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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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Town Wakefield

Address 196 Main Street

Historic Name NA

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1790-1810

Source map 1857, current owner

Style Greek Revival

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) extended

rear 2 stories

Condition Good

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre.

Setting at corner, faces west on

Main Street, overlooks lake

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March, 1985

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 19/329610/4708610

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

A well preserved example of Greek Revival design, This house is one of three in this part of Wakefield on which the original porch of fluted Doric columns survives (see 28 Cordis St.) and its other detailing is equally fine. It belonged to a member of the prominent Eaton family. The building retains integrity of location, design, setting, 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 three Greek Revival houses on the west side of Wakefield having a porch of fluted Doric columns. The use of hand carved orders is not frequent in town, and their employment here must have indicated a wealthy and culturally up to date owner. Two and one half stories high and five bays long, it is strikingly similar to 28 Cordis Street, having the same authentic baseless columns, and a door surround composed of a fluted architrave with corner blocks and long sidelights. This house, however, also has a wide frieze under the gable roof, and an especially high style side door surround. This is composed of Ionic columns supporting an entablature which breaks forwards to suggest a portico. The door is original, but the elaborate surround may be an addition.

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

Hiram Eaton, for whom this house may have been built, was a member of the large and powerful Eaton family, early settlers in town, and owners of its most important 19th century store and hotel, now demolished, which was located at the corner of Main and Salem Streets. It also served as the social center of town. Hiram, a shoe cutter, probably worked for one of the larger jobbers or shoe manufacturers, as no shoe shop is shown on his property, and his job involved only one operation, instead of the manufacture of the entire shoe. Interestingly, the first recorded shoemaker in town, who was given wood and herbage rights on in 1677 on condition that he remain in town and make shoes, was also an Eaton.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Maps, 1857, H. Eaton  
1874, H. Eaton  
1889, H. Eaton

Directory, 1869.

Similar to residence of Benjamin F. Barnard

Main Street, Lakeside

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250th Birthday - History

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 Wakefield MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
31. House at 19--21 Salem Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>A. Lorent Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
32. House at 190 Main Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>A. Lorent Byrum</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
33. House at 193 Vernon Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>A. Lorent Byrum</u> 7/6/89 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 House at 196 Main Street  
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: 89000668

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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196 Main Street.

House at

Wakefield, R.I., U.S.

196 MAIN ST

↑N  
SCALE: 1" = 80'

STREET

CORDIS



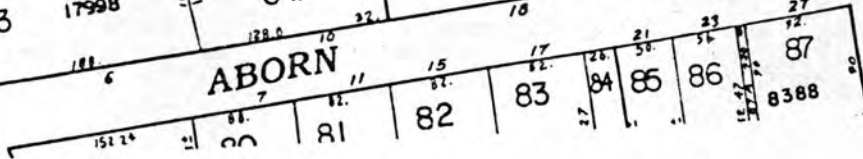
CENTRAL



SWEETSER



ABORN



LAKE QUANNA POINT



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

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