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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	73

Town Wakefield

Address 7 Salem 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 1855-1857

Source Map of 1857

Style Italianate

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Asbestos Shingle

Outbuildings None

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

Major Alterations (with dates) Porch

rail replaced, new door. (c 1920)

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting on artificial rise, faces south

UTM REFERENCE 19/329820/4708080

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)

Although the transitional Greek Revival/Italianate form of this house is common enough in Wakefield, it contains several elements—noteably the front door surround and tall first floor windows—which are unusual and may indicate a source outside local design standards. The building retains integrity of location, design, setting, 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.

The form of this Greek Revival/Italianate transitional house is common to Wakefield: 2½ stories high with cross gables and a side hall plan. However, the eared architrave surround of the front door, and the long first floor windows are rare in the town, indicating that this house may have been built by a non-local builder, copied from a pattern book, or taken from an example in another town. The arched gable window and paired brackets supporting the gable roof are common Italianate style elements, while the eared surrounds are Greek Revival features.

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

John S. Eaton, who lived here in 1857, was the ticket agent for the Boston and Maine Railroad. The opening of rail travel in 1844 slowly transformed the town from a rural agricultural community with a minor industry in boots and shoes, to that of a manufacturing center with several important factories, among them the Wakefield Rattan Co., which by 1874 was employing about 1,000 hands. In the last decades of the 19th century the town gained new identity as a commuter suburb, made possible by the frequent, swift, and relatively cheap rail travel.

Three separate rail lines, 1844, 1850, and 1854, converged in Wakefield before they passed through the hills above Greenwood. By 1885 there were seven stations within the borders, making the town a railroad center.

Salem Street was the home of several Eaton families, the most important of which was the Lilley Eaton branch, whose 1805 mansion and store at the northeast corner of Salem and Main Street served as the social center of the town. Lilley Eaton, Jr. was one of the town's foremost citizens and its first comprehensive historian.

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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
51. House at 39 Converse Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
52. House at 40 Crescent Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
53. House at 42 Hopkins Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
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59. House at 6 Adams Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
60. House at 7 Salem Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House at 7 Salem Street

MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

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: 89000683

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
 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 _____



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7 Salem St

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Wakefield Mpt, Ma

7 SALEM ST.

NE QUANNAPOWITT

STREET



SCALE: 1" = 80'

53
PARK
675 Acres

MAIN

SALEM

PLEASANT

PEARL

STREET

BRYANT

STREET



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

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