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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	69

Town Wakefield

Address 20 Lawrence Street

Historic Name NA

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

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

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1880's

Source Eaton, Proceedings of the 250th Anniversary

Style Queen Anne

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings garage - non-contributing (c.1920)

Major Alterations (with dates) 1st. fl. porch enclosed; 2nd floor porch filled in with oriel (both c.1950) 2nd fl. porch filled, gable-field sas  
Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting Mid-to-late 19th century residential development near Lake Quannapowitt

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 19/329950/4708260

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates  
Organization Wakefield Historical Commission  
Date March 1895

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

This house, although altered, is a good example of a design mixing the popular architectural styles of the 1880's--Queen Anne, Shingle style, and Colonial Revival--especially in its complex spatial arrangements. It retains integrity of design, setting, location, 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.**

Although this house has been altered, it is still possible to find here the confident design, captured in a photograph in the 1896 Proceedings of the 250th Anniversary of the Ancient Town of Redding. That Design was the result of a mixture of styles popular in the 1880s: Queen Anne, Shingle Style and Colonial Revival. Essentially more conservative in massing than the fully developed examples of these styles, this house, which is basically the familiar L-shaped gable house, had the complex spatial arrangements found in Queen Anne houses. A second floor porch has been filled with an oriel, and the wrap around first floor porch has been enclosed and its proportions altered. The oversized double sloped gable field supported on shingled braces was frequently used in the 1880s; the device conveyed images of vernacular medieval English country houses. Colonial Revival is the detailing of the porch and the stair and bay windows with their stained glass panels.

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

Edwin C. Miller, who probably built this house, graduated from MIT in 1879, and entered his father's firm, Henry F. Miller and Sons Piano Co., and became its director in 1895. The factory, located on Smith Street, stood opposite the Town Hall, now demolished, and the Wakefield Block, still standing though altered, at Main and Lincoln Streets. The piano factory was a congenial addition to Wakefields industrial center, employing skilled craftsmen to produce nationally recognized pianos. Their cases were though to be particularly "artistic", their tone "song-like".

Miller was an influential member of the Board of Trade, helped to get the Upper Depot built, was President of the Wakefield Agricultural and Horticultural Society, a member of the committee selected to purchase the Water Works, and represented the town in 1893 in the Legislature.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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Directories  
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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
31. House at 19--21 Salem Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
32. House at 190 Main Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
33. House at 193 Vernon Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
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36. House at 20 Hancock Road Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
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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 House at 20 Lawrence Street  
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: 89000680

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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20 Lawrence St

House at

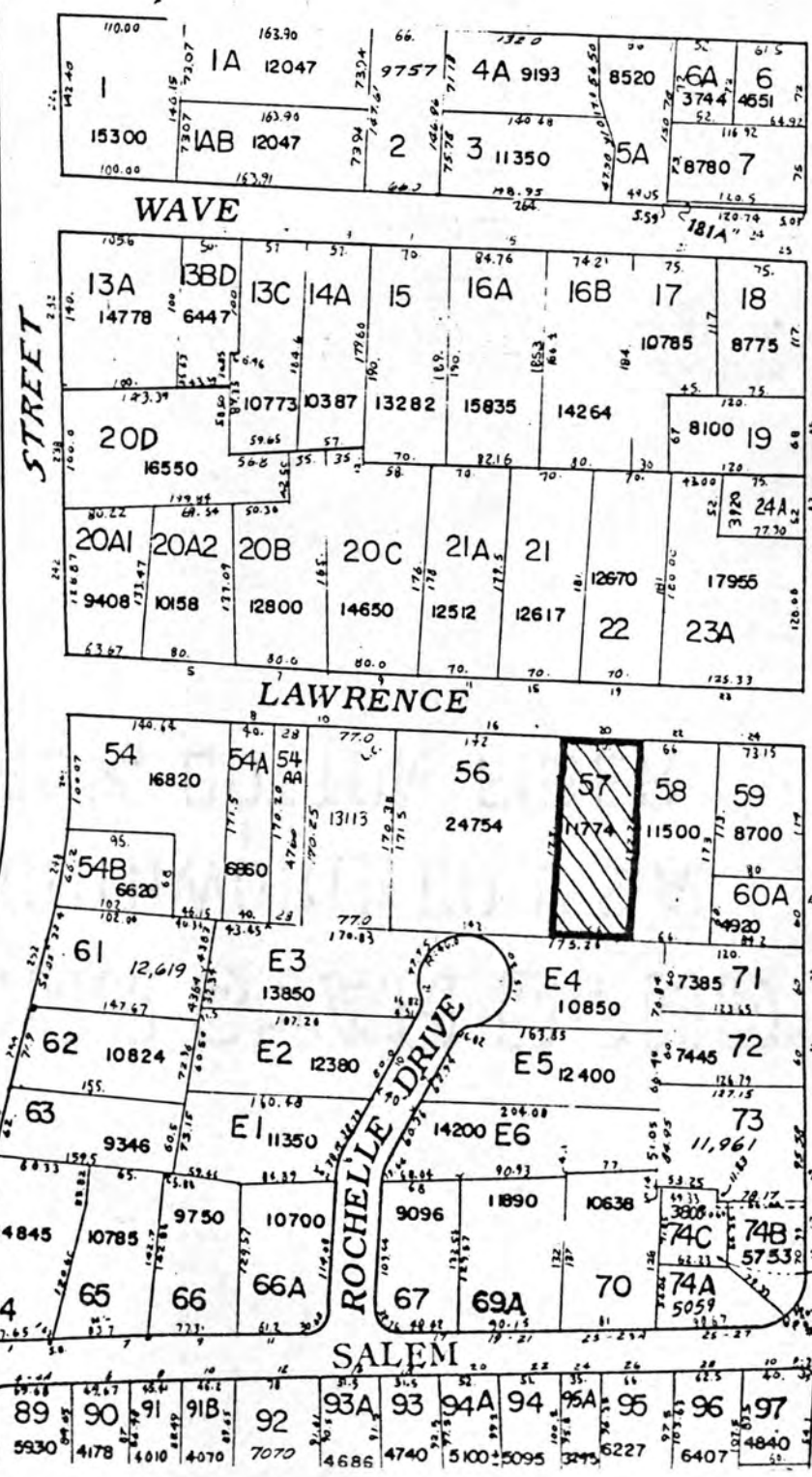
Wakfield MRA, Ma

# 20 LAWRENCE ST



SCALE: 1" = 80'

ANNAPOLIT



53  
PARK  
675 Acres

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300