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AREA

FORM NO.

345

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

(Winchester, Mass. M.R.A.)
Town WINCHESTER

Address 8 Brooks Street

Historic Name Albert Ayer House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1865

Source Maps

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage/NC

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date

Acreage .22 acre 07-0049

Setting Suburban residential along side street which runs into early road to Medford.

Recorded by Bettina Cooper, Carol Ely

Organization Winchester Historical Comm

Date 11/78; rev. 10/87 by H. White

(Formerly # 4 Brooks Street)

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).



UTM REFERENCE 19, 324140.47 00800

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Albert Ayer House is notable as a conservative, and well-detailed example of the Italianate style, built during the earliest days of suburban residential development in Winchester. The Albert Ayer house is also significant as the residence of Albert Ayer, a prominent local citizen during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Therefore the Ayer House meets Criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Ayer House exemplifies vernacular interpretations of the Italianate style in Winchester. Based on a rectangular plan, with a five-bay facade organization, the house has a gable roof with its ridge parallel to the street, and short gable returns. The wide corner boards and chamfered posts of the full-width open verandah are typical features of the style. Windows have a six-over-six sash configuration, with projecting lintels and sills. The center roof gable and broadly overhanging cornice began to appear by 1860. The round-headed window of the center gable is another characteristic feature of this style.

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 was constructed circa 1865, and was first owned by Albert Ayer, whose brother Thomas Ayer lived at the adjacent property at 8 Grove Street, (circa 1854, #326). Albert Ayer, like his brother, was active in local affairs during the second half of the nineteenth century. Albert was a member of the Board of Selectmen in the years 1874, 1890, 1892, and 1897. His pro-temperance views earned him the appointment as a special policeman in 1888, and he also served as a tax collector in 1884, Town Clerk from 1890-1898, and as an Assessor from 1862-1898. Ayer probably remained in this house until 1888, when he is known to have purchased the nearby Redfern House at 11 Sanborn Street.

1. Albert Ayer 1865-1888
2. Fannie Weld, 1900-1906
3. Inez Grant, 1907-1912

4. Chas. Dutch, 1913-1925
5. Chas. Livingstone, 1926-1964
6. Philip Livingstone, 1965-1977

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Cover

~~Substantive Review~~for Keeper Betty L. Savage 7-5-89

1. Ayer, Albert, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 7/5/89

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2. Ayer, Thomas, House

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3. Bacon, Robert, House

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4. Baker, Kenelum, House

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5. Brackett, Edward A., House

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6. Braddock, Edward, House

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7. Brine, George, House

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8. Carr--Jeeves House

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9. Central Street Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper _____

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10. Childs, Webster, 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 Ayer, Albert, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/22/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/06/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000635

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 7/5/89 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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



Albert Ayer House
8 Brooks St. 1/88
Winchester, Ma. MRA

MHC Inv. #345

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303