

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

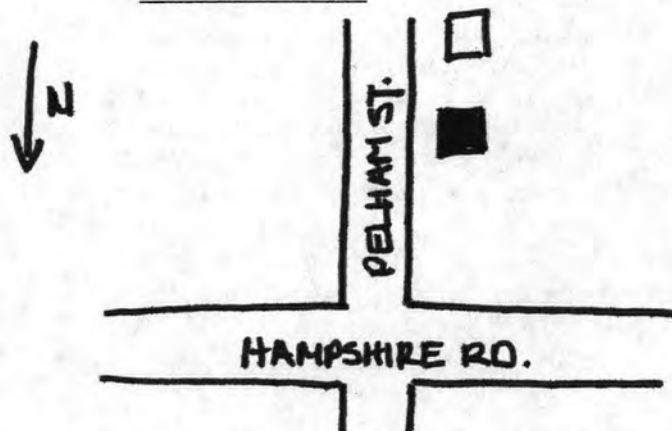
AREA	FORM NO.
	207

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number 9-19
9-20 (detail)

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate
all buildings between inventoried
property and nearest intersection.
Indicate north.



Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie
Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.
Date May, 1978/May, 1983
Assessor's Data: Block 128, Lot 126

Town Methuen ✓
Address 430 Pelham Street ✓
Historic Name "Old Town Farm" ✓
Present Owner: Arthur J. Roberts

Use: Present private residence
Original town poor farm

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1845

Source Methuen Historical Commission

Style Federal/Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric red brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage one acre or less
26,340 sq ft.

Setting located in rural northwest
corner of town.

UTM References: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
19 316440 4733960

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The "Town Poor Farm," now a residence, was built in 1846. Constructed of brick and resting on a stone foundation, the five-bay facade has a recessed central entry with semi-elliptical fanlight and sidelights. The windows have granite lintels and sills and contain 6/6 sash. The broad end walls terminate in parapets and double chimneys.

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

The "Town Poor Farm" was Methuen's second. Its construction was necessitated by the incorporation of Lawrence in 1845 from lands formerly belonging to Methuen; the original poor farm was lost to Lawrence. Town records do not indicate the architect; the other important building of the period built by the town was the 1853 Town Hall designed by H. D. Clement. The building is well appointed for a poor farm, a structure which was to provide housing for the town's indigent, among other functions. The end-wall treatment is not seen elsewhere in Methuen.

The Town Poor Farm possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant as an early and unusual Town of Methuen building and is associated with Methuen's mid 19th century development. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Research of the Methuen Historical Commission.

James K. Barker. Map of Methuen, Mass. (1846).

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area

State Essex County, Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Old Town Farm

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

32. Park Lodge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

33. Perkins, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

34. Pine Lodge

Substantive Review

Keeper

S & T

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

35. Searles High School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

36. Simpson, James E., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

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37. Spicket Falls Historic
District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

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38. Swan, Asie, House

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National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

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39. Tenny Castle Gatehouse

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for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

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61 - 40. Turnpike House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Shelene Byers 1/20/84

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Town Farm (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

DEC - 7 1983

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/20/84

Entered in the National Register ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ original site
		☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Old Town Farm
Methuen MRA, Ma

408A



Old Town Farm
between MRA, Ma

408A

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128



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29.36 ACRES

THE TOWN

MONTAGE ON SOME



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284