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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	337



Wakefield
 1 Elm Street
 Name Captain Goodwin-James
 Custis House
 Present dwelling
 Original dwelling
 TION
 pre-1770 and c. 1830
 A Driving Tour, map of 1830
 Greek Revival and perhaps Federal
 ct NA

in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north

Exterior Wall Fabric clanboards and -flash-board

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) new porch and porch supports

Condition Good

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting faces east on sloping lot at foot of Cowdrv's Hill

UTM REFERENCE 19/329010/4707830

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass

SCALE 1: 25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates
 Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March, 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Captain Goodwin-James Eustis House is a well-preserved example of a Greek Revival farmhouse and is associated with a prominent mid-19th c. Wakefield resident, James Eustis. The property retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets Criteria B and C of the NRHP on the local level.

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

This L-shaped house appears to have been built in two different stages. The more easily identifiable section is the Greek Revival portion which presents its gable end to the street. Two and a half stories in height the eaves make a full return to create a pediment and the tympanum thus formed is flushboarded to look like stone. A wide watertable above relatively high granite foundations and moderately wide cornerboards mark the Greek Revival style. The wing of the house is flushboarded on the first floor and clapboarded on the second. It has a well-developed Greek Revival style doorway with a panelled architrave surround with corner blocks and half length sidelights. Only an interior structural analysis could indicate whether this section of the house is the older as has been suggested in A Driving Tour of Historic Wakefield.

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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 Goodwin, Captain--James Custis 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: 89000744

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 7/6/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

see reverse.

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 7/6/89

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

If Custis is considered significant for associations with this house for criterion B, please analyze his contributions more specifically within their appropriate context and clarify what area of significance on the cover form applies.

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 (202) 343-9540

Signed

Beth L. George

Date

7/6/89

FORM B - BUILDING

MAY 23 1989

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BOSTON, MA 02116

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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).
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
11. Cowdry, Nathaniel, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
12. Emerson--Franklin Poole House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
13. Flanley's Block Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
14. Goodwin, Captain--James Custis House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Butch Savage</u> 3/2/90 Attest _____
15. Gould, Samuel, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
16. Green, Capt. William, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
17. Green, Deacon Daniel, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
18. Greenwood Union Church Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
19. House at 1 Morrison Avenue Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
20. House at 1 Woodcrest Drive Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____

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MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

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NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/2/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Locally significant well-preserved Greek
festival gardenhouse.
Initial return comments have
been addressed.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Davis
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/2/90

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

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Wakefield MRT, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300