

FORM B - BUILDING

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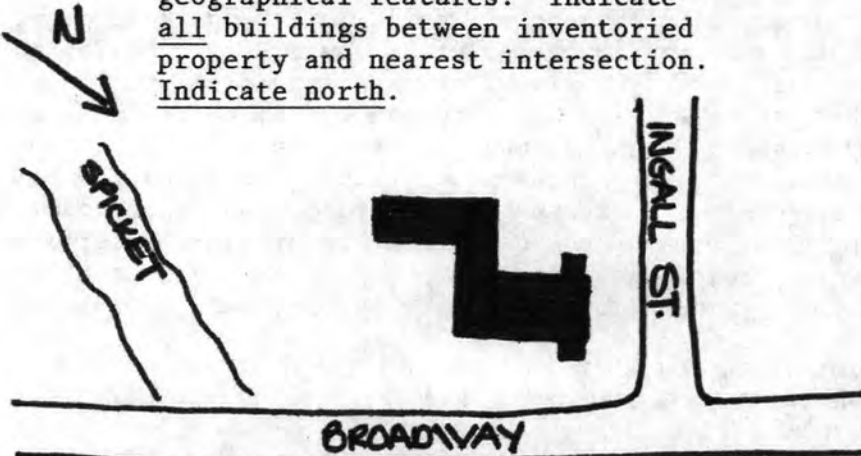
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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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 115, Lot 1

Town Methuen ✓
Address 110 Broadway ✓
Historic Name Henry C. Nevins Home for Aged and Incurables
Present Owner: Henry C. Nevins Home for Aged and Incurables

Use: Present Home for aged

Original Same

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1906

Source Methuen Historical Commission

Style Jacobethan

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric red brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage 2.55^A
over one acre

Setting mixed commercial/residential,
south of town center

UTM References: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
19/321270/4731950

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and
evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The 1906 Nevins Home for the Aged is a large 3-story complex of attached structures which are attributed to architect Henry Vaughn, and commissioned by Henry C. Nevins, the son of mill owner and philanthropist David Nevins. The brick and granite-trimmed main building is executed in the Jacobethan style which Vaughn favored. Of particular significance are the prominent parapets of the pitched roof. The parapets are trimmed with terra cotta crockets and the multi-paned windows are granite-trimmed. Prominent chimney masses are incorporated into end walls and granite-trimmed; a crenellated tower at the rear of the main building is partially visible at the front facade. The sprawling building occupies a wooded site along the Spicket River.

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

The Nevins Home for the Aged is one of several important public buildings donated to or built in the Town of Methuen by the Nevins family. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship and meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places. David Nevins was among the wealthy "triumverate" who were responsible for many of the architectural monuments of Methuen between 1883 and 1910. The widow of Henry Nevins (David's son) donated the privately-owned building for use as a Home for the Aged, a use maintained to the present time. It is significant as one of the last elaborate projects to be endowed by the Nevins, Searles or Tenney family and is representative of the style and extravagance which characterized such buildings as the Nevins Library (1883), Serlo Organ Hall (1897) and the Searles High School (1904).

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

Records of the Methuen Historical Commission.

**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

21. House at 50 Pelham Street **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

22. House at 526 Prospect Street **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

23. House at 9 Park Street **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

24. Johnson House **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

25. Lawrence Street Cemetery **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

26. Methuen Water Works **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

27. Morse, Moses, House **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

28. Nevins Memorial Library **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

29. Nevins, Henry C., Home for
Aged and Incurables **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 1/20/84

30. Pleasant-High Historic
District **Substantive Review**

for Keeper
Attest

Kenneth W. Dreyer 6/20/84

Ref # 841002406

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Nevins, Henry C., Home for Aged and
Incurables (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

**Entered in the
National Register** RETURN REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- 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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

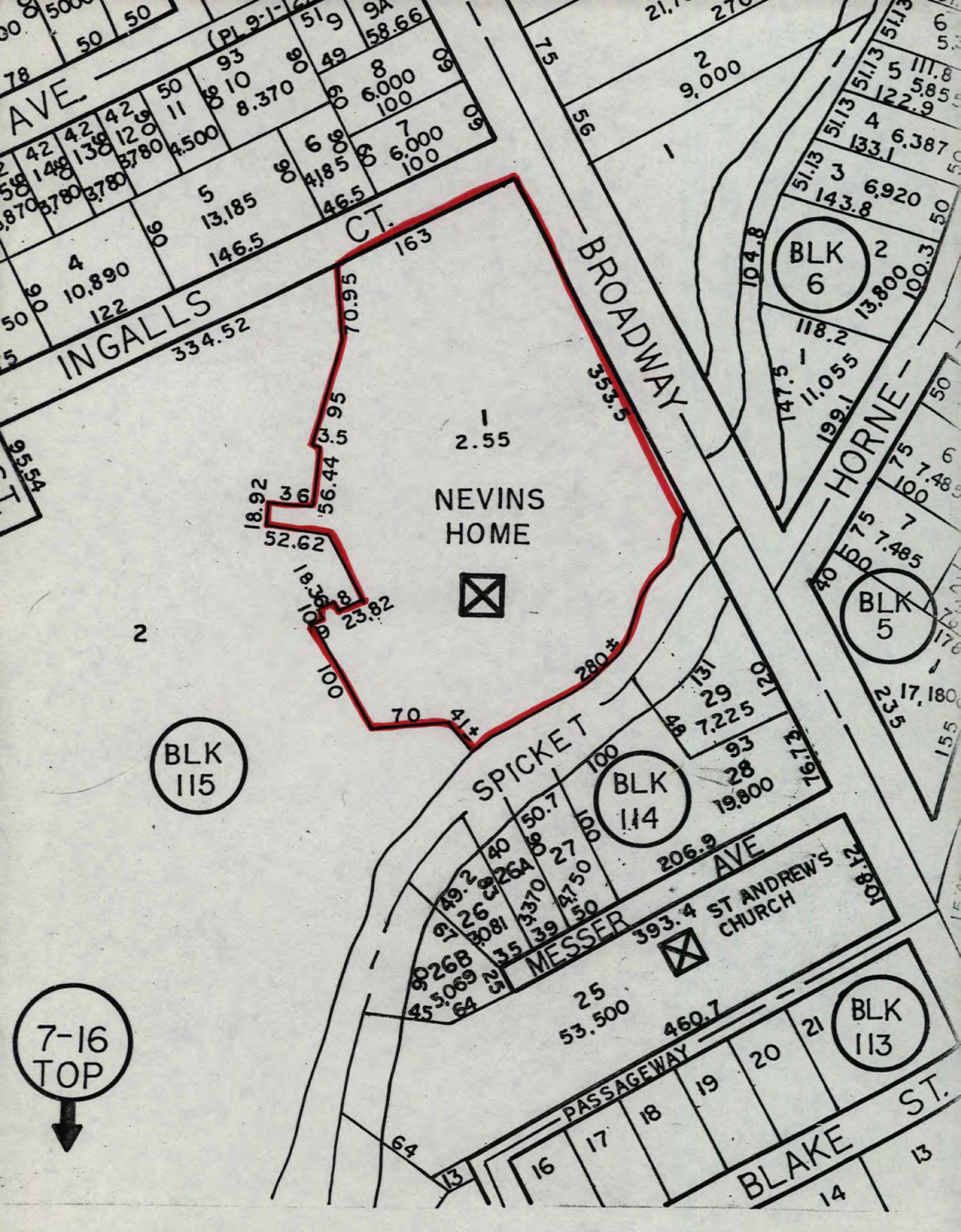
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Meine, Harry C., Home for Aged & Incurables
Methuen, Mass.

724A



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284