

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	142

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
staple to left side of form

Photo number 6-35

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.



Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.

Date May, 1978/May, 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 101, Lot 71

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town Methuen

Address 4 Birch Avenue

Historic Name House at 4 Birch Avenue

Present Owner Richard O. Hoehn

Use: Present private residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1910

Source v/a ; maps

Style Bungalow

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings small stone and shingle

barn in rear

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage 22,602 sq. ft.
one acre or less

Setting residential

UTM Reference: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
19 324020/4732600

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

4 Birch Avenue is a good example of the rustic, style-conscious residential building seen in Methuen at the turn of the century. The modest gable roofed 2-story structure has a fieldstone-trimmed porch with overscaled turned balusters and conical-roofed corner section. Although this is not a true "Bungalow," the design is evocative of the work of then-contemporary California builders.

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

4 Birch Street possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship, and it meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places. It is significant as a well conserved building from Methuen's last major period of residential development. Such comfortable dwellings were usually crafted by local carpenters and purchased by Methuen's middle class.

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

1912 Map of Methuen (Lawrence Atlas).

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received

12/1/87

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 32 11. House at 10 Park Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 12. House at 113-115 Center Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 13. House at 13 Annis Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 14. House at 136 Hampstead Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 15. House at 15-19 Park Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 16. House at 23 East Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 17. House at 262-264 Pelham Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 18. House at 306 Broadway | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 19. House at 4 Birch Avenue | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 41 20. House at 491 Prospect Street | | Keeper | <u>Thomas A. Byers</u> 1-20-84 |
| | Historic Review | Attest | _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 4 Birch Avenue (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

Entered in the
National Register

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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
☐ excellent	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair		
☐ deteriorated		
☐ ruins		
☐ 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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House at 4 Birch St.
Methuen, MRA, Ma

372A



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284