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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 WakefieldAddress Gould StreetHistoric Name St. Joseph's SchoolUse: Present SchoolOriginal School

DESCRIPTION

Date 1924Source History of WakefieldStyle Neo-GothicArchitect Maginnis & WalshExterior Wall Fabric BrickOutbuildings NoneMajor Alterations (with dates) NoneCondition ExcellentMoved NA Date NAAcreage Under 1 acreSetting Faces south on otherwiseresidential street.UTM REFERENCE 19/329150/4707250USGS 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 few examples of the Neo-Gothic style in town, this suggested an appropriate atmosphere for education and was popular for Catholic institutional buildings designed by the Boston firm of Maginnis & Walsh. In both plan and elevation St. Joseph's School is a well-preserved example of the type; 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.

This two story school on a high basement was designed in the Neo-Gothic or Collegiate Gothic style by the Boston architectural firm Maginnis & Walsh who were responsible for many institutional Catholic buildings including a number at Boston College. The style chosen was intended to suggest medieval England at the time of its resurgence in learning and was to suggest an atmosphere appropriate for education. The modified C-shape school was a plan which was popular for U.S. schools in the 1920s and 30s.

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

The first Catholic mass was said in South Reading in 1850 and church membership continued to grow as Irish and then Italian immigrants arrived in South Reading after that date. A parish house and chapel were built and served until the new church was built in 1871. A rectory followed in 1884. This school was built in 1924 and taught by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. It began with one class and year by year added a new class until there were eight.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Eaton, Wm. & History Committee. A History of Wakefield, Mass., Wakefield, 1944.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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 Helene Byers 7/6/89

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

for Keeper Helene Byers 7/6/89

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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

for Keeper Helene Byers 7/6/89

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75. St. Joseph's School Entered in the
National Register

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76. Stimpson, William, House
Entered in the
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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
National Register

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80. Tilton, D. Horace, House
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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 St. Joseph's School
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: 89000749

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

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 _____



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St. Joseph's School.
Gould St

Wakefield MRA, Ma

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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
GOULD STREET

SCALE: 1" = 80'



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CEDAR

GOULD

1.2 Acres ±

ALBION

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

EMERSON

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

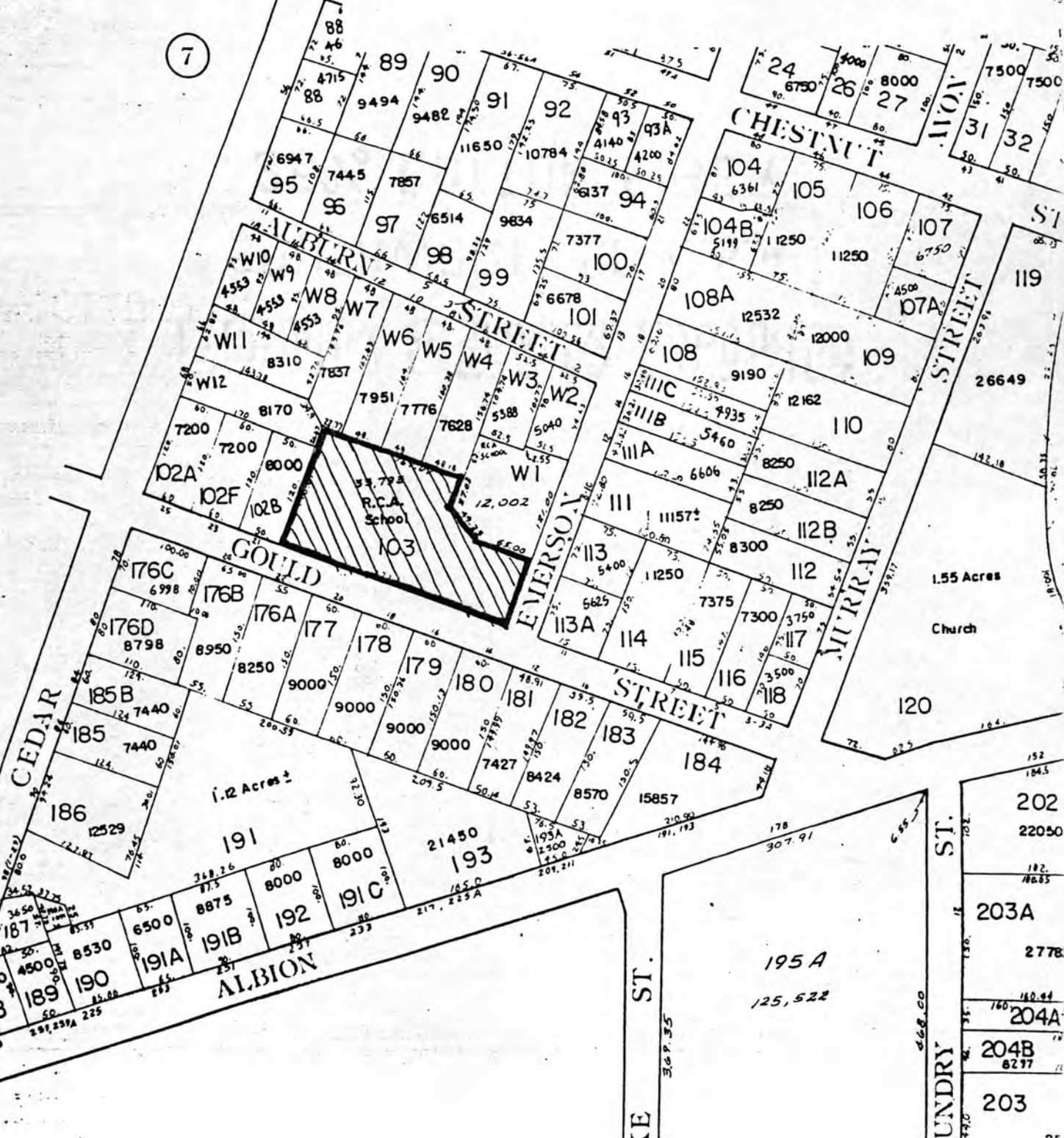
CE ST.

CHESTNUT

MURRAY

UNDRY ST.

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22050
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2778
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300