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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	23

Town Wakefield

Address 458 Lowell Street

Historic Name Daniel Sweetser Home

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date 1780

Source Ruth Woodbury Research

Style Federal

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings None

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

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

1½ story ell on back (off east facade) (late 1800s)

Condition Excellent (externally front

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting Faces south on old major artery.

UTM REFERENCE 19/330860/4709000

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

One of Wakefield's best preserved rural Federal houses the Sweetser House exhibits several local variations in design. It was also the home of Wakefield's first rural postal carrier. The building retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets criterion 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.

This is one of Wakefield's best preserved, rural Federal houses. 2½ stories high with a low pitched roof, the 5 bay house has a center entrance. The door surround features fine pilasters with delicate entasis supporting an entablature with heavy cornice and flanking ¾ length sidelights. The roof is framed with a boxed cornice and no returns, a practice which might indicate an early construction, were it not for the two interior chimneys, which are found only in houses built late in the Federal period in Wakefield. The grouping of windows in the outer bays is typical of local practice.

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 may have been built for Daniel Sweetser, who was living here in 1795. Its best known occupant, however, was Col. James Mansfield, who was the first rural postal carrier in town. This homestead formed a part of the community which was named Montrose after the opening in 1850 of the South Reading Branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad. Ten houses are recorded on Lowell Street between Vernon Street and the Saugus border in 1765, but the neighborhood grew slowly before the opening of rail transportation. Most of the early settlers were farmers, many of whom augmented their income with shoemaking.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps 1795, Daniel Sweester
1830

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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 Helene Byer 7/6/89

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

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73. Simpson, Dr. Thomas House
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74. South Reading Academy
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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
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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 Sweetser, Daniel, House
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: 89000669

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
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

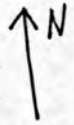


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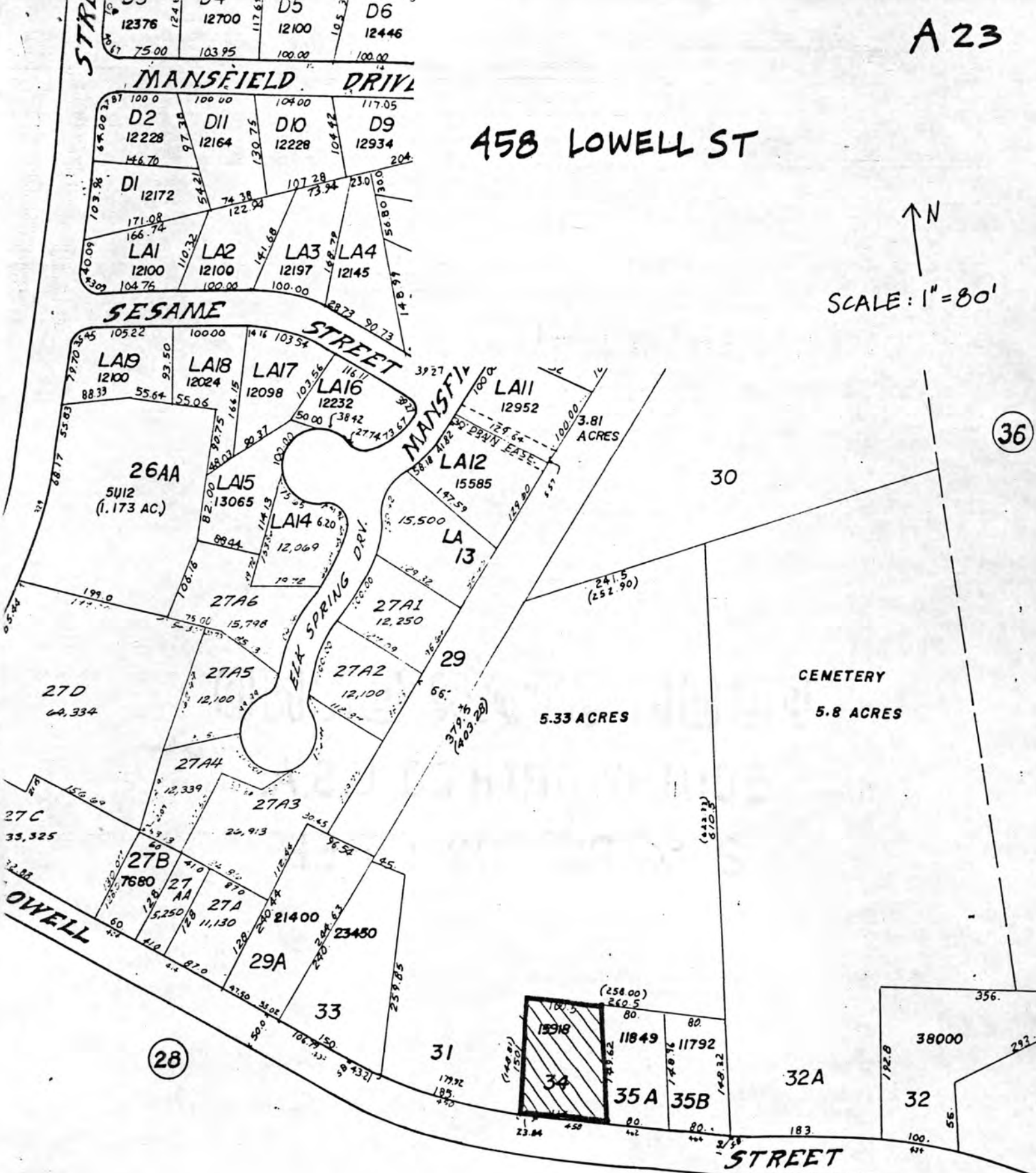
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SCALE: 1" = 80'



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Scale: 1 inch equals 80 feet

A.W. Carleton Civil Engr.

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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