

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

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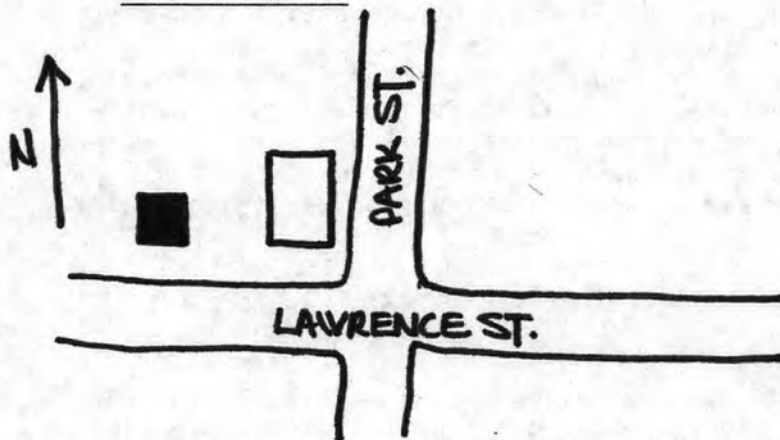
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number 3-32

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 53, Lot 5

Town Methuen ✓

Address 257 Lawrence Street ✓

Historic Name Park Lodge ✓

Present Owner: Chester Milnes & Carl Woeke

Use: Present private residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1900

Source v/a

Style Craftsman

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric stucco and shingle

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage 16,590 sq. ft.
one acre or less

Setting residential

UTM Reference: Lawrence Quad. 1:25,000
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Park Lodge is representative of the architectural tastes of Edward Searles, a local philanthropist and creator of the nearby extensive "Pine Lodge" estate. Searles' remodelling of a ca.1840 Greek Revival (?) farmhouse included a stucco facade and massive chimneys which contribute to the building's atypical appearance. Shingled, pedimented gables and dormers were emphasized in the remodelling; the 2½-story house of asymmetrical plan has gable roofs and three massive rebuilt chimneys.

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

Park Lodge is significant for its association with Edward Searles, a Methuen-born millionaire who had an intense interest in architecture, particularly English Revival styles. Park Lodge, situated along an early route, originated as a mid 19th century farmhouse belonging to Jesse Searles, a farmer. It appears that the farmhouse was extensively renovated to its present appearance by Edward Searles, whose estate, "Pine Lodge" occupied nearby acreage. It is not known if Searles lived here during the construction of Pine Lodge, but the building is illustrated in an early engraving in the collection of the Merrimack Valley Textile Museum. Park Lodge possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It meets criteria A and B of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

1884 Essex County Map of Methuen.

Print Collection, Merrimack Valley Textile Museum (may be Atlas Plate). See Searles.

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

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

for Keeper SL 71

Attest

35. Searles High School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

36. Simpson, James E., House

Entered in the
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

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38. Swan, Asie, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 1/20/84

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39. Tenny Castle Gatehouse

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

40. Turnpike House

Substantive Review

for Keeper Barbara Ann Drangel 1/20/84

Attest

Ref. # 84002414

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Park Lodge (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/20/84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ 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	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

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



Park Lodge

Methuen, MRA, Ma

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WHITTIER

345.6

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BOT

ST.

PARK

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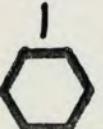
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284