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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA FORM NO.

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

Town Wakefield

Address 2 Nichols Street

Historic Name _____

NA

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1890-1900

Source Visual Analysis

Style Shingle Style

Architect Berndt Heurlin

Exterior Wall Fabric Shingles

Outbuildings Attached garage - non contributing c. 1960s

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition Good

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting Faces west on raised corner lot.

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 19/328780/4707820

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates
Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

An eclectic combination of the Shingle, Queen Anne and Tudor Revival Styles, this house was designed by a local builder and has an identical twin on Cedar Place in Wakefield. The house retains integrity of location, setting, design, 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 two identical houses in Wakefield designed by a local builder, Berndt Heurlin, in an eclectic style which includes elements of the Shingle Style, Queen Anne and Tudor Revival. It is 1½ stories in height, has a steep hip roof and achieves a Queen Anne complexity of volume with transverse gables on the west and south. The south gable is a rounded bay whose singles form a smooth surface. Tudor Revival in style are the west elevation dormers. The house sits on high fieldstone foundations, typical of houses of this period in Wakefield.

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 is situated on land which was once part of the farm of James Eustis who came to South Reading in 1827. He operated a dry goods business in his home at 1 Elm Street then turned to farming. He was a founder of the South Reading Agricultural Library in 1860 and of the Horticultural Society in 1861. In addition he was a Selectman, insurance agent and auctioneer. After his death in the 1860s his family maintained the farm until the 1880s when they laid out Eustis Avenue, Goodwin and this street, Nichols and made plans for lots. Wakefield Park was developing at the same time under a vigorous promotional program and it would seem that the slow development of the Eustis farm might have been due to competition from Wakefield Park. In any event, development took place mostly after 1900. This house was built by Berndt Heurlin, who was listed in 1904 directory as a clerk and bookkeeper. He may also have been responsible for the house's identical twin at Cedar Place.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 35 page 40; Plan Book 178 page 25.
Wakefield Historical Society, Vertical Files, West Side.
WWDirectory, 1904.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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 Aelores Byun 7/6/89
Attest _____

32. House at 190 Main Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Aelores Byun 7/6/89
Attest _____

33. House at 193 Vernon Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Aelores Byun 7/6/89
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34. House at 196 Main Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Aelores Byun 7/6/89
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35. House at 2 Nichols Street
Entered in the
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for Keeper Aelores Byun 7/6/89
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36. House at 20 Hancock Road
Entered in the
National Register

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37. House at 20 Lawrence Street
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38. House at 20 Morrison Road
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39. House at 21 Chestnut Street
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40. House at 22 Parker Road
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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: House at 2 Nichols Street

MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

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: 89000740

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

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 _____



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1 2 Nichols St.

House at

Wakefield M.A., Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300