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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	329

Town Wakefield  
 Address One Prospect Street  
 Historic Name Deacon Thomas  
Kendall Homestead  
 Use: Present dwelling  
Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date pre-1750 and late 18th c.  
 Source Wakefield's Old House  
 Style Federal  
 Architect NA  
 Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards  
 Outbuildings None  
 Major Alterations (with dates) single car garage at eastside attached to house by breezeway & 1 story encl. porch off E. wall (early 1900s)  
 Condition Good

Moved NA Date NA  
 Acreage Under one acre  
 Setting On corner lot surrounded by 5' hedge/huge maple dominates No. corner of lot - approx. 75' front on Prospect St. & Set Back Appro: 40' from sheet line.  
 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 19/329100/4707800  
 USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass  
 SCALE 1: 25,000

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

- Although Federal in appearance, this house contains some elements from an earlier structure which was burned in 1786. Nonetheless, it is a well preserved example of an early Federal period design. The house 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 5 bay, 2½ story house has the exterior stylistic hallmarks of the Federal style as it looked in Wakefield from c.1790-1810. The house does, however, have unusual features which may be the result of its having been reconstructed c.1786 reusing materials of an older building. It has a large central chimney which is considered the oldest feature of the house dating from mid-17th c. Characteristic of early Federal houses in Wakefield is the lack of eaves returns in the gable end. Perhaps from an earlier period are the window surrounds visible on the west and several on the north facades which have finely carved moldings, corner blocks and project slightly from the plane of the facade. Later surrounds are the simpler, flat surrounds. Windows on the north facade are relatively large with 6/6 sash. They meet the frieze in typical Federal style. The much smaller windows on the south facade second story appear to be Georgian in proportion. A portico covers the door surround.

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

Deacon Thomas Kendall whose homestead was built here before 1750 was among the earliest settlers in Reading, coming from Lynn. He was a First Parish Deacon and Selectman, and according to Eaton, he was very influential in the town until his death in 1681. His wife Rebecca died in 1703. The next well-known owners of the house were the James Emersons. Mrs. Emerson died in a fire in 1786 and town historian Ruth Woodbury suggests this was the time at which the house was reconstructed. The Emerson family and its descendents lived in the house and farmed the diminishing holdings through much of the 19th century. They continued to occupy the house into the 20th c. As well as a farmer, James E. Emerson was listed as a shoe cutter in the 1874 Directory. In 1860 Emerson was listed as owning 7 acres mowing and tillage on Elm St., a barn 5 acres of pasture and meadow. The gradual break up of the farm began c. 1848 when Emerson St. was a private way laid out into house lots. One of the last Emersons to live in the house was Miss Lois Emerson who died in 1902.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
61. House at 8 Park Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
62. House at 88 Prospect Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
63. House at 9 White Avenue Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
64. House at 90 Prospect Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
65. House at 95 Chestnut Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
66. Item Building Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
67. Jordan, Dr. Charles, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
68. Kendall, Deacon Thomas, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
69. Lakeside Cemetery Chapel Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
70. Lynnwood Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byrne</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Kendall, Deacon 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: 89000742

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  
 UTM's       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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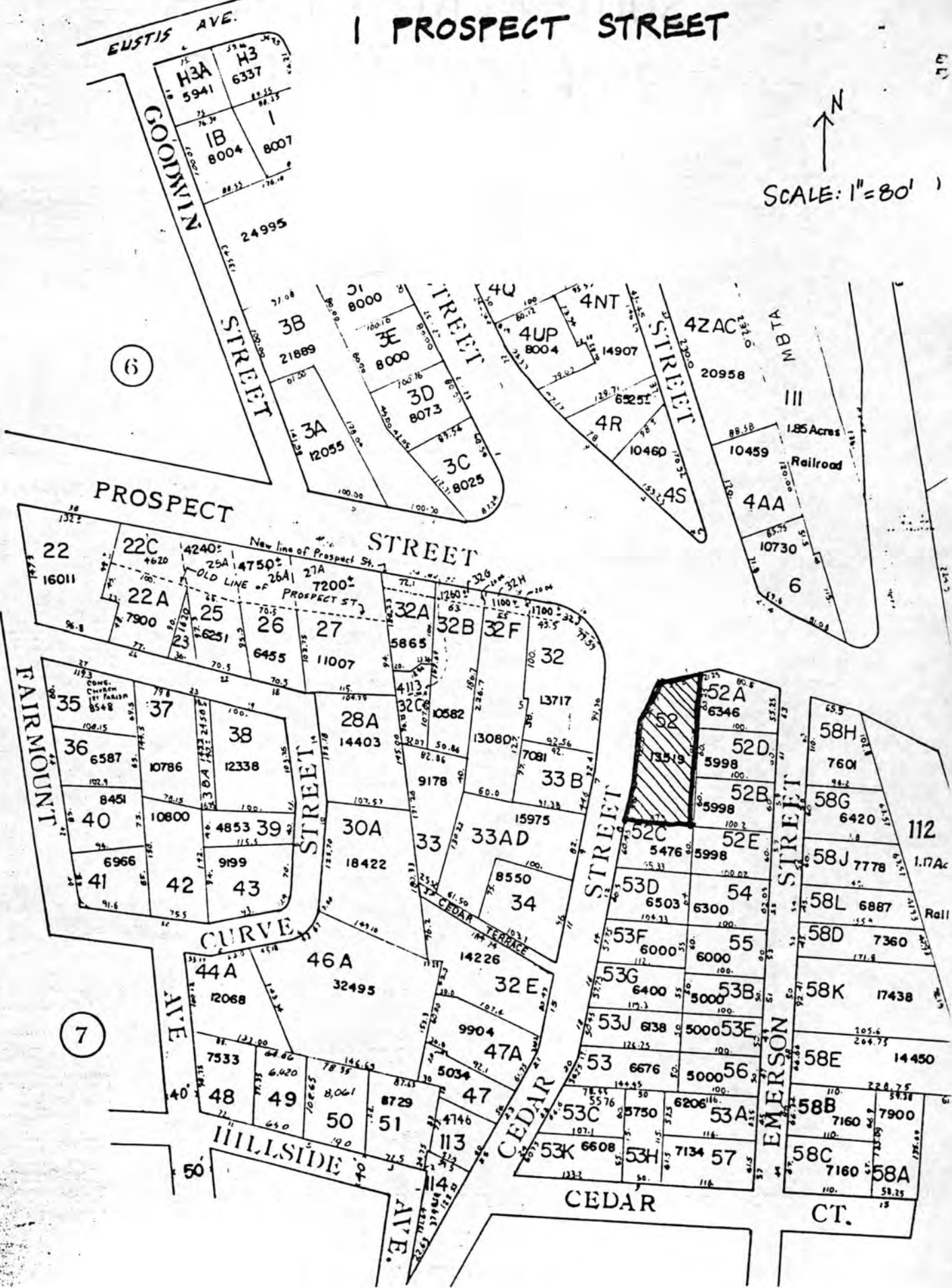
1 Prospect St.

Kendall Peace Therapy, Inc.

Wakefield MA, Ma.

# 1 PROSPECT STREET

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SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300