

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

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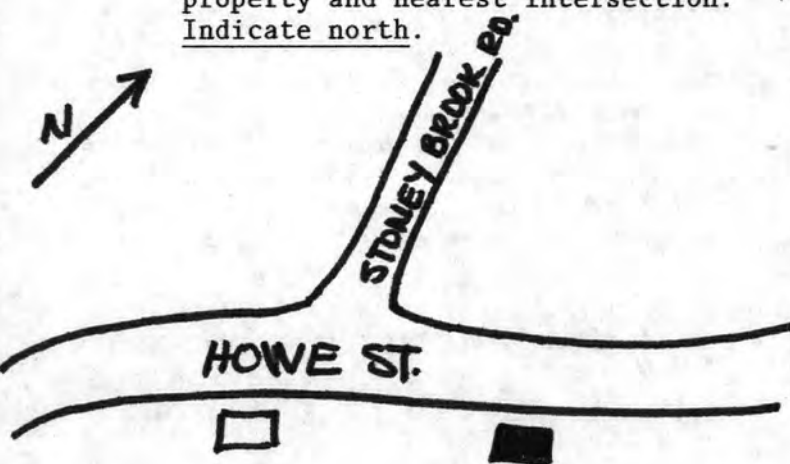
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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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 Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.

Date June, 1978/ rev., 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 77, Lot 68

Town Methuen ✓

Address 297 Howe Street ✓

Historic Name Joseph Perkins House ✓

Present Owner: Nicholas J. Murray

Use: Present private residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1840 (earlier date of 1782 given
by historical commission
Source visual analysis)

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) sidelights
blocked

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage 20,000 sq. ft.

Setting rural setting in the northeast
corner of town.

UTM Reference: Salem Depot 1:25000

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

The Perkins House is an excellent example of a Greek Revival style cottage which may have evolved from an 18th century dwelling. The five-bay, central entry facade is distinguished by a prominent cornice and pilaster strips at the corners. The Greek Revival entry has a broad entablature carried by pilasters. The original sidelights have been blocked. The clapboard-clad building rests on a cut-granite foundation.

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

The Perkins House is significant as an example of the development of architectural styles and residential building types along the early network of roads which characterized Methuen during the first two centuries of settlement. The occupants of such dwellings were usually farmers, supplying produce to Salem and Newburyport or Lowell and Lawrence (after 1825 and 1845 respectively), or shoe and hat makers. Joseph Perkins, a 19th century owner of this house, was a farmer. The Perkins House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, and meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

1872 Essex County Atlas (Beers).

Methuen Historical Commission Records.

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

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

32. Park Lodge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

33. Perkins, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

34. Pine Lodge

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

35. Searles High School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

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36. Simpson, James E., House

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National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

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37. Spicket Falls Historic
District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

38. Swan, Asie, House

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National Register

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Melrose Byers 1/20/84

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39. Tenny Castle Gatehouse

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Melrose Byers 1/20/84

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61 - 40. Turnpike House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Barbara Bragel 1/20/84

Attest

Ref # 84002416

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Perkins, Joseph, House (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

DEC - 7 1983

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/2/84 - 1/2/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/20/84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ 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 _____

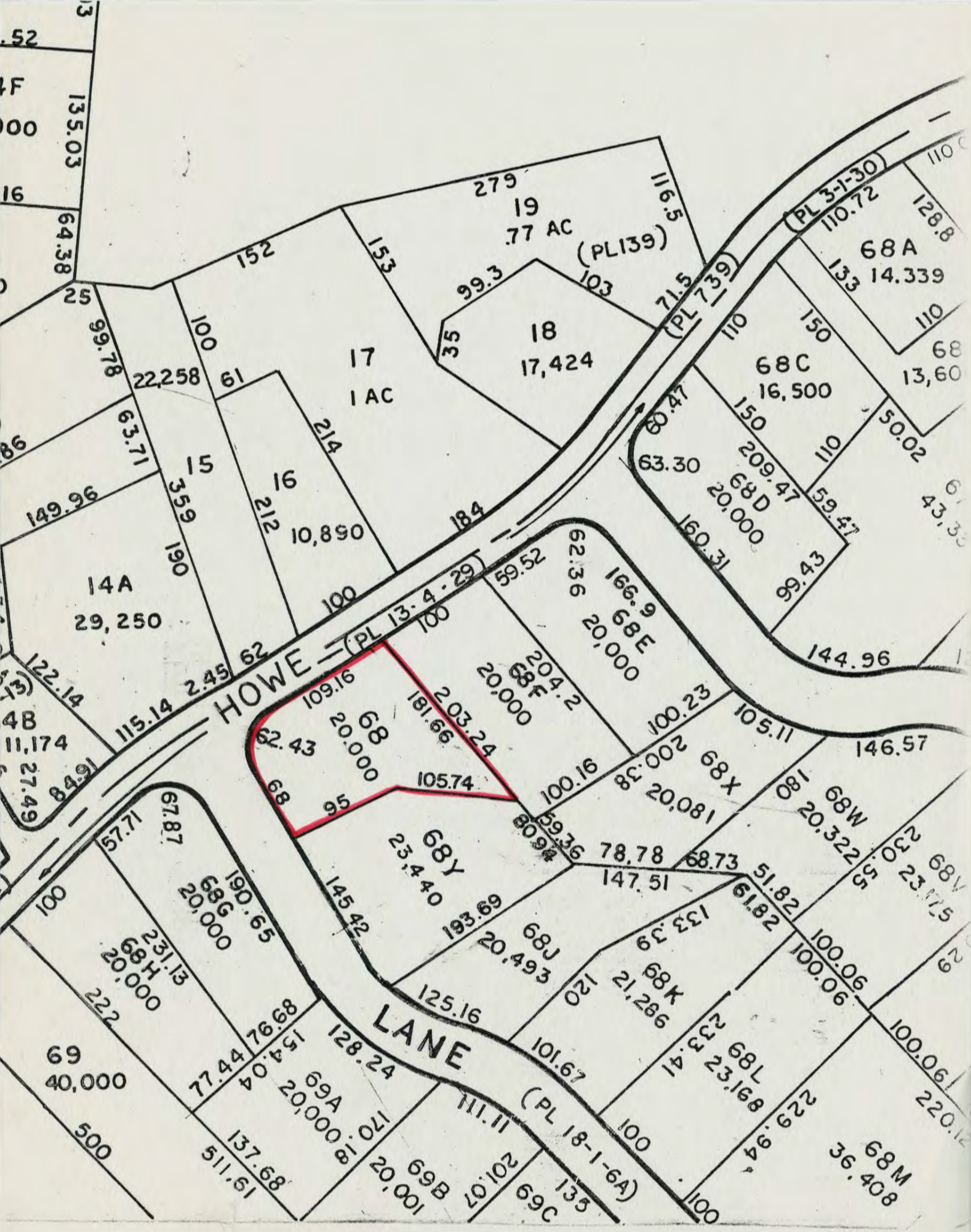
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Perkins, Joseph, House
McTher MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284