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AREA

FORM NO.

33

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOWLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town (Winchester, Mass. M.R.A.)
WINCHESTER

Address 195 Cambridge Street

Historic Name George Wyman House

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

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1825-1831

Source Simond's List

Style transitional Federal-Greek Rev.

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings attached two-story rear
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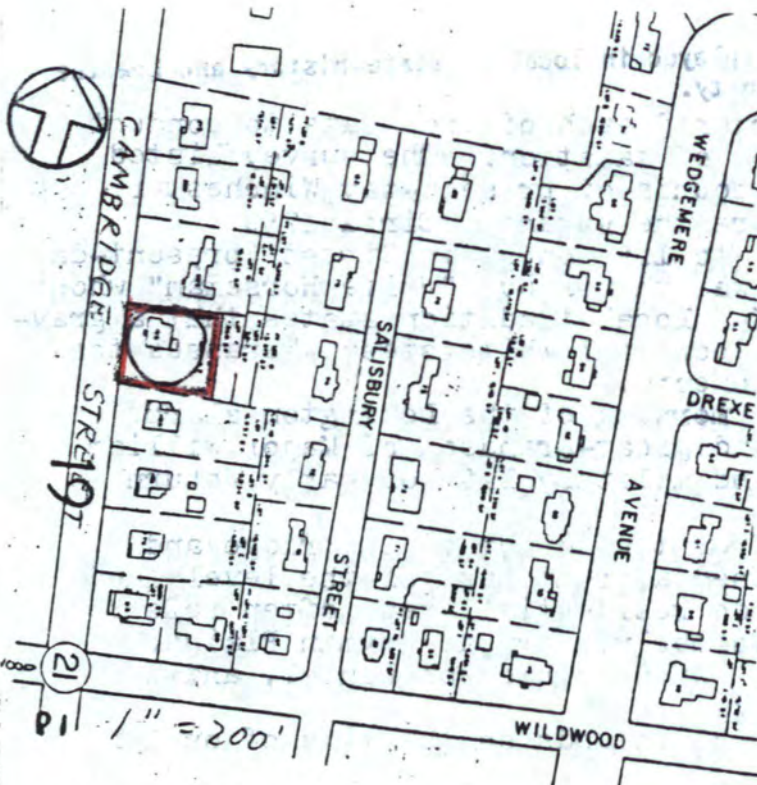
Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date

Acreage .42 acre 0019-012

Setting Suburban fringe along major
early road (from Cambridge).



UTM REFERENCE 19.3 22540.47 02070

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Bettina Cooper

Organization Winchester Historical Comm

Date 8/78; 10/87 revised by H. White

(prior to 1929, address listed as
169 Cambridge Street)

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The George Wyman House is an important local example of a transitional Federal-Greek Revival farmhouse, and has associations with the Wyman family, one of Winchester's earliest families, eminent in town affairs. Therefore the George Wyman House 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.

The George Wyman House is a well-preserved vernacular farmhouse which exhibits the transition from the Federal to the Greek Revival style in local domestic architecture. The Wyman house is a two and one-half story, gable roof dwelling based on a rectangular plan. The house has the characteristic five-bay facade organization of a Federal period dwelling, although the trabeated entrance with sidelights and the six-over-six window sash foreshadow the Greek Revival mode. The interior contains wide pine flooring, a delicate floating stair, and numerous passageways.

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

In 1798, the U.S. Government ordered each of the state to conduct a survey of real estate for purposes of taxation. The survey listed approximately 35 houses within the bounds of present-day Winchester. Among the families owning houses were the Wymans. Circa 1750 Hezekiah Wyman came from old Woburn to live on Plain Street (present-day Cambridge Street). Hezekiah Wyman was the famous "White Horseman" whose exploits occurred on April 19, 1775. Local tradition states that a gray-haired Yankee horseman mounted on a powerful white steed, harassed the British during their retreat from Concord.

Hezekiah was fifty-five on the morning of the Lexington alarm. He was a son of Capt. Seth Wyman, and great-grandson of Major William Johnson, eminent in the political and military life of early Woburn and the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Hezekiah's house was not far from the corner of Cambridge and Wildwood Streets. He bought and owned a great part of the level land of Winchester's present-day West Side residential area, often referred to as "the Flats". This land was formerly known as "Wyman Plains."

After Hezekiah's death, it was owned by his son Daniel, and by his sons, Marshall, William and George.

The George Wyman House (c.1826-31) stands on the site of one of

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Kendall Scrapbook, #34, Winchester Archival Center.
Deeds
History of Winchester, H. Chapman, 1936, pp. 104-105, 116-117, 142.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Winchester	Form No: 33
Property Name: George Wyman House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

the very first houses erected in present-day Winchester; it was built by Richard Gardner's family circa 1660. The cellar hole of the Gardner was visible until the nineteenth century.

The Wyman family acquired the surrounding land and possibly the Gardner house during the 1700s.

However, the house which presently stands on the site was built between 1826 and 1831 by George Wyman, a grandson of Hezekiah Wyman. George was a farmer and cordwainer. Subsequent owners of the house included:

1. George Wyman 1825-1855
2. John Dugan 1855-1857
3. Lorenzo Dupee 1857-
4. Joel Hanson, dates uncertain
5. Frank Noyes 1914-1931

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Symmes, Deacon John, House

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

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52. Symmes, Marshall, House

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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

Attest _____

53. Symmes, Marshall, Tenant House

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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

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54. Thompson, Abijah, House

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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

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55. Trowbridge--Badger House

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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

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56. Vinton, Alfred, House

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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

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57. Wedgemere (H.D.)

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

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58. White, S.B., House

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

Attest _____

59. Wildwood Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper Boyd Savage 7-5-89

Attest _____

60. Wyman, George, House

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 7/5/89

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Wyman, George, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Winchester MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

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

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000609

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 7/5/89 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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



George Wyman House
195 Cambridge St. 1/88
Winchester, Ma. MRA

MHC Inv. #33

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303