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Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fletcher, Henry House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 224 Concord Road N/A not for publication

city or town Westford N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 01886

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith B. McDonough 12/30/92
Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 9/30/93
Bella L. Savage

Henry Fletcher House
Name of Property

Middlesex County, MA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2		buildings
		sites
2	2	structures
		objects
4	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
AGRICULTURE: agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling; secondary outbuilding

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

COLONIAL: Georgian

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: granite
walls WOOD: weatherboard; shingle
roof WOOD: shake
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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7. DESCRIPTION

The Henry Fletcher House, Westford, Massachusetts, is a two-story, five-bay, timber-frame dwelling of late-Georgian design with a rear ell and several twentieth-century additions. To the east of the house stands the Fletcher Barn, a two-story, timber-frame structure of two bay's length; it possesses a main core contemporary with the Fletcher House's initial period of construction (ca. 1810-1813).

Both the Henry Fletcher House and Barn stand on their original sites facing south across Concord Road, a main transportation route established prior to or during the early seventeenth century. The grounds, which include approximately 10.6 acres of land lying to the north and south of Concord Road, feature open fields, second growth woodlands, and low stone walls. The surrounding vicinity is rural and is comprised of scattered former farmsteads, over 100 acres of conservation land, and some recently built homes which are not visible from the nominated property.

The Henry Fletcher House was built in several stages and consists of a two-story main house (ca. 1810-1813); an extensively modified one-story rear ell (ca. 1810-1820, sections ca. 1860-1880, ca. 1950-1970); a two-story rear addition (ca. 1960); a bathroom addition to the west elevation (ca. 1970); and a glazed east porch (ca. 1978).

The main house rests upon a stone foundation which appears to have been re-faced with granite during the early nineteenth century. The exterior of the main house is covered with clapboards (south and east elevations) and painted shingles (west and north elevations).

The facade of the house is symmetrically arranged around a center entry. The entry consists of a raised six-panel door and a four-light transom set in a well-preserved, pilastered surround which rises to an undecorated frieze and cornice. Elsewhere, exterior details consist of narrow corner boards, a shallow moulded cornice, and a wide wooden water table.

The fenestration of the main house remains as originally designed, although the current 9/6 sash is a replacement (ca. 1920-1940) for earlier 6/9 sash, which is shown in an old photograph of the house.¹ Dating from a similar period of alteration are the facade's dormers (now removed) and the painted wooden shingles that conceal the clapboards with which the house was previously covered.

The main house possesses a characteristic vernacular floorplan of rooms laid out around a central chimney with three fireboxes at the first story and two at the second. As originally

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laid out, the first story of the main house possessed two principle rooms flanking the chimney (east and west) and a kitchen with service rooms along the north side of the house; a similar original floorplan is attributed to the second story. Changes have been made to partitions and finishes in the rear (north) rooms of the first and second stories, while the principle rooms and main stairwell remain largely undisturbed.

The main house's interior retains its original fireplaces, bake ovens, panelled doors, plaster walls, raised panelling, and other finishes that bear a mixture of late-Georgian and Federalist style motifs. Especially well-preserved finishes remain at the main stairhall, with its scalloped stair treads and low railing, and at the southeast chamber, whose mantelpiece is derived from Plate 20 of Asher Benjamin's Country Builder's Assistant of 1797.

The one-story rear ell of the Henry Fletcher House retains the timber-frame construction of an original or early service ell and extends eastward from the northeast corner of the main house. The ell currently serves as the dining room and possesses a series of wrought-iron hooks set into its ceiling that remain from the mid-nineteenth century. As noted, the more recent additions to the house's west, north, and east elevations date from the twentieth century, and their scale and materials are compatible with the earlier fabric of the main house.²

The Fletcher Barn is a two-story, timber-frame structure of two bays' length and is contemporary with the Fletcher House's initial period of construction (ca. 1810-1813). The barn's design is characteristic of an "English" barn, with its principal door located in the side gable of the south elevation.³ The core of the barn has been expanded laterally by a one-bay addition to the western end. This addition is likely to have been constructed in 1827 when Fletcher dismantled a section of the neighboring Proctor House and re-used the timbers in this location. A balloon-frame hen house (ca. 1930) is located at the east gable end.

The Fletcher Barn rests upon a fieldstone foundation, and its elevations are clad with wooden shingles. In its present form, the barn retains lofts, as well as elements of cow stalls and other minor partitions from its use as a livestock barn. Alterations to the building include the installation of shingles with wide exposure to the weather (ca. 1920-1940) as well as the addition of two garage doors and internal partitions to create a separate parking area for two cars. These modifications do not interfere with the barn's original timber frame.⁴

The nominated property includes 11 acres of land located on the north and south of Concord Road. The northerly parcel (5.09 acres) contains the Fletcher House and Barn

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with 554 feet of road frontage, and the southerly parcel (5.509 acres) consists of open fields and second growth woodlands with 936.74 feet of frontage on Concord Road. The nominated property continues to be used as a private residence.

Historic Physical Appearance:

The two-story main house, the one-story rear service ell, and the barn were built by Henry Fletcher, yeoman, of Westford (1778-1861). Fletcher probably purchased the underlying land in 1810 when title records indicate that he bought 60 acres situated to the north and south sides of Concord Road; however, due to imprecise lot descriptions, it is possible that the buildings stand upon Fletcher's 1813 purchase of 12 acres of woodland, orchards, and pasture land. As noted, Fletcher enlarged the barn by constructing an additional bay at its west section in 1827.

The property was the family farmstead of Henry Fletcher and his second wife, Huldah Spalding Fletcher (formerly of Carlisle, Massachusetts) for almost 50 years, until their deaths in 1861. George Prescott, the grandson of Henry Fletcher, inherited the property in 1861 but sold it in 1866 after he returned to Westford from the Civil War.⁵

After the property left the Fletcher family in 1866, ownership changed numerous times until William Symmes of Westford bought the premises in 1887. In 1895, William Symmes paid taxes on 12 acres of land which he farmed with his wife Laura and their three children, (the additional Fletcher acreage was sold off by George Prescott or interim owners).

After Williams Symmes died in 1914, his son George continued to operate the farmstead which, according to the 1916 tax assessment, included a hen house and 100 fowl. When George Symmes left Westford in the early 1920s, his widowed mother Laura Symmes continued to live on the premises. During the 1920s, the Henry Fletcher House and Barn fell into a state of disrepair.⁶

In 1929, George Heathcote, a lawyer from Newton, Massachusetts, purchased the property as a summer residence for his family.⁷ In later years, it became their permanent home, and the Heathcotes completed a variety of repairs and improvements including: the creation of a formal front yard; the installation of shingles over the exterior clapboards (now removed from the south and east elevation) and of the barn; the addition of an ell at the rear of the east elevation; the installation of dormers at the south and north elevations (now removed); the construction of two garage spaces inside the barn; and enlargement of the barn with a balloon-frame hen house at the east gable end.⁸

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In addition, it is said that a large rock in front of the house was painted to read, "George Heathcote Attorney-at-Law." Mr. Heathcote also constructed a separate building on the premises for use as an office. (This building has been moved to Forge Village and is now used as a private residence.)⁹ Although some chickens and ponies were kept on the property after 1930, subsistence farming essentially ceased with the Heathcote purchase.

After 1945, the Henry Fletcher House and Barn changed hands twice before the current owners, Richard and Alan Emmet, purchased the property in 1951.¹⁰ During the course of their ownership, the Emmets have undertaken thoughtful maintenance, restoration, and some new construction, but the property remains remarkably intact, and the changes do not compromise the historical or architectural integrity of the nominated property.

Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are currently recorded on the property or in the general area (within one mile) it is possible that sites are present. The physical characteristics of the property including its location on a well drained level to moderately sloping south facing terrace boarding a small pond and tributary stream of Nanset Brook indicate favorable locational criteria for native settlement and subsistence activities. The area is also part of the Assabet River drainage, demonstrated locus of Native American subsistence and settlement activity. The above factors combined with minimal historic development, particularly on the south side of Concord Road indicate a moderate to high potential for locating significant prehistoric survivals.

There is also a high potential for recovering significant historic archaeological remains on the property. Structural remains from presently unidentified outbuildings are possible in the parcels on both sides of Concord Road. Occupational related features (trash pits, privies, wells) are also possible in the same areas. A small 19th century well house is located on the parcel south of Concord Road. This well may be associated with the Fletcher House or an additional well may be present. Structural remains may survive from a separate building built on the property after 1929 by George Heathcote, which has since been relocated to Forge Village.

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Name of Property

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1810-1930

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Fletcher, Henry

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Westford Public Library

Henry Fletcher House

Name of Property

Middlesex County, MA

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 11 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 19 300600 4713680
Zone Easting Northing
2 19 300720 4713700

3 19 300700 4713620
Zone Easting Northing
4 19 300800 4713700

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date December 1992

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Richard & Alan Emmet

street & number 224 Concord Road telephone (508) 692-8329

city or town Westford state MA zip code 01886

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henry Fletcher House and Barn, initially constructed between 1810 and 1813, are important for their surviving elements of late Georgian style architecture and, together with surrounding land, stand as a well-preserved example of the family farmsteads which commonly existed during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in Westford, Massachusetts. The nominated property is also important for its historical associations with Henry Fletcher, a descendant of William Fletcher and a member of one of the first and most prolific families to settle in Westford. The Henry Fletcher House and Barn are architecturally significant buildings that retain a high degree of integrity of feeling, setting, location, materials, design, workmanship, and historic associations. The Henry Fletcher House and Barn thus fulfill National Register Criteria A and C on the local level.

Originally the hunting ground of the Pawtucket, Wamesit, and Nashoba Indians and formerly the "West Precinct" of the Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, the Town of Westford is located 24 miles northwest of Boston and 7 miles southwest of Lowell in the northern section of Middlesex County.¹¹ Westford's boundaries encompass 31 square miles which are comprised mainly of rolling upland terrain with numerous brooks, ponds, and bogs.

English colonial settlement began in the mid-seventeenth century. The first settlers came mainly from the nearby towns of Concord, Woburn, and Wenham to obtain land and to begin farming.¹² The Nashua Valley corridor supported an agricultural economy and the water power of Stony Brook gave rise to local mill sites. In 1675, though, settlement was disrupted by King Philip's War.

Re-settlement proceeded slowly, and Westford remained part of Chelmsford until 1729 when acting Governor William Dummer signed an Act of Incorporation for the Town of Westford.¹³ Shortly thereafter, the boundaries of Westford were enlarged by the annexation of the Prescott, Kent, and Townsend family estates which were previously part of the Town of Groton.

Between 1720 and 1800 Westford continued to exist as a farming community of family farmsteads situated on pre-established transportation routes. During these years, a town center also began to grow around the town common, with the first Meetinghouse, and town cemetery.¹⁴

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In the early nineteenth century, the water power of Stony Brook led to development of several small-scale industrial centers (Nabnasset, Graniteville, and Forge Village), and granite quarrying began in the northeast section of Westford in 1920.¹⁵ In 1855 the Abbot Worsted Mills located in the Forge Village area of Westford, began the manufacture of worsted yarns and attracted immigrants to Westford from England, Scotland, Canada, Ireland, Russia, Poland, and Italy.¹⁶

With increasing competition from large upstate New York and mid-west farms, New England's overall agricultural productivity began to decline in the early nineteenth century.¹⁷ Westford's long-established agricultural economy, however, improved during the Civil War era, and agriculture remained one of the primary occupations of Westford residents until after World War II. Dairy farming was predominant, although fruits such as apples, peaches, and strawberries were also sold profitably at Boston markets.¹⁸

Due to a decline in Westford's agricultural economy during the late 1940s through the 1960s, many local farmers sold land to developers who built new homes to accommodate the suburban expansion of Boston and Lowell.¹⁹ Although Westford's town center, mill villages, and some agricultural landscapes presently remain intact, increased access to the Boston highway system (via the extension of Interstate 495) and industrial expansion of surrounding communities have brought extensive suburban development to Westford during the past 20 years with a continuing loss of former farmsteads and agricultural lands.

The nominated property's two-story main house, one-story rear service ell, and barn were built ca. 1810-1813 by Henry Fletcher (1778-1861), a descendant of Robert Fletcher who sailed from England and settled in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1630. William Fletcher, the son of Robert, was among the first to settle the plantation of Chelmsford in 1653, and the Fletcher family grew to be quite numerous and influential. Although the original Fletcher homestead was in Chelmsford, family members moved into the Stony Brook valley and southwest areas of Westford during the early settlement years.²⁰

Henry Fletcher's father served in the Revolutionary War and was killed in the Battle of White Plains in 1780 at 26 years of age. Henry Fletcher and his sister Betsy, (respectively two and three years old at the time of their father's death), were presumably raised by their mother, Remembrance Foster Fletcher.²¹

In 1805 Henry Fletcher married a woman named Meriam Smith of Princeton, Massachusetts, who died in 1806; soon after, Fletcher was married to Huldah Spalding, formerly of Carlisle, Massachusetts. In 1811 Henry and Huldah Fletcher had one daughter

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named Mary Meriam Fletcher, (later the wife of Capt. Henry Prescott of Lowell, Massachusetts). A son, Zebulon Fletcher, was born in 1814 but died a year later.²²

Title records indicate that in 1810 Fletcher bought 60 acres of unimproved land along Concord Road in Westford from Aaron White.²³ After 1811, the tax assessors' increased assessments for property owned by Fletcher most likely resulted from the construction of the Henry Fletcher House and Barn. In 1813 Fletcher purchased another 12 acres of woodland, orchards, and pasture land. He enlarged the barn in 1827 by constructing an additional bay at its west section. By 1845 tax records indicate that Fletcher operated a farm of 85 acres which included a separate 10 acre meadow lot, on which he kept four cows, two horses, and a pig.

No inventory was recorded at the time of Henry Fletcher's death in 1861. His will, however, specifically granted farm tools and livestock to his wife, indicating that the property remained in use as a farm.²⁴ In 1866, Fletcher's grandson, George Prescott, sold the property, known locally as "the Henry Fletcher place." It then passed through numerous owners during the late nineteenth century.

The 5 acres surrounding the Fletcher House and Barn and the 5.5 acre parcel to the south of Concord Road continued to be used for raising livestock by William Symmes, who owned the farm from 1887 until his death in 1914.²⁵ George Symmes (son of William Symmes) raised poultry in the early twentieth century when this became a locally important branch of agriculture in Westford.

After 1930, the property came into the possession of George Heathcote, a lawyer from Newton, who initially used the farm as a summer home and later as a principal residence.²⁶ The Heathcote family's ownership exemplifies Westford's transition from a farming community to a residential area during the Depression and post World War II years. Although the Heathcotes enjoyed gardening and kept some fowl and their children's ponies in the barn, this relatively affluent, suburban family did not continue the tradition of subsistence farming on the premises.

After 1945, the Henry Fletcher House and Barn changed hands twice before Richard and Alan Emmet, the current owners, purchased the property in 1951 as their principle residence.²⁷ In 1990, the Emmets donated a perpetual preservation restriction to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in order to ensure that the historical and architectural integrity of the Henry Fletcher House and Barn will continue to be preserved for generations to come.²⁸

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The Henry Fletcher House and Barn are significant as well-preserved examples of late Georgian architecture in Westford, Massachusetts, and for their historical associations with one of the first and most prolific families to settle in Westford. The Henry Fletcher House and Barn contribute to our understanding of early nineteenth-century construction, including the practice of re-using timber from other structures (illustrated in the Fletcher Barn by the presence of timbers originating from the dismantled section of the nearby John Proctor House). Built on an early transportation route, the Henry Fletcher House and Barn and surrounding acreage exemplify the agrarian life-style of many Westford residents during the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.

Archaeological Significance

Since patterns of prehistoric occupation in Westford are poorly understood, any surviving sites would be significant. Although numerous prehistoric sites have been documented for the Assabet River drainage, most of these sites are from downstream or lower portion of the drainage. Upstream or more interior portions of the Assabet Drainage are also poorly documented. Prehistoric sites in this area can help better understand prehistoric settlement and subsistence in this area of the Assabet River drainage and help document their relationships with sites along lower reaches of the river and within the Merrimack River system. Prehistoric sites in this area of the Assabet drainage may also share characteristics with sites in similar location in other regionally important drainages including the Sudbury and Concord Rivers, also tributaries of the Merrimack River.

Historic archaeological remains described above have the potential for providing detailed information on the social, cultural, and economic patterns that characterized a 19th century family farmstead and its association with one of the first and most prolific families to settle in Westford. Careful analysis of occupational related features from this farmstead can be used to help define the limits of subsistence farming on this farmstead and others in the area which represented the dominant settlement and socio-economic type in Westford throughout the 19th and early 20th century. The farmstead offers a laboratory to analyze the change or lack of change in the family farm through the period stated above.

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Footnotes

1. Photograph located in the Archives of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Boston, MA (copy attached hereto).

2. Brian Pfeiffer, "SPNEA Stewardship Program, Preliminary Property Evaluation Report, Emmet Property, Westford, Massachusetts," January 1989, photocopy on file with the Stewardship Department of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Boston, MA.

3. Thomas Hubka, Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn (Hanover: University Press of New England, 1984), 52-55.

4. Pfeiffer, "Evaluation Report."

5. Middlesex County North Registry of Deeds, Book 51, Page 473.

6. Alan Emmet, "History of the Henry Fletcher (now Emmet) House, 224 Concord Road, Westford, Massachusetts," March 1989, photocopy on file with the Stewardship Department of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Boston, MA.

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- 26. Middlesex County North Registry of Deeds, Book 777, Page 35.
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM References (Continued):

	Zone	Easting	Northing
5)	19	300800	4713540
6)	19	300620	4713540
7)	19	300620	4713600
8)	19	300540	4713620

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property consists of Parcel B (5.092 acres) with the Henry Fletcher House and Barn thereon and Parcel C-1 (5.509 acres), which are more particularly described in a survey conducted June 10, 1991, by McGlinchey Associates, Inc., (attached as site plans):

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- Parcel B Southerly by Concord Road five hundred fifty-four and 00/100 (554.00) feet; Westerly by land now or formerly of Richard S. Emmet, Jr. four hundred sixty-seven and 13/100 (467.13) feet; Northerly by land now or formerly of Richard S. Emmet Jr. by several lines measuring together four hundred eighty-three and 51/100 (483.51) feet; and Easterly by land now or formerly of Dunn, Diette and Shamah three hundred ninety-one and 30/100 (391.10) feet.
- Parcel C-1 Southerly by land now or formerly of Muller, Queenan Corp., Nardone, and Richard S. Emmet, Jr. by several lines measuring together eight hundred seventy-one and 78/100 (871.78) feet; Westerly by land now or formerly of Richard S. Emmet, Jr. two hundred sixty-four and 47/100 (264.47) feet, and by land now or formerly of Cobbs Pedigreed Chicks, Inc., two hundred fourteen and Pedigreed Chicks, Inc., two hundred fourteen and 64/100 (214.64) feet; Northerly by Concord Road nine hundred thirty-six and 74/100 (936.74) feet; and Easterly by land now or formerly of Doucette and Seift two hundred eighty-five and 18/100 (285.18) feet.

The boundary crosses Concord Road at two points of convenience to connect the above parcels (see Assessor's map).

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the nominated property form the core of the original agricultural holdings of Henry Fletcher and reflect the legal boundaries of the property established in 1866. Parcel B contains open land with the Henry Fletcher House and Barn thereon; Parcel C-1 is situated across Concord Road and provides an open vista of fields and woodlands. The boundaries of the nominated property thus reflect its agricultural and rural setting and contribute to its historical significance.

(end)

**HENRY FLETCHER HOUSE
224 CONCORD ROAD
WESTFORT (MIDDLESEX COUNTY)
MASSACHUSETTS**

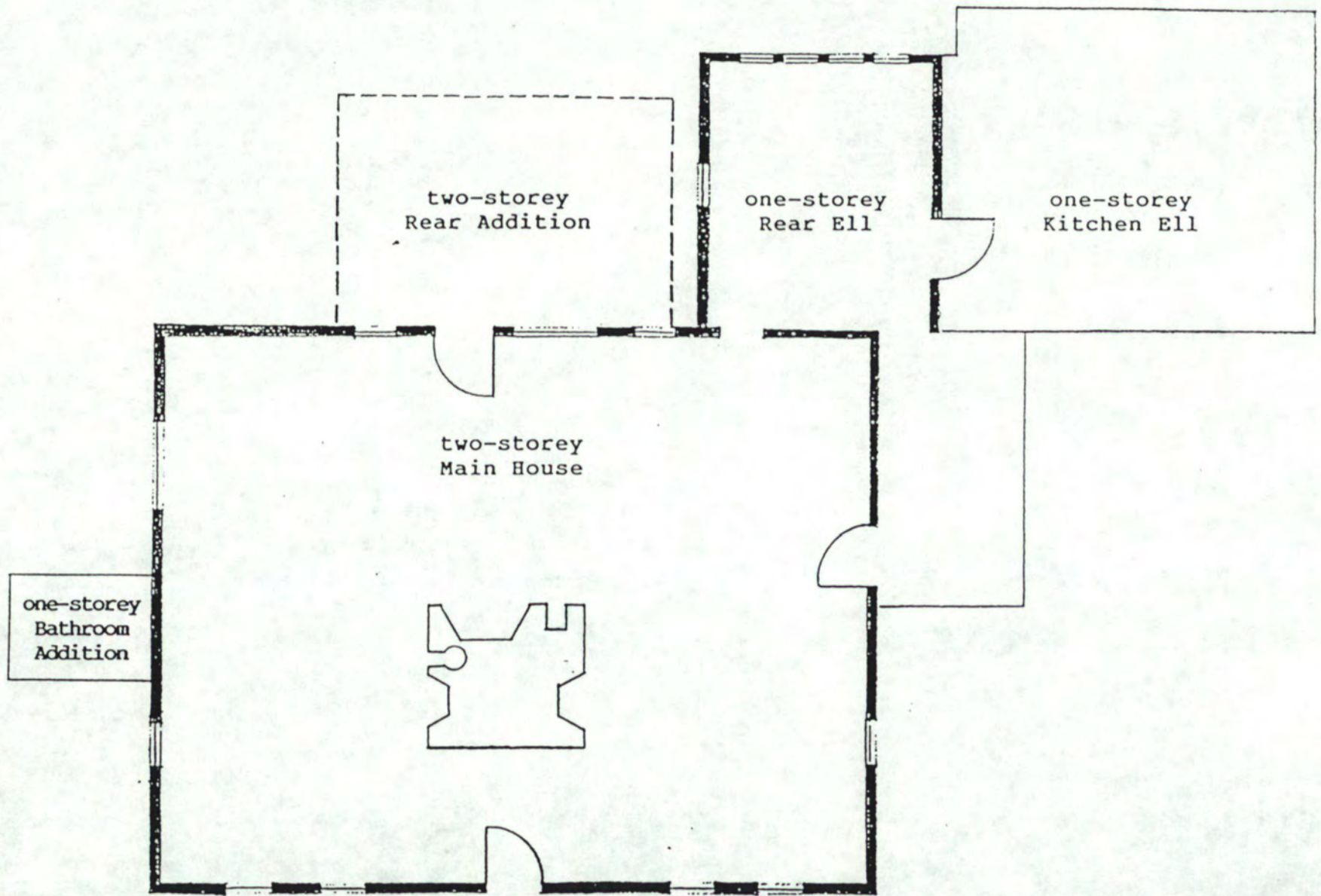
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2	Fletcher Barn	ca. 1810-1813	B	C
3	Swimming Pool	20th Century	St	NC
4	Pool Shed	20th Century	St	NC
5	Stone Walls	ca. 1810	St	C
6	Well House	ca. 1810	St	C

Henry Fletcher House
224 Concord Road
Westford, MA

View of earlier 6/9 sash

(Photo located in SPNEA Archives - #5626, Series A, From A.G. Robinson, 31 March 1921)





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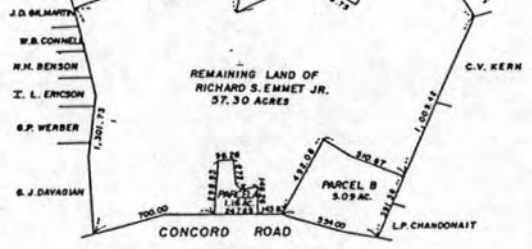
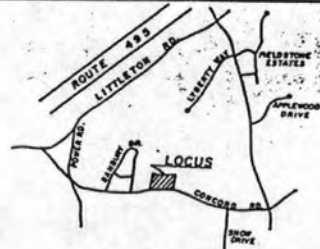
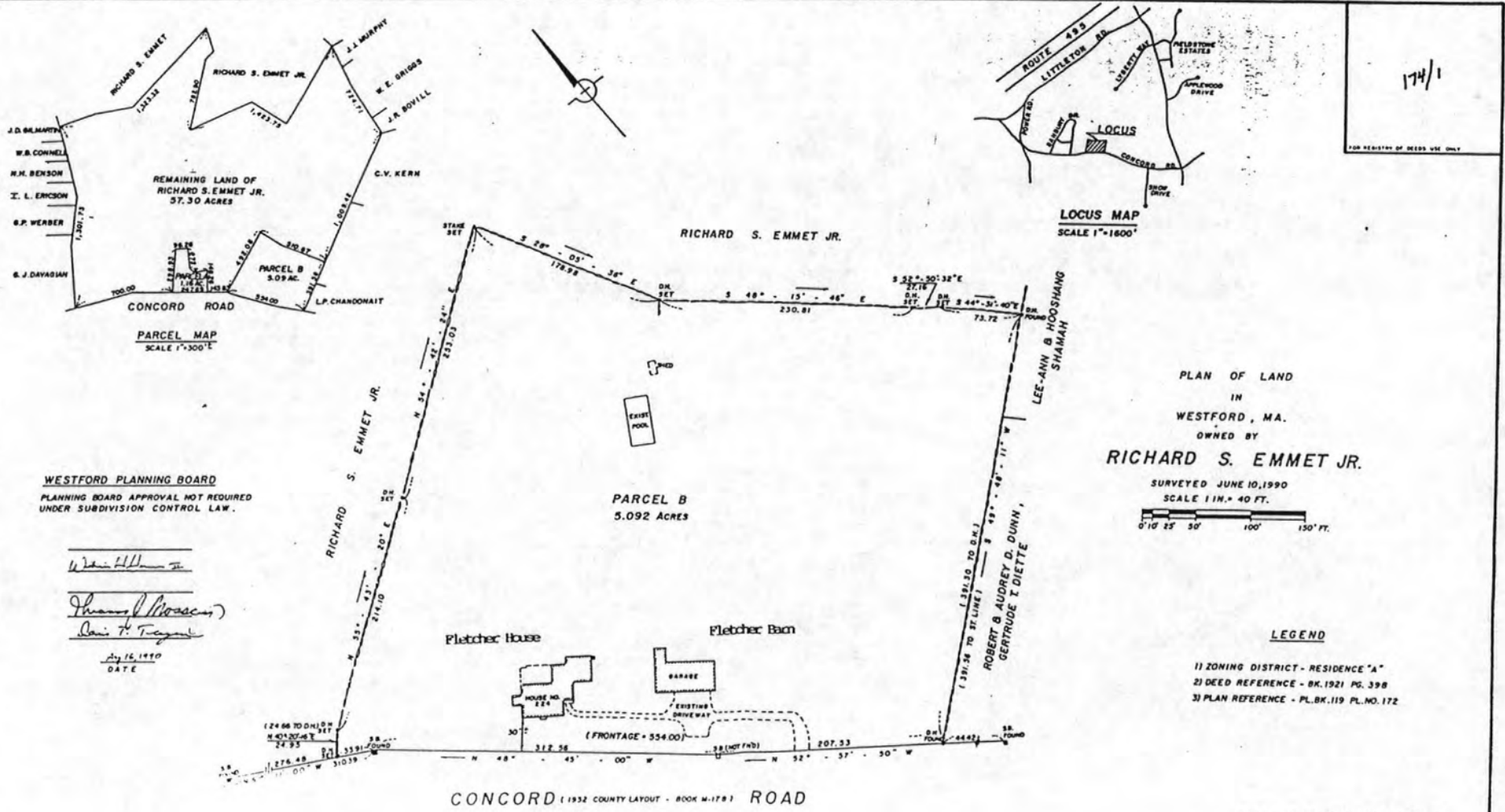
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224 Concord Road
Westford, MA

SITE PLAN: Henry Fletcher House
 224 Concord Road
 Westford, MA

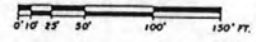
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224 Concord Road
 Westford, MA

174/1



PLAN OF LAND
 IN
 WESTFORD, MA.
 OWNED BY
RICHARD S. EMMET JR.
 SURVEYED JUNE 10, 1990
 SCALE 1 IN. = 40 FT.



WESTFORD PLANNING BOARD
 PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED
 UNDER SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW.

W. Hill
Thomas P. Roscoe
Dani T. Tragan
 JUNE 15, 1990
 DATE

- LEGEND**
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 - 2) DEED REFERENCE - BK. 1921 PG. 398
 - 3) PLAN REFERENCE - PL. BK. 119 PL. NO. 172

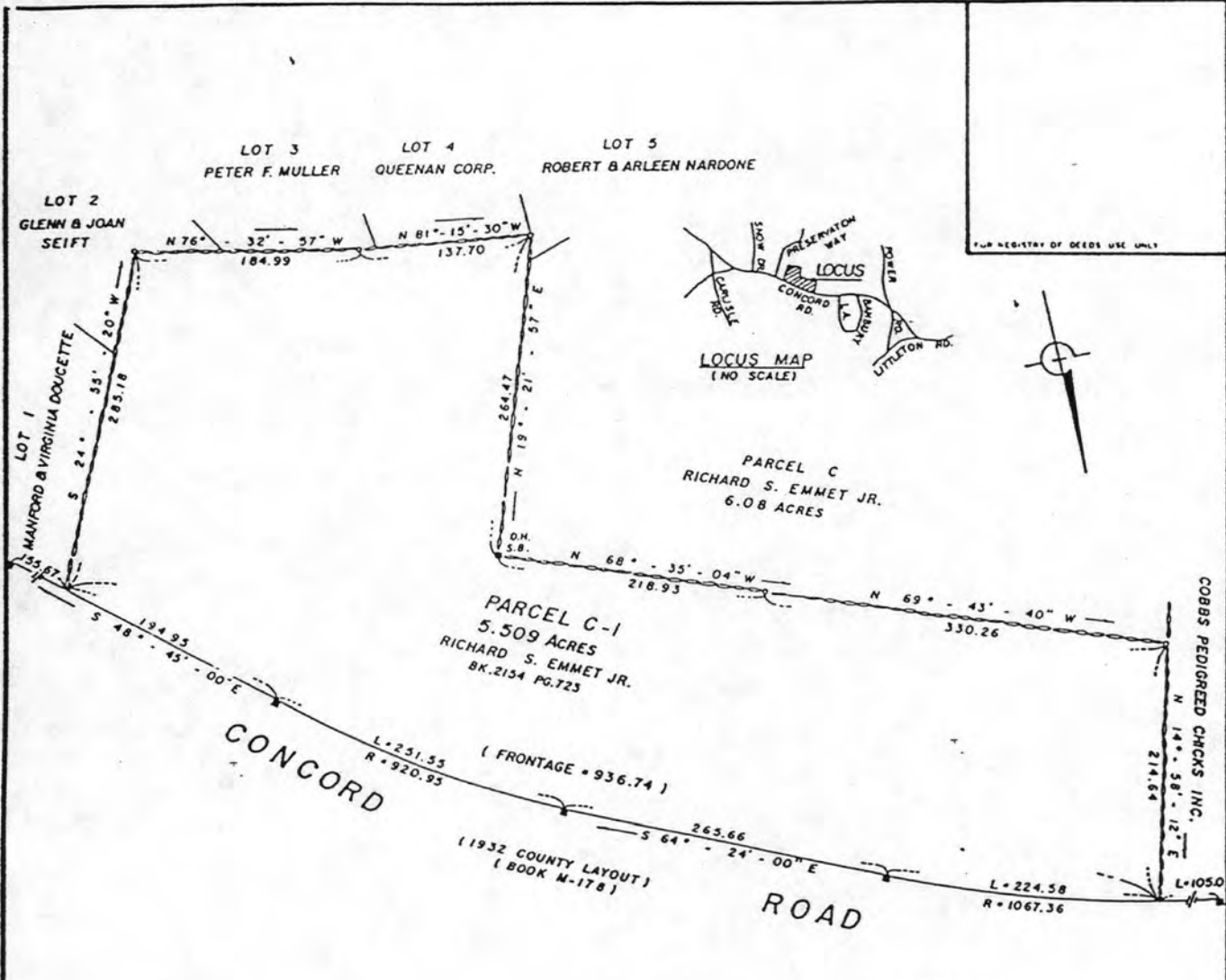
I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED IN
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 REGISTRARS OF DEEDS

Richard S. Emmet Jr.
 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR

McGLINCHEY ASSOCIATES INC.
 10 ADAMS STREET CHELMSFORD, MASS.
Richard S. Emmet Jr.
 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR

CONCORD (1932 COUNTY LAYOUT - BOOK M-178) ROAD

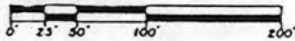
SITE PLAN : Henry Fletcher House
 224 Concord Road
 Westford, MA
 Parcel C-1



PLAN OF LAND
 IN
 WESTFORD, MA.
 OWNED BY

RICHARD S. EMMET JR.

AUGUST 2, 1990
 SCALE 1 IN. = 60 FT.



LEGEND

- 1) ZONING DISTRICT - RESIDENCE "A"
- 2) DEED REFERENCE - BK. 2154 PG. 723
- 3) PLAN REFERENCE - PL. BK. 154 PL. NO. 75
- 4) ○ - INDICATES DRILL HOLES FOUND.
- 5) ■ - INDICATES COUNTY BOUNDS FOUND.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE LINES DIVIDING EXISTING OWNERSHIPS AND THE LINES OF THE STREETS AND WAYS SHOWN ARE LINES ALREADY ESTABLISHED AND THAT NO NEW LINES FOR THE DIVISION OF OWNERSHIPS OR FOR NEW WAYS ARE SHOWN.

Richard L. McGlinchey
 RICHARD L. MCGLINCHEY P.L.S. 8-2-90

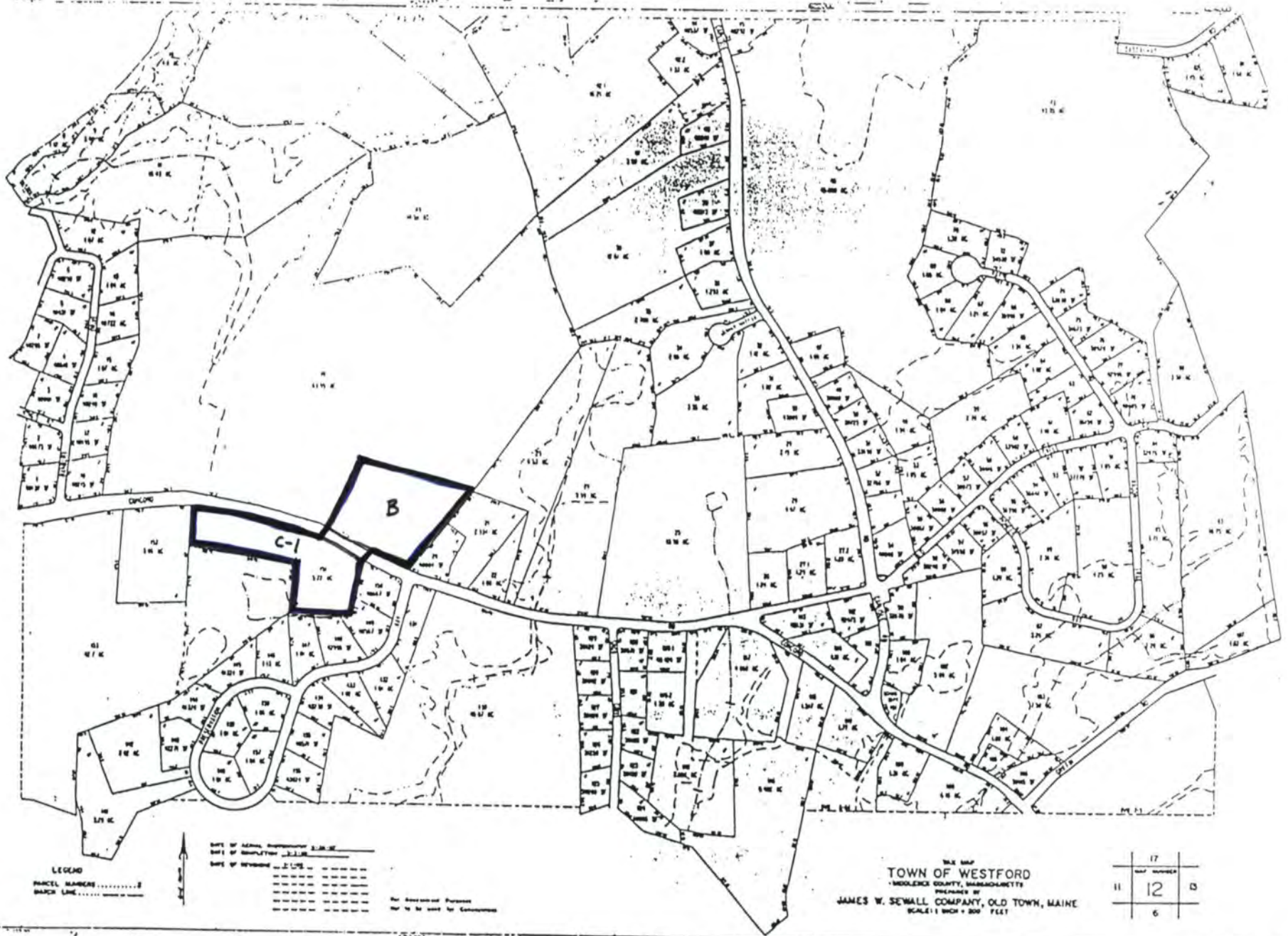
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Richard L. McGlinchey
 RICHARD L. MCGLINCHEY P.L.S.

	MCGLINCHEY ASSOCIATES INC, 10 ADAMS STREET CHELMSFORD, MASS.		
	<i>Richard L. McGlinchey</i> RICHARD L. MCGLINCHEY PRESIDENT 8-1-90		
SURV. R.L.M.	CALC. L.M.M.	DRAFT L.M.M.	

ASSESSOR'S MAP

Henry Fletcher House
224 Concord Road
Westford, MA



LEGEND
PARCEL MARKERS
DASH LINE

TYPE OF ADJACENT PROPERTY LINE
TYPE OF BOUNDARY LINE
TYPE OF ROADWAY

NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION

TOWN OF WESTFORD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
PREPARED BY
JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY, OLD TOWN, MAINE
SCALE: 1 INCH = 200 FEET

	17	
11	12	13
	6	

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Fletcher, Henry, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/08/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/19/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/04/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/22/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000010

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT RETURN ___REJECT 2/22/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

see reverse.

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 2/22/93

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

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___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Please clarify maps and acreage to reflect that portion of Concord Rd. is included within the property boundary.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Fletcher, Henry, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 9/01/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/16/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000010

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/30/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Return comments regarding acreage and boundaries have been rectified.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 9/30/93

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y see attached SLR Y

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WESTFORD (MIDDLESEX CTY.)
MASS

PHOTO # 1 OF 6

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VIEW: FACADE (S. ELEVATION): EAST ELEVATION
OF MAIN HOUSE; PARTIAL VIEW OF SOUTH
ELEVATION OF REAR ELL.

Facade (south elevation) & east elevation
of main house and partial view of
south elevation of rear ell (photo right).

Neg. no. 45090-A

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VIEW: EAST FIELD LOOKING NORTH

east field looking north

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PHOTO # 3 OF 6

9 JAN. 90 PHOTO: J. DAVID BOHL / SPNEA

VIEW: MAIN HOUSE - SOUTHEAST ROOM @
FIRST STORY - WEST ; NORTH WALLS

main house - southeast room at first
story - west & north walls

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VIEW: MAIN HOUSE - SOUTHEAST
ROOM @ SECOND STORY - WEST ;
NORTH WALLS

main house - southeast room at second
storey - west & north walls

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VIEW: SOUTH ELEVATION OF BARN

South elevation of barn

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VIEW: NORTH: WEST ELEVATIONS
OF BARN

north & west elevations
of barn

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December 29, 1992

Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following two nomination forms:

John Proctor House, 218 Concord Road, Westford (Middlesex County),
Massachusetts, 01886.

Henry Fletcher House, 224 Concord Road, Westford (Middlesex County),
Massachusetts, 01886.

Both nominations have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Richard & Alan Emmet

Lynn McPherson, The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities
Robert Jefferies, Chairman, Westford Historical Commission
Jerry G. Berkowitz, Chairman, Westford Board of Selectmen
Ellen Rainville, Director, Westford Public Library

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Judith B. McDonough, *Executive Director, State Historic Preservation Officer*
80 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 (617) 727-8470

Office of the Secretary of State, Michael J. Connolly, *Secretary*