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FORM B - BUILDING

MAY 23 1989

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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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

Town Wakefield

Address 28 Cordis Street

Historic Name NA

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1835-45

Source Visual Analysis, map 1857

Style Greek Revival

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric vinyl siding, & shutters

Outbuildings small tool shed

non-contributing (c.1940)

Major Alterations (with dates) 2-story el. west; extended rear 2 stories with rounded bay at rear (c. 1880-1920)

Condition Fair (vinyl siding)

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting At corner, on slight rise, behind original fence. Faces north.

UTM REFERENCE 19/329800/4708860

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates
Organization Wakefield Historical Commission
Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A high style example of the Greek Revival style, this house possesses a rare surviving porch of fluted columns and is surrounded by a contemporary wooden fence, few of which are existant in Wakefield today. The house symbolizes a new era of prosperity for the town after 1840 and the coming of the railroad. It retains integrity of location, setting, design, 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 is one of a few Greek Revival houses remaining in Wakefield with a front porch of fluted Doric columns, a relatively high style practice for this architecturally conservative town. The porch turns the corner to shelter the side as well. The five bay house retains the Georgian-Federal form of gable roof parallel to the street; its center door surround features a fluted architrave surround with corner blocks and long sidelights. The lawn is defined by a delicate, almost Federal style wooden fence, few of which survive in Wakefield.

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

This house was built after the area was subdivided, about 1835, though Cordis Street was not accepted by the town until 1852. Between 1840, just before the railraod had opened through town, and 1860, when industries made possible by its efficient transportation were thriving, the population doubled in size. This is one of the finest of the houses which were built in the newly prosperous period. Its first owner was Joseph W. Vinton, a tavern keeper on Main Street. He served as representative for South Reading in 1840. It was later owned by John G. Aborn, for whom Aborn Street is named. A wealthy shoe manufacturer and real estate developer who lived near by on Main Street, he probably used this as a rental property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

map, 1857 (J.W. Vinton)
1874 (John G. Aborn)

Directories

Eaton, Lilley, Genealogical History of the Town of Reading. Boston, 1874.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
41. House at 23 Avon Street	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
42. House at 23 Lawrence Street	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous 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 28 Cordis 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: 89000675

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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Wakefield MRA, Ma

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STREETS

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

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