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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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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).  
Indicate north

Town Wakefield

Address 20 Morrison Road

Historic Name NA

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1890

Source map of 1889

Style Colonial Revival

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings garage noncontributing

c. 1920s

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

None

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting Set behind white fence on

fir-tree-shaded lot.

UTM REFERENCE 19/328250/4707340

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)**

One of the more elaborately detailed examples of the Colonial Revival Style in town, this house features an unusual semi-circular portico with doric columns. It was part of the Wakefield Park development begun in the 1880s. The house retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and meets Criteria A 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.**

Unusual in Wakefield is this Colonial Revival house with its semi-circular portico on doric columns. The Colonial Revival Style is generally more conservative. The house is 2½ stories in height and uses rather elaborate design elements to convey its style. A broad doorway has wide leaded sidelights and an open side porch has a turned balustrade. The windows with 8/1 sash have hood lintels with a row of guttae. Three pedimented dormers carry out the colonial stylistic references.

**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 is on land which belonged in the late 19th c. to the large estate of Dr. Charles Jordan. Much of the property was sold in the 1880s and 90s for the development of Wakefield Park, which is the case here. This house was owned by Cyrus Wakefield, nephew of Cyrus Wakefield who founded the Rattan Works and after whom the town was re-named in 1868. Cyrus was President and Treasurer of his uncle's company after 1873 when the elder Wakefield died. This house was probably owned as an investment.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Maps of 1889 (land of Dr. Chas. Jordan), 1906 (Cyrus Wakefield).

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
31. House at 19--21 Salem Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
32. House at 190 Main Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
33. House at 193 Vernon Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
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36. House at 20 Hancock Road Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
37. House at 20 Lawrence Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
38. House at 20 Morrison Road Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
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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 House at 20 Morrison Road  
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: 89000724

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  
 UTM's       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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1 20 Morrison Rd.

House at

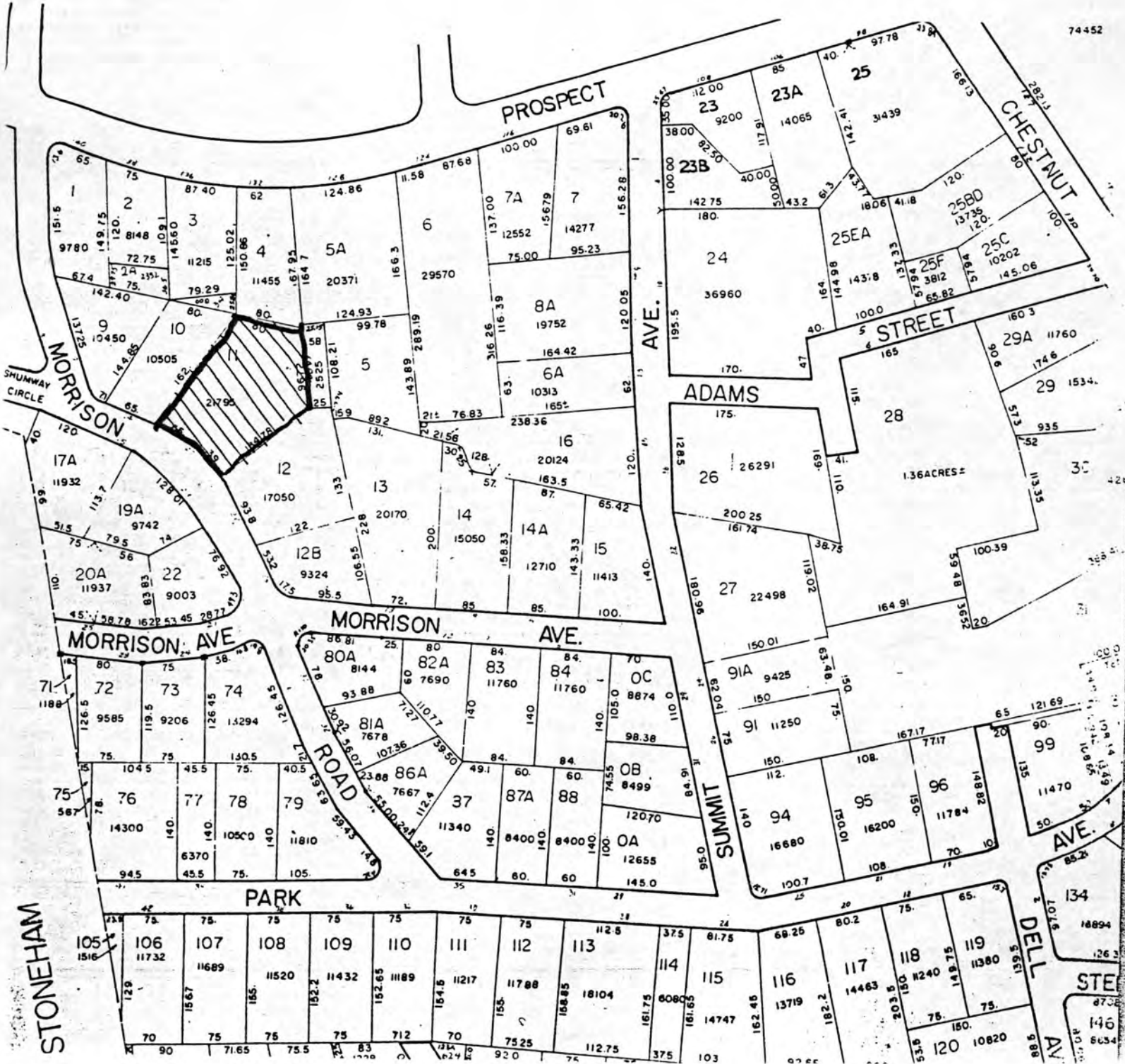
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# 20 MORRISON ROAD



SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300