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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	331

Town Wakefield

Address 72-74 Elm Street

Historic Name Suell Winn House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1813-1814

Source bill for foundations

Style Federal

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) all on west added

Condition Good

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting Faces south on large tree-shaded yard.

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 19/329100/4707830

USGS 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 finest examples of the Federal style in Wakefield, this house retains integrity, location, 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 is one of the finest Federal style houses in Wakefield and in several respects was stylistically more advanced than were many of its contemporaries. It is 2½ stories in height, and has a gable roof with two interior chimneys at a time when other houses in Wakefield were built with only the one central chimney. It has a boxed cornice but makes no returns at the gable end following a town pattern. Outer windows on the second floor are paired as was customary. One of the house's most elegant features is its architrave door surround with an oval fanlight and narrow half-length sidelights.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community. Major Suel Winn who built this house was born c.1784 in Burlington, Mass., the son of Jeremiah Winn. In 1808 he married Lydia Whittemore of Charlestown and within a few years built this house. Mr. Clarence Purrington, a former owner and resident of the house, has the original 1813 bill for dressed granite foundations. Major Winn was known for his industry, honesty and sterling character. In 1844 his extensive farm property was divided by the railroad which led to his death in 1851. On the way home from a town meeting at which he had spoken vehemently for the need to erect a safeguard at the crossing near his home, he was killed by a train trying to cross at that same spot. Mr. Purrington has in his collection Winn's pocketbook he carried at the time of his death. The following year a plan was made of his homestead showing the house, 3 barns, a carriage house and slaughter house. The Purringtons bought the property from the Winn heirs and owned it until c.1950, approx. 136 yrs. with only 2 families as owners. On the interior are 7 fireplaces, 4 brick ovens and murals in a front room by Rufus Porter. The site of the Winn Homestead, according to information in the Wakefield Historical Society archives, was previously the site of the Ebenezer Damon homestead built prior to 1775.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Purrington, Clarence. Research notes and personal recollections.
- Middlesex County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 7 page 16.
- Eaton, Lilley. Genealogical History of Reading, Boston 1874.
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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 _____

81. Wakefield Park *H.D.* Substantive Review Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/2/90
Attest _____

82. Wakefield Rattan Company Substantive Review Keeper Betty L. Savage 7/6/89
Attest _____

83. Wakefield Savings Bank Clock
Substantive Review **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** Keeper _____ R
Attest _____

84. Wakefield Trust Company
Entered in the National Register Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
Attest _____

85. Wakefield Upper Depot
Entered in the National Register Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
Attest _____

86. Warren, H.M., School Entered in the National Register Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
Attest _____

87. West Ward School Entered in the National Register Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
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88. Winn Street Railroad Bridge Substantive Review Keeper _____ R
Attest _____

89. Winn, Suell, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
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90. Winship, Charles, House Keeper Betty L. Savage 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 Winn, Suell, 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: 89000743

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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72-74 Elm St.

WINT, Sull, House

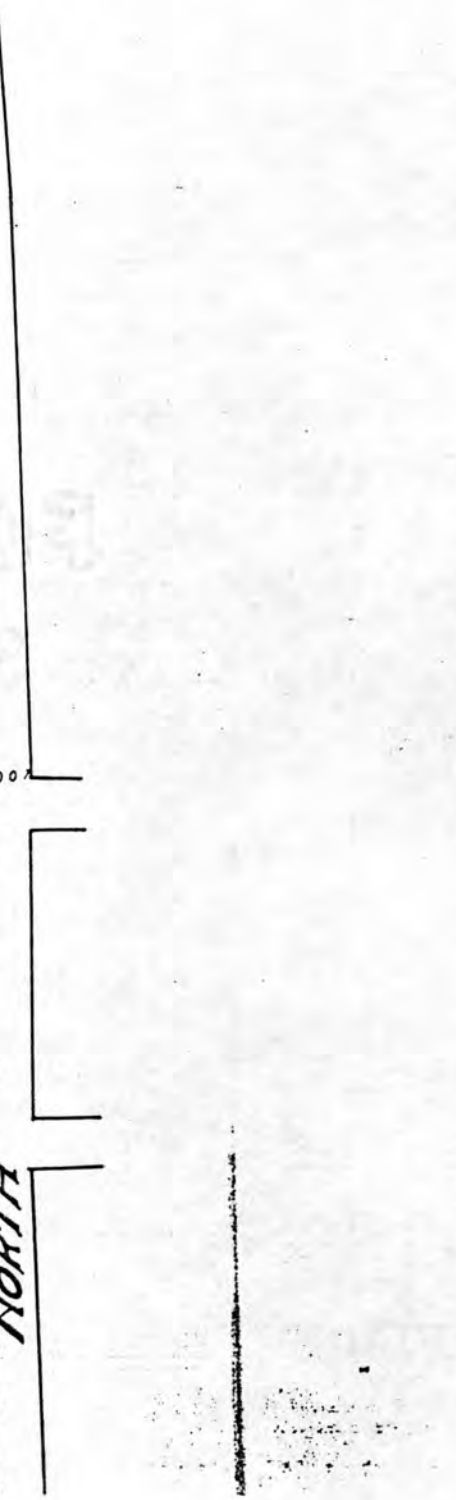
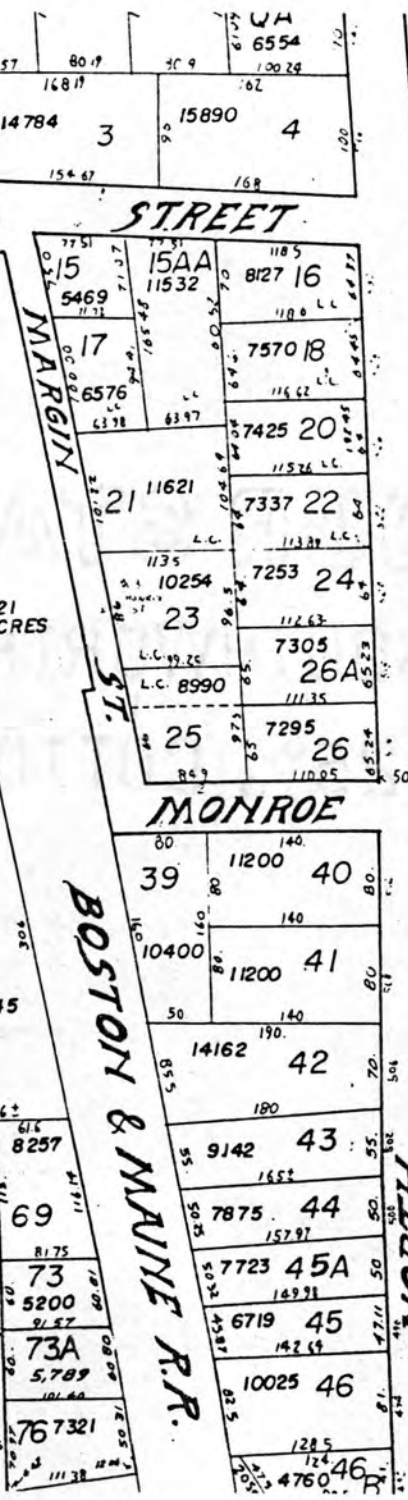
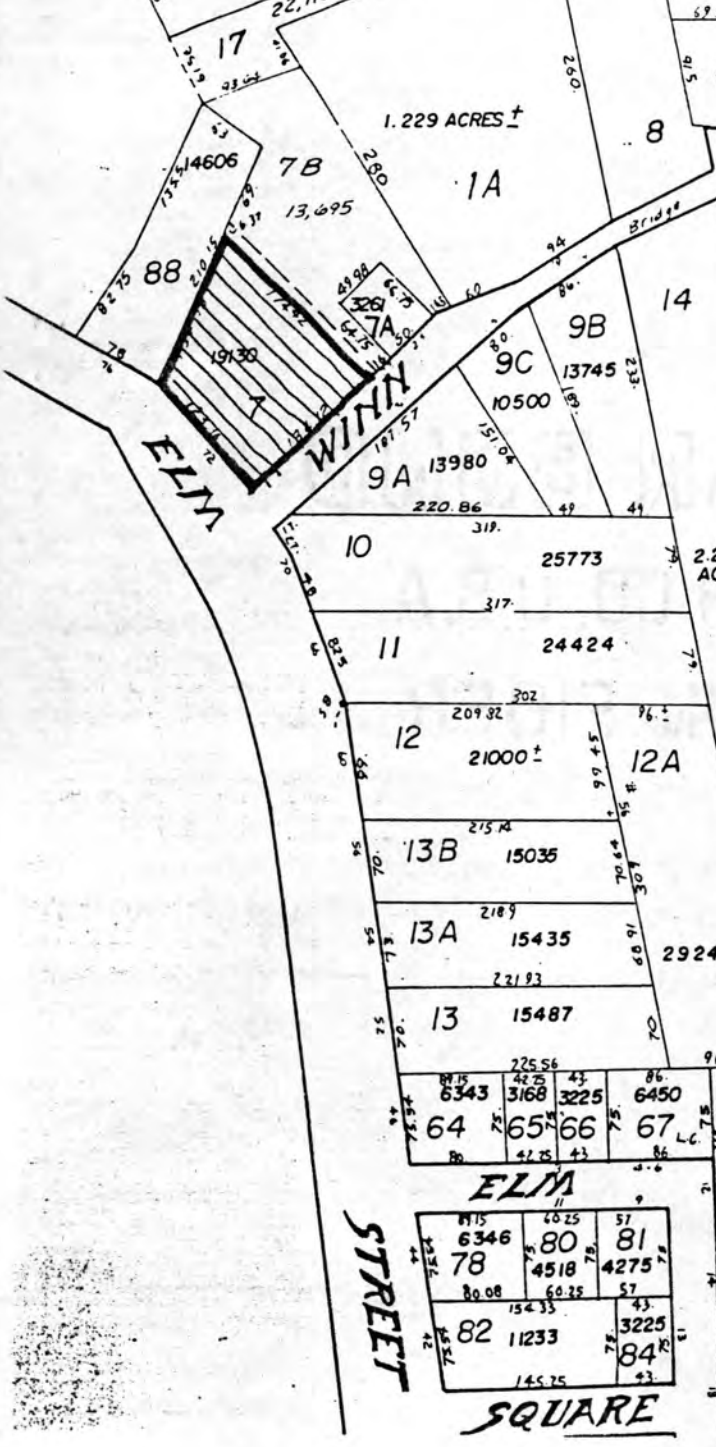
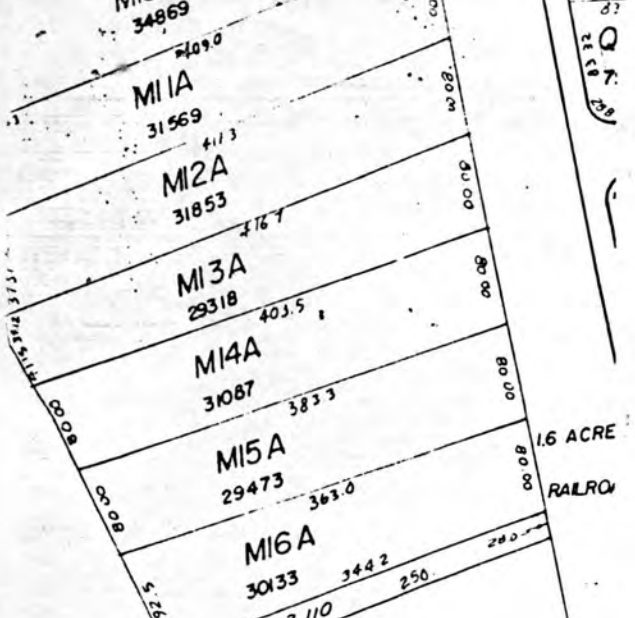
Wakefield MRA, Ma

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72-74 ELM STREET



SCALE: 1" = 80'



ELM STREET
SQUARE

BOSTON & MAINE R.R.

NORTH STREET

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

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