

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA FORM NO.

279

Winchester, Mass. MRA

Town WINCHESTER

Address 326 Highland Avenue

Historic Name Marshall W. Jones House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c1901

Source historic maps

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings barn-C

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 26,065 / .6A / 05-0289

Setting residential street adjacent to

hilly Middlesex Fells Reservation

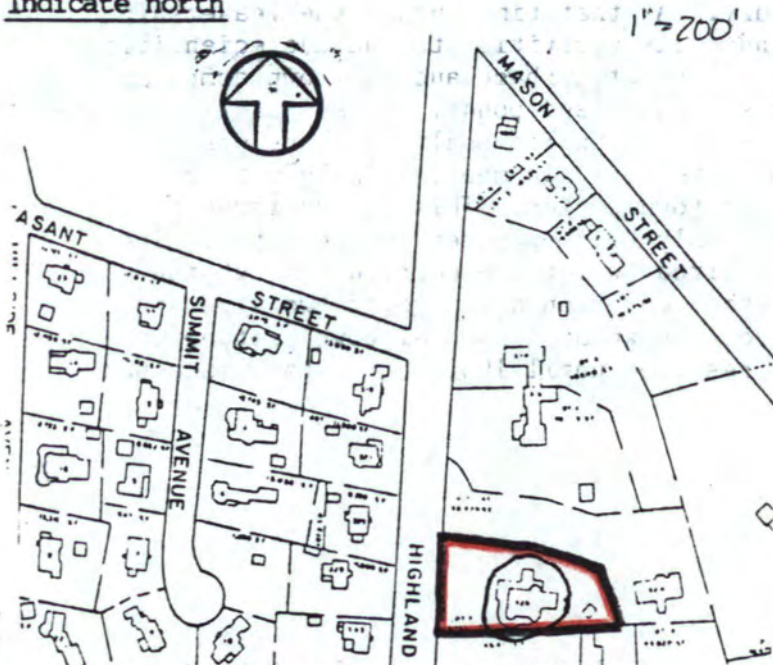
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Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 12/78; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins

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 19.324870, 4701520

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Marshall W. Jones House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as a well conceived estate house whose eclectic design draws on, and unifies several period styles: Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and Shingle. Important features include irregular massing, Classical columns and balustrades, cross gables with florid half-timbering and embossed vergeboards, and shingles wrapping around windows and corners. The house meets criterion 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 Marshall Jones House is one of several estate houses located on Highland Avenue on the western slope of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. The acquisition of the Fells by the Metropolitan Park Commission in the 1890s no doubt made this area attractive to wealthy turn-of-the-century purchasers. It is a 2½ story house that is clad with shingles and enclosed by a slate gable roof. Its asymmetrical facade is dominated by two unequally sized cross gables that are detailed with florid half-timbering, embossed vergeboards and finials. An uncoursed stone chimney rises through the western gable. Between the gables is a porte-cochere with paired Tuscan columns. A verandah extends westward from the porte-cochere and wraps around the west elevation where it terminates in a bow at a slightly lower level. The bow is picked up at the second story where a porch with bell shaped cap cantilevers out on large carved brackets, and then extends across part of the rear elevation as a glazed sunporch. The rounded corner is wrapped with a shingled skin and the side gable window is wrapped by shingles. Windows contain a variety of multi-pane sash over single panes.

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

Marshall W. Jones, the first owner of this house was a wealthy businessman who served on the local Board of Health in the early 20th century. At that time, under the leadership of Dr. Clarence J. Allen, the board greatly expanded its activities to include scientific inspection of the town's milk supply, improved handling of garbage and the town dump, and an active campaign to stop pollution of the town's streams and ponds. These local activities reflected national advances in and concern with issues of public health. Jones was also part of a committee of distinguished citizens appointed by town meeting in 1906 to study the issue of the dangerous railroad crossing in the town center. This was an issue of great controversy, and several solutions had previously been proposed and rejected. The committee came up with a new plan "by which the railroad was to be carried through the town on an elevated viaduct and cross the highways at the center on a bridge of two wide stone arches." (Chapman; 1939; p.319). This plan was voted down at a special town meeting on February 11, 1907, and the issue was not finally resolved until 1950, after the state had taken over responsibility for grade crossings.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Chapman, Henry Smith. History of Winchester, Mass. Vol. I. 1939. pp. 306, 319.



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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 Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
21. Gardner, O.W. House	Entered in the National Register Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
22. Ginn Gardener's House	Entered in the National Register Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
23. Grover, Henry, House	Entered in the National Register Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
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26. Johnson--Thompson House	Entered in the National Register Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
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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 NAME: Jones, Marshall W., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Winchester MRA

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: 89000649

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
 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 _____



E Jones L House

326 Highland Ave

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

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