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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 Beacon Street

Historic Name NA

Use: Present Vacant

Original Tomb

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1858-60

Source Map of 1857

Style Greek Revival

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Granite, Limestone

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under 1 acre

Setting Faces south on southern border of cemetery.

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 19/329070/4708260

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

One of the purest Greek Revival buildings in Wakefield, this tomb building is even more outstanding because of its cemetery setting. It retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and represents the mid 19th century development of this side of Lake Quannapowitt as a public cemetery, thus meeting Criteria A and 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 a one story, Greek Revival, ashlar granite building with a gable roof which extends on the south to become a pediment supported on four Doric columns. The stucco-covered tympanum has an oculus filled with louvers. There are no windows in the facades, but there is a double leaf entrance on the south facade. This is one of the purest examples of the Greek Revival style 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 small building served as a tomb for the cemetery from the time of its construction c. 1860 until recently. Its function was the storage of caskets during the winter when the frozen ground could not be dug for burial.

The tomb building is part of Lakeside Cemetery which was formed in 1846 by a group of South Reading citizens. The First Parish Cemetery was inadequate for the needs of the growing population and Lakeside was formed to accommodate the needs. It was laid out on the west shore of Lake Quannapowitt on land which had belonged to one of the many ice companies which were located on the Lake.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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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

Cover

Substantive Review

Jr Keeper Beth L. Savage 7/1/88

1. ~~Beacon Street Tomb~~

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 7/6/89

Attest _____

2. Beebe Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 7/6/89

Attest _____

3. Boardman, E., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 7/6/89

Attest _____

4. Boit, Elizabeth, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 7/6/89

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5. Building at 35--37 Richardson Avenue

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 7/6/86

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6. Building at 38--48 Richardson Avenue

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National Register

Keeper Arlene Byers 7/6/89

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7. Center Depot

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National Register

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8. Church--Lafayette Streets
Historic District

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National Register

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9. Common District

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National Register

Jr Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/2/90

Attest _____

10. Cowdry, Jonas, 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 Beacon Street Tomb
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: 89000714

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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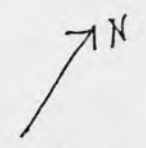
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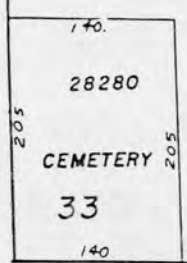
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BEACON STREET TOMB

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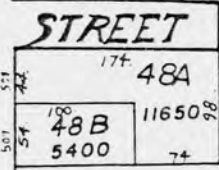


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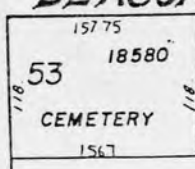
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NORTH

BEACON STREET

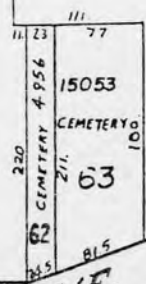
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CEMETERY

3.51 ACRES

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CEMETERY

1.49 ACRES

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CEMETERY

LAKESIDE AVE.

AVE.

REVISED IS

Scale: 1 inch equals 80 feet

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300