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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	5

Town Wakefield

Address 114 Main Street

Historic Name Dr. Thomas Simpson

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1750

Source Eaton, L. 1874

Style Georgian/Federal

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings attached garage

noncontributing (c. 1950)

Major Alterations (with dates) resided,

extended rear 2 story ells (c. 1800)

Condition \_\_\_\_\_

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting on slight rise, faces west

over looking lake.

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 19/329440/4709200

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

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

The Simpson house is a well preserved example of local architectural design for lakeside homes in Wakefield during the Federal and Georgian periods. It retains integrity of location, setting, 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 three-quarters house form was widely utilized in Wakefield from the Georgian to the Greek Revival period. Records show that this house was built prior to 1750. Altered in the Federal period, both front and side door surrounds are Federal in design, featuring pilasters with entasis supporting a low but complete entablature, and full length sidelights on the front elevation, and a similar design with a three light transom and no sidelights on the side. The use of two fully developed door surrounds is an interesting local characteristic of the Federal and Greek Revival periods, particularly for lakeside houses, which faced west, rather than the traditional south. The gable roof is framed without returns, but has a robust molding piece joining the boxed cornice to the facade. Second floor windows are placed high. The central chimney was placed to the rear.

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

Native Americans are believed to have camped on the shore of the lake, near this house. The north end of Lake Quannapowitt was settled by the Brown and Simpson families. This house was built by D. Thomas Simpson before 1750, and was the home of John Pratt in 1750 and 1765. Like those of most 17th and 18th century settlers, it was the homestead of a substantial farm.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

maps 1750, John Pratt  
1765, John Pratt  
1874, L. Beebe  
1889, L. Beebe Estate  
Wakefield Historical Society, Woodbury, Ruth, unpublished manuscripts  
Prominent old family - local Drs. page 114.

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

71. Massachusetts State Armory  
Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 7/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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  
Entered in the  
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80. Tilton, D. Horace, House  
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National Register

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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 NAME: Simpson, Dr. Thomas, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

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: 89000665

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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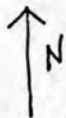
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Simpson, Dr. Thomas, House

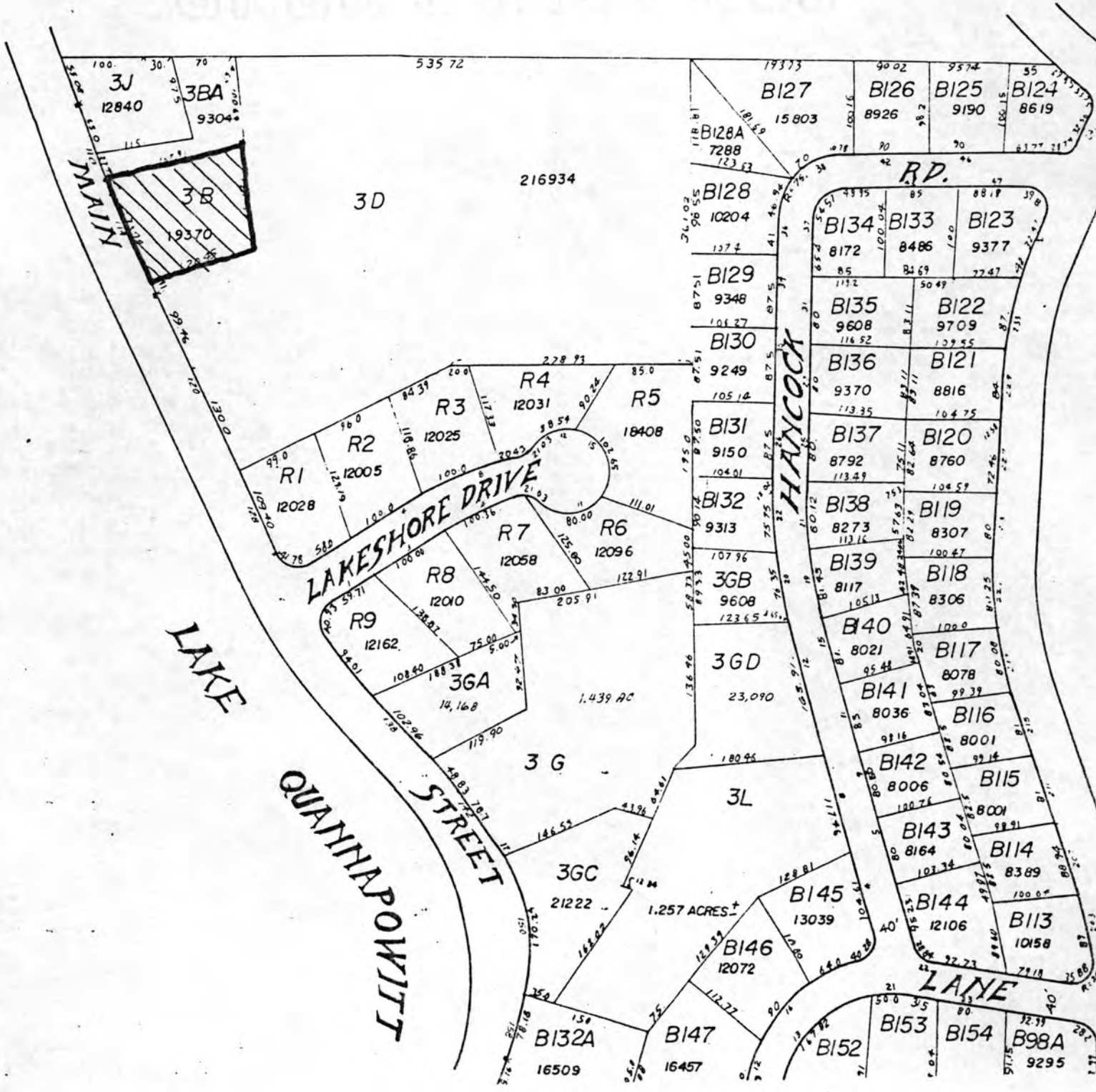
Wakefield, MA, Ma

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## 114 MAIN ST.



SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300