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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	172

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

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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.

See attached map.

Town Sherborn

Address 104 Woodland Street

Historic Name "Woodland Farm" or the
Leland House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1705 with later additions.

Source V/A

Style Country Georgian

Architect N/A

Exterior wall fabric Shingle

Outbuildings Garage/apartment, Small
milk house

Major alterations (with dates) House

enlarged ca. 1715, main block assumed
present form ca. 1760, wing added ca. 1820,
western ell added ca. 1950.

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting This former farmhouse is
located on well-maintained grounds; a
low fieldstone runs along the northwest
corner of the property.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date May 1985

(Staple additional sheets here) UTM reference: 19 303430 4575960

scale 1:25,000 Holliston
Quadrangle

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

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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

Woodland Farm's earliest portion was built by one of Sherborn's first European settlers, Hopestill Leland. The house remained in the Leland Family through the 19th century.

The series of additions that the building sustained in the 18th and 19th century reflects Sherborn's development patterns. The original modest structure was located along one of Sherborn's first roadways. Sherborn in the mid 18th century was a growing agricultural community, and the expansion of the early saltbox to a larger well-detailed Federal-style building by a prominent Sherborn family is indicative of the Lelands' prosperity and changing tastes. Likewise, the Greek Revival-style additions of the 1820s, Sherborn's heyday, represent a period when the town was thriving economically and when the greatest number of houses--many in the popular Greek Revival style--were erected. The house has seen continuous use since it was first constructed.

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

Research by Margaret Dowse Buntin

Anne C. Shaughnessy, A Guide to Sherborn, 1974.

Report on Woodland Farm by Maximillian Ferro, November 8, 1976,
under the auspices of the Society for the Preservation of New England
Antiquities.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Woodland Farm today represents several differing types, periods, detailing, and methods of construction. Structural analysis of the building has suggested that it may have evolved from a ca. 1705 half house--a one-room-plan structure, two stories high with an end chimney--to its present form, a five-bay, Georgian-style building. The large brick chimney, located forward of the ridge and at the center of the structure, is indicative of such a change. The building was first enlarged ca. 1715, at which time a rear lean-to may have been added. The house was reframed to its present width ca. 1760, and it was in the mid 18th century that 8/12 sash windows, simply enframed, were installed. The building's east wing was added ca. 1820 and the western ell was constructed ca. 1950.

Other modifications include full-length sidelights flanking the front doorway (probably added ca. 1820); Italianate-style brackets (ca. 1860) edging the gable ends eaves; a door surround composed of incised pilasters supporting a triangular dentilated pediment (a late 19th/early 20th century addition); and shingle covering the original clapboards (mid 20th century).

Noteworthy interior features include the east parlor's chamfered frame, with 45-degree triangular lamb's tongues, and the west parlor's chamfered summer beam.

Woodland Farm's setting remains a rural one; a fieldstone wall edges the property and older trees surround the house.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Woodland Farm retains integrity of setting, location, materials, and association with Sherborn's first period of European settlement. A very early Sherborn residence whose frame and present appearance illustrate the accretion of the Leland family's changing tastes as well as several types, styles, and methods of construction, Woodland Farm fulfils Criterion C of the National Register. The archaeological potential in the area is also high, both for the present house's foundations and for possible remains of previous structures on the property. As a Federal-period farmhouse retaining evidence of as many as four phases of alteration, the building reveals information on architectural practices in a rural community and thus meets Criterion D of the National Register as well. Although the total acreage currently associated with this property is quite large (approximately 20 acres), only the area immediately surrounding the house and the outbuildings is being nominated.

MAP KEY

- A = House
- B = Garage
- C = Milkhouse

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Sherborn Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Sanger, Richard, III, House

Entered in the
National Register
Keeper
AttestShelton Byers 1/3/86

22. Sawin-Bullen-Bullard House

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National Register
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23. Twitchell, Joseph, House

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National Register
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24. Vaughn, H. G., House

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25. Ware's Tavern

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26. Woodland Farm-Leland House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Woodland Farm--Leland House (Sherborn MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. NOV 20 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 12/19/85 - 1/4/86
Action: ACCEPT 1-3-86
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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: _____



104 WOODLAND STREET

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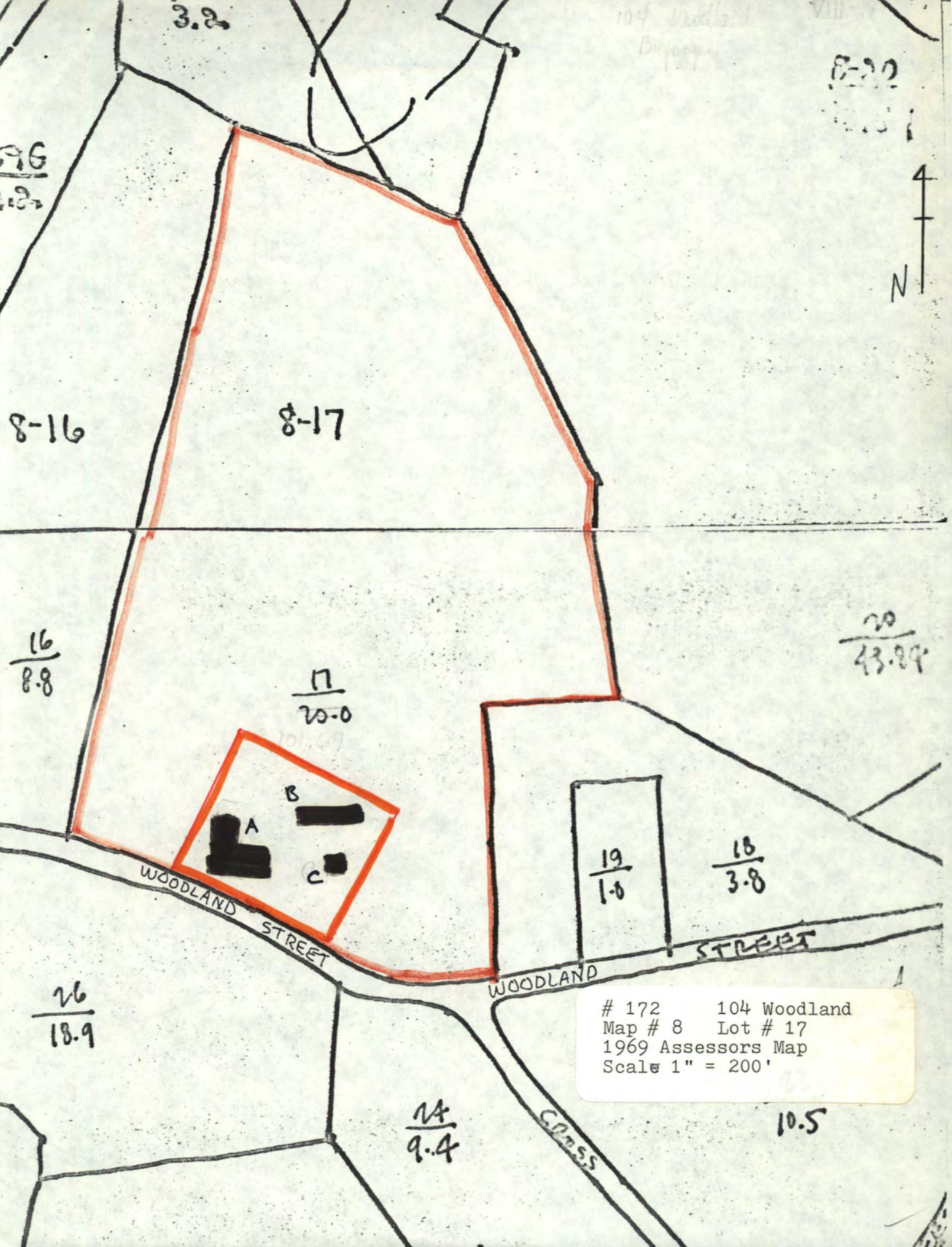
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Woodland Farm - Leland Hase
Sherborn MA 01901



172 104 Woodland
Map # 8 Lot # 17
1969 Assessors Map
Scale 1" = 200'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000293