

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	204

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number 9-16

Town Methuen ✓

Address 311 Pelham Street ✓

Historic Name (Moses) Morse House ✓

Present Owner: Roger G. Jones

Use: Present private residence

Original same

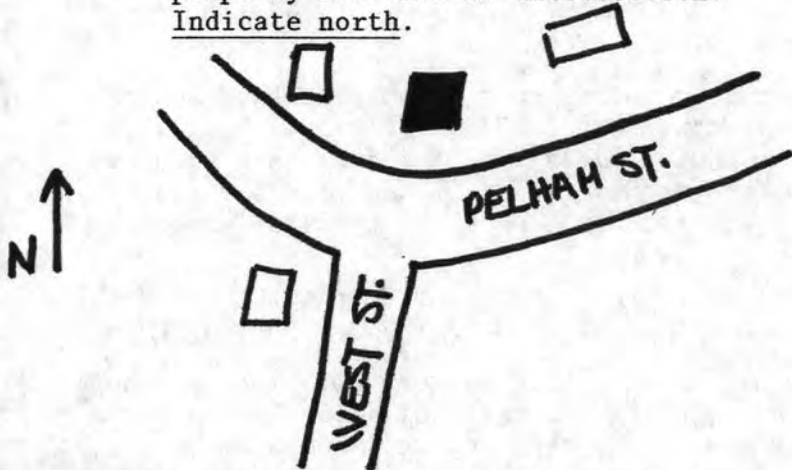
DESCRIPTION:

Date 1762

Source Methuen Historical Commission

SKETCH MAP

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



Style Vernacular (with Georgian elements)

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) sash, entry hood: late 19th century

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage one acre or less .75A

Setting rural setting in northwest corner of town.

Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.

Date May, 1978/May, 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 126A, Lot 62

UTM Reference: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
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(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Moses Morse House is a large 2½-story, pitched roof dwelling which shows several generations of architectural changes, yet maintains most of its important characteristics. Such buildings are scattered along Methuen's once-rural roads. The massive central chimney and an 18th century ell are intact original features. The central sidelit entry of the five-bay facade has a ca.1870 Italianate porch hood with pendant brackets. The 2/2 sash in the simple windows of the main facade are also a later addition. The clapboard-clad building rests on a granite foundation. The off-center location of the chimney may indicate the house's evolution from a three-bay to five-bay configuration.

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

The Moses Morse House is an early farmstead representative of the development of 18th century architecture in rural Methuen. Such dwellings were constructed by farmers such as Moses Morse who sold their produce to markets in Salem and Newburyport, and later Lowell and Lawrence. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship and meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Records of the Methuen Historical Commission.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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received 12/7/83
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. House at 50 Pelham Street Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

22. House at 526 Prospect Street Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

23. House at 9 Park Street Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

24. Johnson House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

25. Lawrence Street Cemetery Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

26. Methuen Water Works Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

27. Morse, Moses, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

28. Nevins Memorial Library Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

29. Nevins, Henry C., Home for Aged and Incurables Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

30. Pleasant-High Historic District Substantive Review

for Keeper Francine van Duzend 6/20/84
Attest _____

Ref # 84002404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Morse, Moses, House (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84
Action: ACCEPT 1/20/84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

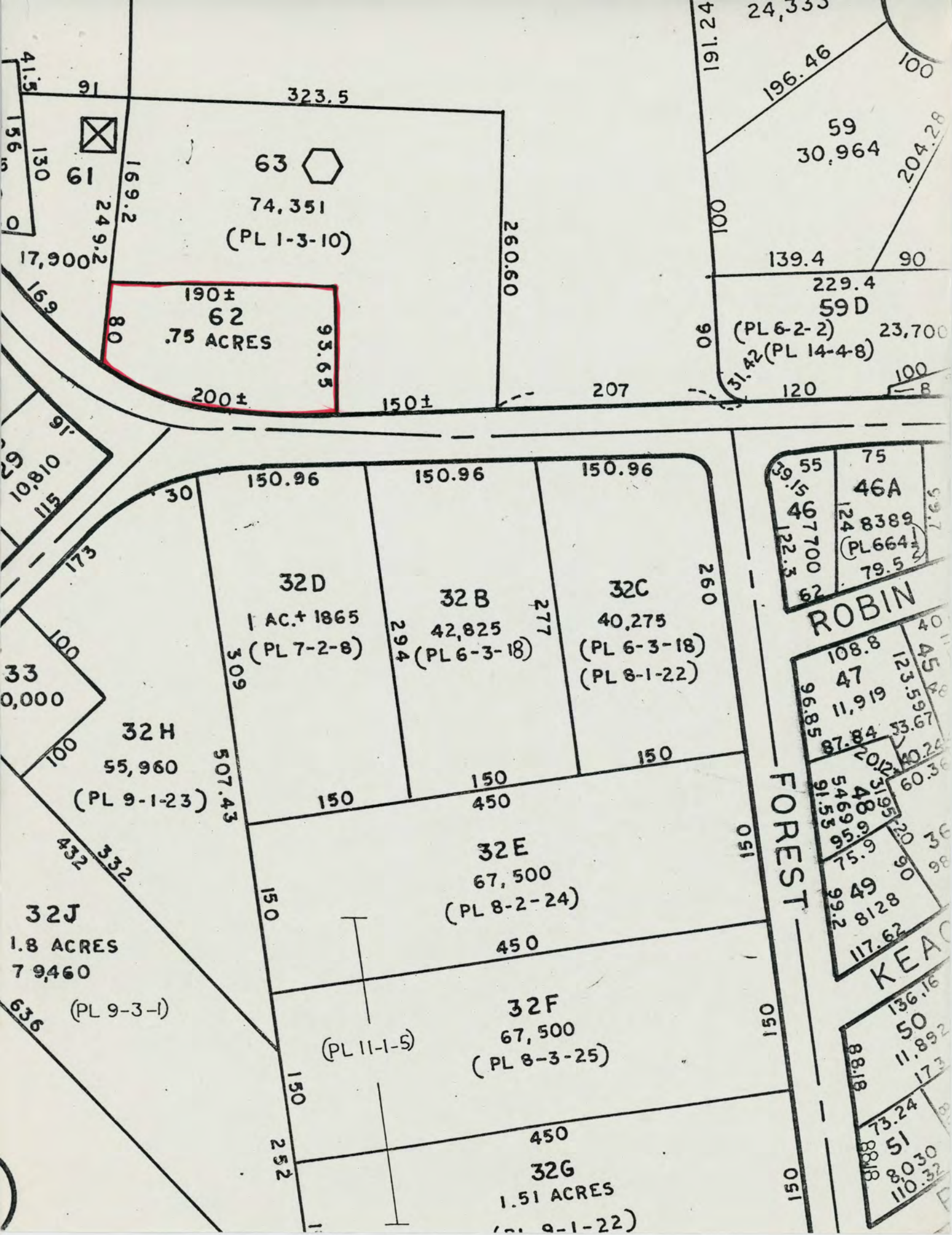
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284