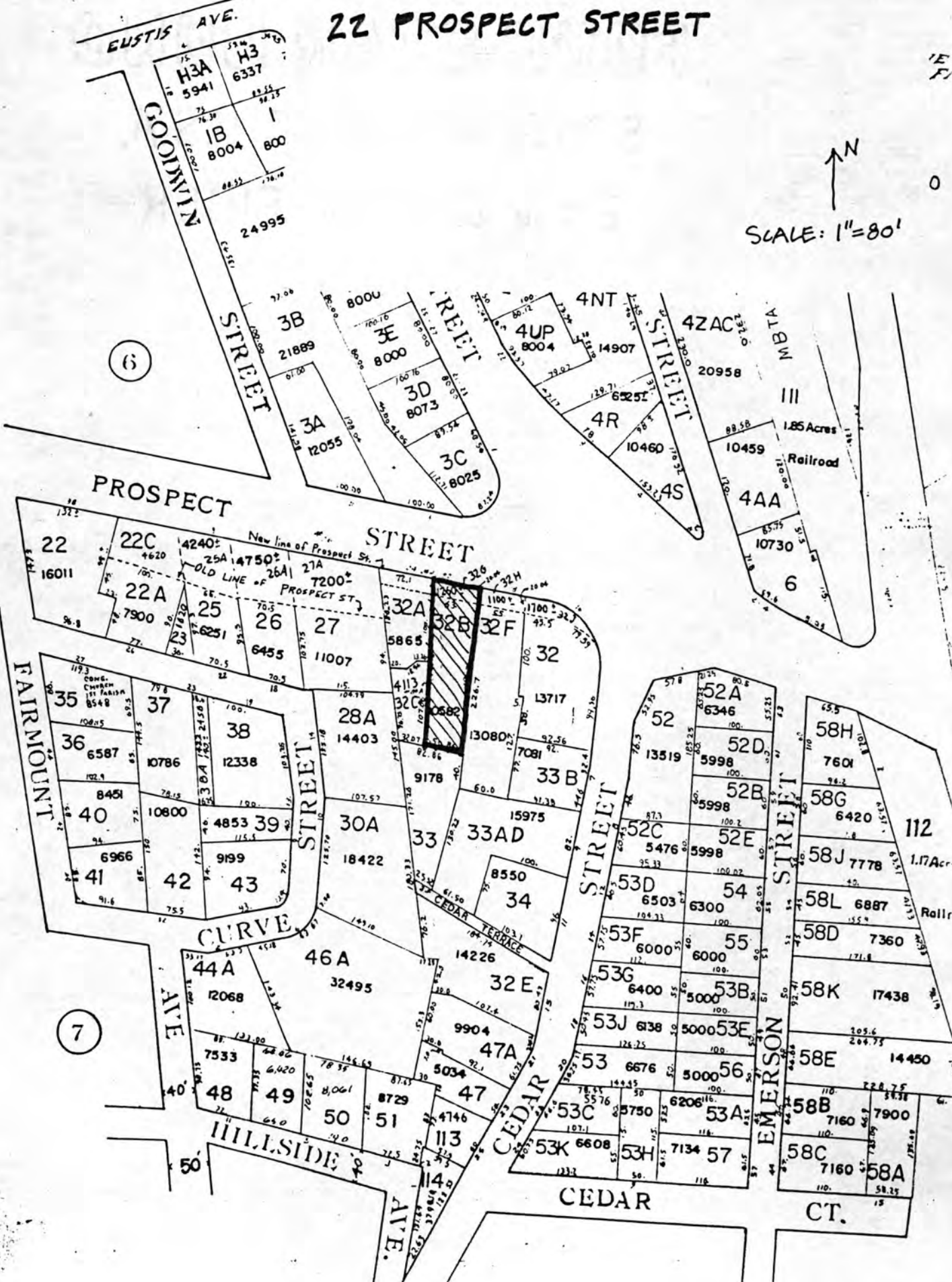
22 Prospect St

Stimpson, William, House

Wakefield MA, Ma

# 22 PROSPECT STREET

↑ N  
SCALE: 1"=80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300