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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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Town WakefieldAddress 17 Main StreetHistoric Name Woodward HomesteadUse: Present DwellingOriginal Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date pre-1765Source Eaton's Genealogical HistoryStyle FederalArchitect NAExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardsOutbuildings Hospital buildingMajor Alterations (with dates) Dormersadded, south porticos, west ell
(this century) added.Condition GoodMoved NA Date NAAcreage Less than one acreSetting Faces south in triangle ofland south of Route 128.UTM REFERENCE 19/329190/4709850USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.SCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Architectural Preservation
Associates
Organization Wakefield Historical
CommissionDate 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

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A portion of this house was built before 1765; it offers various curious variations from a standard Federal style house. It retains integrity of location, setting design (partial), 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 5 bay Federal house has a gable roof and 2 interior chimneys, unlike most of its contemporaries in Wakefield which retained the single interior chimney. It is a curious house because one would expect it to be oriented to the south which it now is- however, it is the northern entry with its molded surround and corner blocks which is the older. The northern half of the house is 1½ stories in height while the southern half adapts to the site, dropping to become 2½ stories. The southern entrance is Greek Revival in style with a pedimented entry. The north rests on granite block foundations, the south on brick. A tall Federal door surround with a 2 light transom is on the east facade. In all likelihood, the house originally was oriented to the south and during the 1830s it was given a new door surround while the north and west retained their original Federal enframements.

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

The Woodward family was among the early settlers to South Reading, arriving before 1700. This house, or a portion of it, was built sometime before 1765 at which time it was occupied by a John Woodward. The Stimpson family owned it in 1795 and by the time the map of 1857 was published there were 3 houses owned by this family in the area. Between 1810 and 1812 Lemuel Tileston, a retired trader, took over ownership of the house. For a few years previously it had been owned by a Boston trader Silas Penniman. Tileston kept, according to Eaton, a sort of public house there for a few years before the house returned to the Stimpson family again. This time William Stimpson, a bricklayer, owned it and operated the farm of which it was the homestead. It remained in the family until at least 1868. Located on the north shore of Lake Quannapowitt, then called "The Great Pond", the area was good for farming as it had been cleared by the native Americans who grew maize there.

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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 Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. Woodville School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Alonzo Byers* 7/6/89

Attest _____

~~92. Woodward Homestead~~

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93. Yale Avenue Historic District

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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: Woodward Homestead

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: 89000747

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 _____



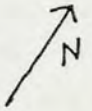
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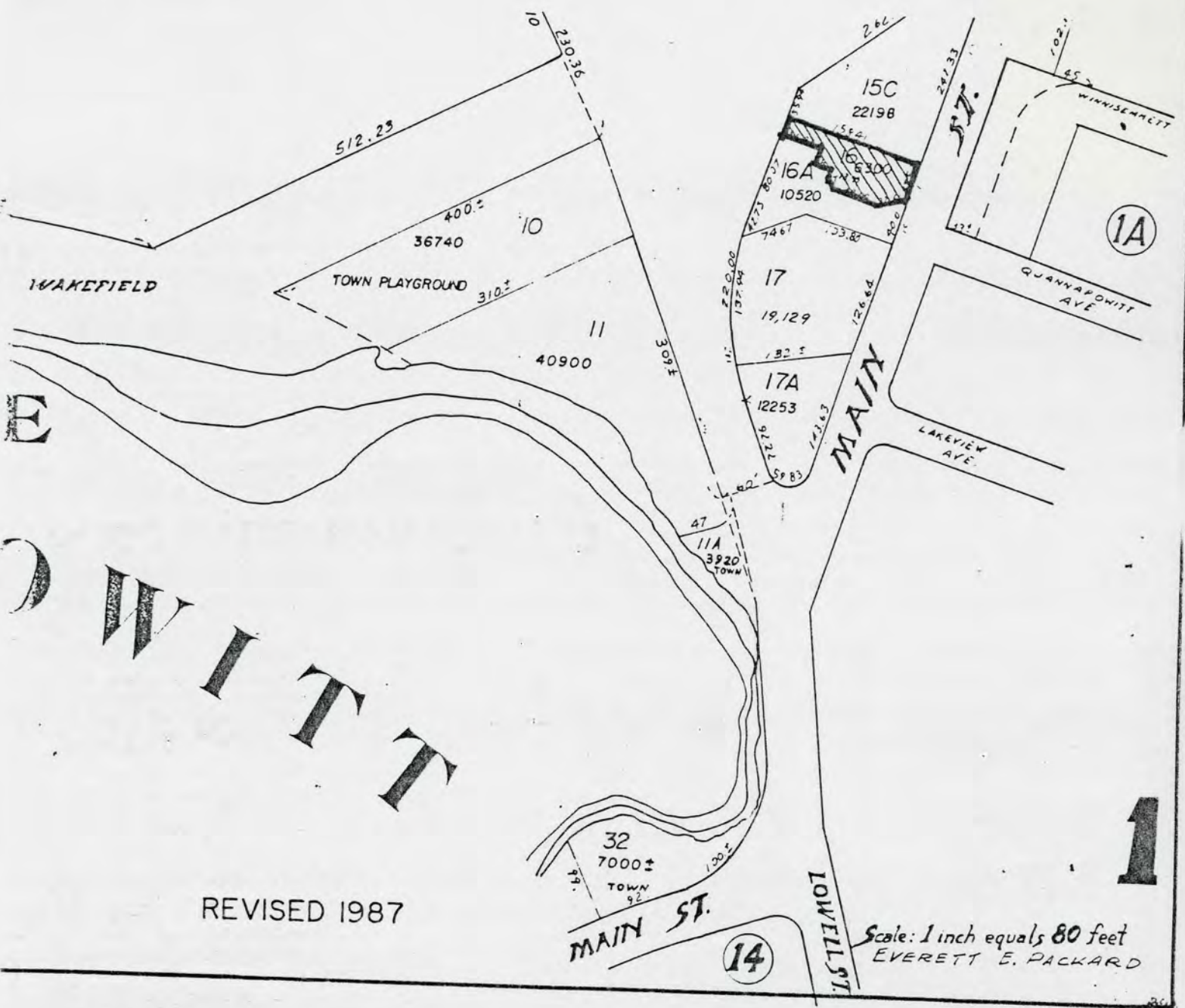
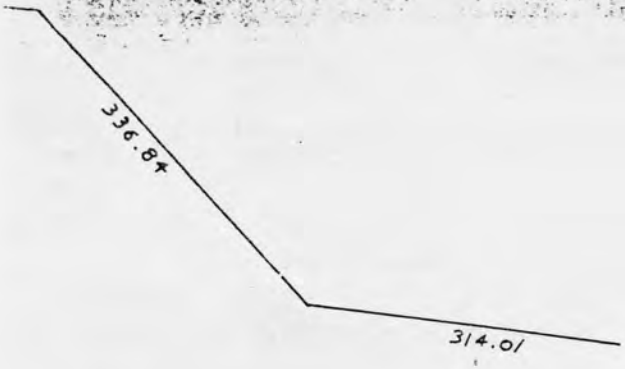
Woodward Homestead

Wakefield MRA, Ma

17 MAIN STREET



SCALE: 1" = 80'



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Scale: 1 inch equals 80 feet
EVERETT E. PACKARD

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

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