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FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

Town WINCHESTERAddress 417 Main StreetHistoric Name Alfred Vinton House

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

Use: Present dwellingOriginal dwelling

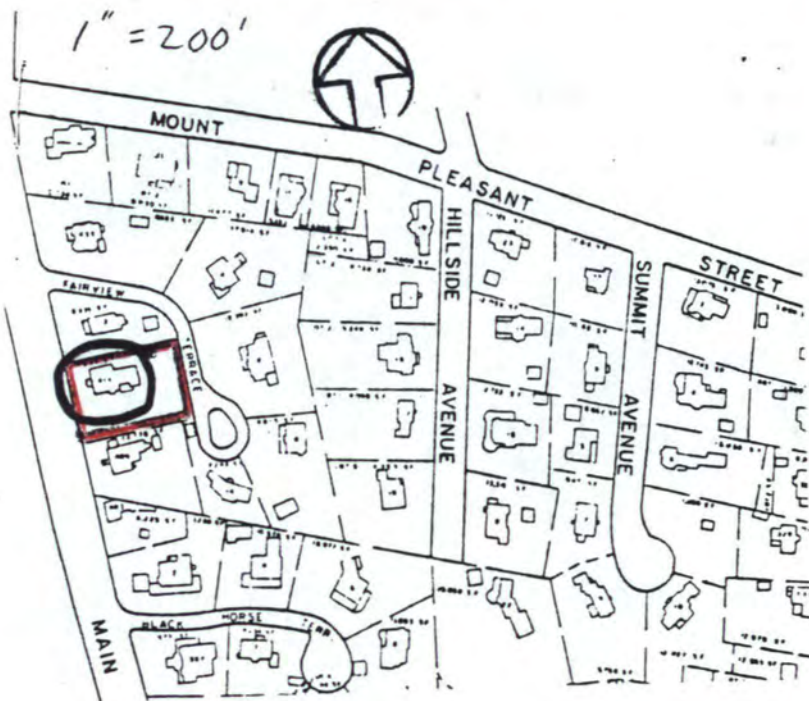
DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1854Source Simond's ListStyle ItalianateArchitect Gardner SymmesExterior Wall Fabric clapboard, flushboardOutbuildings two-bay detached garage/NCMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition ExcellentMoved no Date Acreage .36 acre 05-0249

Setting Suburban residential along
major early road (to Woburn).

Recorded by Carol ElyOrganization Winchester Historical ComDate 9/78; revised by H. White 10/87Formerly: 109 Main St. (pre-1905)

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or

UTM REFERENCE 19.3 24470.47 01590USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Vinton House is notable as one of Winchester's finest examples of a conservative, mid-century Italianate residence. The Vinton House also exemplifies the up-to-date suburban residences built by prosperous Boston businessmen during the early days of suburbanization in Winchester. Therefore the Vinton House meets Criteria A 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 Vinton House is a two-and-one-half story Italianate house, based on a rectangular plan. The eaves overhang the cornice and are embellished with scroll brackets with pendant drops. The three-bay facade has a center entrance with an elaborate molded surround. The entrance door has upper panels of glass, and is flanked by half-sidelights of leaded glass. The entrance is set within an open entrance porch with chamfered posts and scroll brackets. Windows are six-over-six with bracketed sills. Windows of the lower story have bracketed hoods, with those of the facade being full-length. The center window above the entrance is round-headed; the paired gable windows have segmental arched openings. The facade of the Vinton House is scored and flushboarded in an attempt to simulate ashlar masonry. A one-story ell stands to the rear. There is a one-story polygonal bay on the south elevation.

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 built sometime just prior to 1854 by Gardner Symmes, a well-known local builder during the mid-nineteenth century. Symmes owned the house from 1854-1864, and possibly lived there himself.

By 1865 the house had been sold to Alfred C. Vinton, a Winchester lawyer, and prominent financial backer of the newly organized Winchester Hospital. Alfred Vinton also was the author of the Symmes Memorial. Vinton's wife Mable was a member of the Symmes family.

In 1892 Vinton entered a partnership with neighbor Sarah Lunt, for the laying out and sale of houselots on nearby Fairview Terrace, a cul-de-sac laid out between the Vinton and Lunt estates.

The Vinton House remained in that family until the 1920s.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Symmes, Deacon John, House

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National RegisterKeeper Meloree Byrnes 7/5/89

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52. Symmes, Marshall, House

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53. Symmes, Marshall, Tenant House

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54. Thompson, Abijah, House

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55. Trowbridge--Badger House

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56. Vinton, Alfred, House

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57. Wedgemere (H.D.)

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58. White, S.B., House

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59. Wildwood Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth Savage 7-5-89

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60. Wyman, George, 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 Vinton, Alfred, 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: 89000629

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

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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 _____



^{Adm.}
Vinton, House
417 Main St. 1/88
Winchester, Ma. MRA

MHC Inv. #263

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303