

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Washington Square Historic District

and/or common same

2. Location

roughly bounded by Merrimack, Park, Andover, Oak,
Harrison, and Willow Sts.

street & number multiple

N/A not for publication

city, town Lowell

N/A vicinity of

congressional district

5

state MA

code 025

county Middlesex

code 017

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☒ district	☒ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture
☐ building(s)	☒ private	☒ unoccupied	☐ commercial
☐ structure	☒ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment
☐ object	<u>N/A</u> in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government
	☐ being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial
		☐ no	☐ military
			☐ museum
			☒ park
			☒ private residence
			☒ religious
			☐ scientific
			☐ transportation
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name multiple; see attached property owners' list

street & number

city, town

N/A vicinity of

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Northern Middlesex Registry of Deeds

street & number Gorham Street

city, town

Lowell

state MA 01852

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets of
title the Commonwealth

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date filed 1981

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town

state

7. Description

Washington Square, Lowell

Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Washington Square Historic District consists of 67 buildings in an urban residential setting located less than a mile from Lowell Center. Sited on the west slope of Belvidere Hill, district boundaries generally follow an 1832 subdivision plan which initiated the area's development. Part of the crest of the hill was reserved for a small park. The district's location above the noise and stench of the emerging industrial city, with views in two directions, was highly attractive. Most of the residences were erected in the 1840's and 1850's, and by 1865, the area was largely developed.

The earliest houses in the district are modest Federal and Greek Revival structures, several of which are double houses (#18,62,67). However, the majority of the buildings in the district are Italianate, representing the earliest appearance of the style in Lowell. These houses, built between ca. 1845 and 1855, resemble the earlier classically inspired styles previously popular with cubic forms, shallow hip roofs, wide corner boards and frieze and symmetrical facades. However, use of brackets, flush board siding and quoins signal the shift to the romantic mode which remained popular throughout the remainder of the century (#2,3,4,5,35,41,43). The Italianate style quickly spread from the Washington Square area to other stylish streets and, not much later, into working class neighborhoods. Throughout the third quarter of the 19th century, the city was more closely identified with this architectural style than any other.

Although the character of Washington Square was established by the early Italianate houses erected around the park, empty lots continued to be developed for another twenty years. Like the houses of the 1840-50's, later ones were forerunners of contemporary taste, including Second Empire, Stick and Queen Anne Style residences (#38,39,47,48,57).

At the southeast corner of the district, just outside the 1832 subdivision but overlooking the park is one of Lowell's most architecturally distinguished residences. The John Nesmith House (#1), built for one of the developers of the area, is a fine Greek Revival/Regency mansion once surrounded by elaborately landscaped grounds. At the time of its construction between 1841 and 1843, it was Lowell's second largest house. In style and scale it was matched only by the home of General Benjamin Butler, erected nearby a couple of years later and demolished in 1978.

Nesmith's house was the first of several Regency inspired houses in Lowell. Just a few yards away is a less grand example, yet easily recognized by the broad pilasters and two-story recessed window niches of the facade (#36).

Still standing on Harrison Street is a group of 1850's barns and outbuildings which originally belonged to the houses on Nesmith Street (#8,9,10).

(see continuation form)

Washington Square
Historic District
Property Owners
Item #4

Edward J. Weiner
62 Holyrood Avenue
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 356 East Merrimack St.

Michael & Janet McFadden
341 East Merrimack St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 341-45 E. Merrimack St.

Clarence A. Pelletier
9 Nesmith St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 9-11 Nesmith St.

Raymond & Gloria Descheneaux
Currier Rd.
Pelham, N.H. 03076

RE: 15 Nesmith St.

Lorraine Karabatsos
90 Chestnut St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 90 Chestnut St.

William Love
23 Laurie Lane
Lowell, MA 01854

RE: 19-21 Willow St.

Brian M. Masse
15 Willow St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 15-17 Willow St.

Jesus Castro
20 Willow St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 20-22 Willow St.

Bernard & Gay
1099 Middlesex St.
Lowell, MA 01851

RE: 19 Nesmith St.

Kevin & Cynthia Perrault
27 Nesmith St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 25 Nesmith St.

Roger Hinman
106 Chestnut St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 106 Chestnut St.

Alan J. Whiston
833 Nashua Rd.
Dracut, MA 01826

RE: 98-104 Chestnut St.

Belvidere Realty Co.
c/o Joseph Defreitas, Jr.
26 Harlem St.
Lowell, MA 01854

RE: 27, 30-35, 37-9 E. Merrimack St

Alice M. Flood
c/o Joseph Defreitas, Jr.
26 Harlem St.
Lowell, MA 01854

RE: 277-83 E. Merrimack; 9 Willow

John Dano
11 Willow St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 11 Willow St.

First Church of Christ
Scientist
Andover St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: First Chrch of C.S.

Alma & Rita Desjardins
66 Willow St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 66 Willow St.

John & Cecile Killeen
60 Willow St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 60 Willow St.

Chestnut Square Houseing
Corp.
355 Park St.
Lawrence, MA 01844

RE: 55-57 Chestnut St.

William D. Atherton Realty
Corp.
194 Chelmsford St.
Chelmsford, MA 01824
RE: 56-58 Chestnut St.

Homer Casey
45 Willow St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 43-53, 93 Willow St.

Austin & Esther Kelleher
50-2 Willow St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 50-52 Willow St.

C. Helen McAndrew
87-9 Chestnut St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 87-89 Chestnut St.

Julio & Maria Osorio
105 Chestnut St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 105 Chestnut St.

Edmund & Mary McDonagh
185 Andover St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 185 Andover St.

Arthur & Rita Thibault
5-7 Harrison St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 5-7 Harrison St.

Vasilios Limberopoulos
171 Andover St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 171-73 Andover St.

George Danas
14 Hoyt Ave.
Lowell, MA 01852
RE: 163-6 Andover St.

George Desrochers
182 Andover St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 182 Andover St.

Bennie & Monika Stanilonis
176 Andover St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 176 Andover St.

Katherine & Stella Mazur
170 Andover St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 170-74 Andover St.

Gerald & Rita Carrigg
70 Willow St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 70 Willow St.

Marie Ange Rivet
412 East Merrimack St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 412 E. Merrimack St.

The Holy Union of the
Sacred Heart
142 Chestnut St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 142 Chestnut St.

Katherine & Michael Clinton
136 Chestnut St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 136 Chestnut St.

Arthur & Althea Bassett
25 Belmont Avenue
Lowell, MA 01851

RE: 28 Nesmith St.

John M. Frissell
5 Horseshoe Road
Dracut, MA 01826

RE: 111 Chestnut St.

James & Anna Pappadopoulos
58 Nashua Rd.
Dracut, MA 01826

RE: 43 Nesmith; 53-55 Nesmith
59 Nesmith

Shirley Martin
49 Nesmith St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 49 Nesmith St.

Bernadette C. Berger
61 Nesmith St.
Lowell, MA 01852

61 Nesmith St.

James & Helen Loney
24 Nesmith St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 24 Nesmith St.

James & Josephine McGrath
71 Billerica Rd.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 20 Nesmith St.

Wilson & Anna Crocker
12 Nesmith St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 12 Nesmith St.

Eugene & Elinor McAuliffe
100 French St.
Tewksbury, MA 01876

RE: 362-64 E. Merrimack St.

Michael & Mary Castle
14 Park St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 14 Park St.

Irene N. Johnson
4 Park St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 4 Park St.

Robert L. Chase
442 East Merrimack St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 442 E. Merrimack St.

Theodore & Doris Rivet
420 East Merrimack St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 408, 420 E. Merrimack St.

Charles Giannarakos
Carol Giannarakos
229 Andover St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 229 Andover St.

Commonwealth Savings & Loan
Association
45 Central St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 87 Nesmith St.

Flago Realty Corp.
18 Wellman St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 95 Nesmith St.

Trts. Aspro Realty Trust
Gertrude Spanos, Tr.
185 Westview Road
Lowell, MA 01851

RE: 105,115 Nesmith;30 Harri

Stanley, Genevieve & Brian
Buia
16 Dinsmore St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 123 Nesmith St.
M. Gertrude Martin
127 Nesmith St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 127 Nesmith St.

David & Julia Thompson
20 Harrison St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 20-22,26 Harrison St.

Peter J. & Rose Golen
27 Rea St.
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: 81-83 Chestnut St.

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Washington Square has remained largely intact. Though many of the homes have been broken into smaller units, exteriors have retained original siding and architectural detail. Only a handful of houses have been lost due to demolition or extensive renovation. The national attention directed at Lowell's center has begun to spread into the neighborhoods. Recent preservation efforts have been sensitive to the architectural quality and character of the district. Only one intrusion stands in the district; this is the Church of Christ (A) at the corner of Andover and Nesmith Streets.

8. Significance Washington Square, Lowell

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☒ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1831-32 **Builder/Architect** Alexander Wadsworth (park)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Washington Square Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship, as well as significant associations with the historical and architectural development of Lowell. It was laid out as one of this early industrial city's first subdivisions by Alexander Wadsworth, it was the home of many prominent citizens, and it remains as an ensemble of well designed mid-late nineteenth century residential styles. Thus, the district meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The area was first platted in 1831 (the plan was revised slightly in 1832), one of two major subdivisions in that year. Unlike the other which lay across the Merrimack River in Dracut, Washington Square attracted Lowell's most prominent citizens, becoming the city's earliest fashionable neighborhood. When first laid out, it was part of Tewksbury, but in 1834, it and Belvidere Village, which lay just to the west, were annexed to Lowell.

The Washington Square developers, John and Thomas Nesmith, were wealthy businessmen. Soon after their arrival in Lowell, the two brothers purchased the 150 acre estate of Judge Edward Livermore for \$25,000. This area, formerly known as the Gedney estate, was part of a 3,000 acre tract granted to the widow of Governor Winthrop in the 17th century. Except for a handful of farm buildings and the main house, it had remained undeveloped until the Nesmith purchase.

The Nesmith brothers engaged Alexander Wadsworth, a well known Cambridge-based landscape architect to lay out streets, houselots and a small trapezoidal park on a portion of their land. Wadsworth's highly formal plan with perpendicular streets lined with trees was in direct contrast to another project on which he was working at the same time: Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, (NR 4/21/75), the nation's first picturesquely designed cemetery. The main street through the district was named after the brothers. Its 60' width and 10' sidewalks made it Lowell's first boulevard.

In the mid-1830's a few lots were built upon. These early residents were required to erect shade trees at 20' intervals along the street. It was not until John Nesmith began constructing his own residence (#1), just east of the subdivision, though, that the area became sought after. Nesmith was a self-made businessman who invested heavily in numerous businesses, manufactories and real estate ventures. His holdings extended beyond Lowell to include property and mills in Lawrence, Franklin, New Hampshire and surrounding towns. To ensure an adequate water supply for his mills in Lowell, Nesmith bought the water rights from Lakes Winnepessaukee and Squam in New Hampshire. From 1862-63 he served as Lieutenant Governor for Massachusetts.

(see continuation sheet)

9. Major Bibliographica References (also see continuation sheet)

Illustrated History of Lowell and Vicinity, Courier-Citizen Co, 1897.

Lowell Historical Society/Old Residents Historical Association, Contributions of the Old Residents Historical Association, 1879-1926.

City maps, atlases, directories and park commission reports.

Northern Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 16.5

Quadrangle name Lowell, MA

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UMT References

A 1 9 3 1 1 7 4 0 4 7 2 3 6 0 0
Zone Easting Northing

B 1 9 3 1 1 6 4 0 4 7 2 3 2 8 0
Zone Easting Northing

C 1 9 3 1 1 3 7 0 4 7 2 3 6 6 0

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary: see attached map and deed descriptions

Justification: District boundaries generally follow the 1832 subdivision plan which sparked the area's development. Deviations from this plan occur only where major intrusions exist at the fringes of the subdivision.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	N/A	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, MHC Registration Director, with
Elizabeth Durfee Hengen, Preservation Consultant for Commonwealth Federal Savings
and Loan Association

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date April, 1982

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Valerie Ann Talmage

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

date

June 28, 1982

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

8/11/82

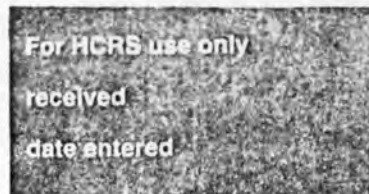
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Other early residents of the Washington Square district were equally prominent citizens of Lowell. Many were owners or agents of local mills. C.P. Talbot, who built 142 Chestnut Street (#42), founded the Talbot Woolen Mills in North Billerica. 28 Nesmith Street (#44) was erected by John Holt who began a flannel manufactory in Belvidere Village that later became New England Bunting. 93 Nesmith Street (#3) was the home of George Motley, superintendent and later treasurer of the Appleton Corporation. Next door (#2) was the residence of Aaron Mansur, a successful merchant whose daughter married John Nesmith. Charles Hovey, owner of a prosperous apothecary business, erected 14 Park Street (#36). Wesley Sawyer, agent of the Chelmsford Manufacturing Company in Belvidere Village and inventor of textile machinery, built both 111 Chestnut Street (#29) and 277-83 East Merrimack Street (#67). 105 Nesmith Street (#4) was erected by William Nichols who operated a successful grocery store. Next door to him was Levi Sprague's residence (#5). Sprague ran a profitable contracting business whose buildings included several mills in Lowell and Lawrence.

Later owners of note included Zina Stone, Part owner of the Vox Populi. This journal was begun in 1841 to promote local government reform by encouraging citizens to speak out against the powerful corporations that dominated city politics (#28). Prescott Gates, whose family owned a well-known leather belting and supplies factory, resided at 442 East Merrimack Street (#38).

The park itself remained in private ownership until 1860 when it was purchased by the city. Before its public acquisition, it enjoyed a variety of uses, including a cow pasture and the site of a saloon.

#9. Continuation

Archival, scrapbook and photograph collections of the Lowell Historical Society and Special Collections, University of Lowell.

CONTINUATION FORM

WASHINGTON SQUARE H.D., LOWELL, MA

#10. Verbal Boundary Description

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Deed Description</u>	
	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page No.</u>
163-5 Andover	1037	299
170-74 Andover	1500	300
171-73 Andover	120	119
176 Andover	1346	135
182 Andover	1931	614
185 Andover	1201	43
229 Andover	1017	510
Andover (First Church of Christ Scientist)	542	447
81-83 Chestnut	1925	10
87-9 Chestnut	1696	37
90 Chestnut	1636	10
93 Chestnut	335	473
98-104 Chestnut	2334	287
105 Chestnut	2379	720
106 Chestnut	2356	274
111 Chestnut	2028	58
136 Chestnut	1310	58
142 Chestnut	1578	179
277-83 E. Merrimack	1320	542
287-305 E. Merrimack	1320	542
297 E. Merrimack	1217	319
327-29 E. Merrimack	1236	313
341-45 E. Merrimack	2381	545
356 E. Merrimack	1634	70
362-64 E. Merrimack	1873	202
408 E. Merrimack	889	347
412 E. Merrimack	684	266
420 E. Merrimack	1015	89
442 E. Merrimack	1403	353
5-7 Harrison	120	119
20-22 Harrison	1890	321
26 Harrison	1890	321
30 Harrison	2308	637
9-11 Nesmith	2298	149
12 Nesmith	2362	336
15 Nesmith	2261	561
19 Nesmith	2210	516
20 Nesmith	2378	579
24 Nesmith	2254	529
25 Nesmith	2349	360
28 Nesmith	372	5171
43 Nesmith	2167	723
49 Nesmith	2489	398
53-55 Nesmith	1870	462
59 Nesmith	1870	462
61 Nesmith	1785	557
73 Nesmith	1403	198

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page No.</u>
87 Nesmith	2389	161
95 Nesmith	2458	553
105 Nesmith	2308	637
115 Nesmith	2308	637
123 Nesmith	2142	309
127 Nesmith	306	424
4 Park	2380	374
14 Park	1272	73
9 Willow	1246	264
11 Willow	2491	319
15-17 Willow	2319	121
19-21 Willow	2296	670
20-22 Willow	2401	221
43-53 Willow	1007	341
	676	133
50-52 Willow	1100	426
55-57 Willow	2376	39
56-58 Willow	1639	424
60 Willow	1157	591
66 Willow	1739	565
70 Willow	2339	431

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DISTRICT DATA SHEET

WASHINGTON SQUARE

MAP #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE	STYLE
1	John Nesmith House	229 Andover	1841-3	Greek Revival/Regency
2	Aaron Mansur House	87 Nesmith	ca. 1843	Italianate
3	George Motley House	95 Nesmith	ca. 1852	Italianate
4	William Nichols House	105 Nesmith	ca. 1852	Italianate
5	Levi Sprague House	115 Nesmith	ca. 1854	Italianate
6		123 Nesmith	1850's	Italianate
7		127 Nesmith	early 1900's	--
8	William Nichols Barn	30 Harrison	1850's	n/a
9	(barn)	26 Harrison	1850's	n/a
10	George Motley's Barn	20-22 Harrison	1850's	n/a
11		81-83 Chestnut	1860's	Second Empire
12		185 Andover	1840's	Greek Revival/Italianate
13		5-7 Harrison	late 1870's	Queen Anne
14		171-73 Andover	1840's	Greek Revival
15		163-65 Andover	1840's	Greek Revival
16	George Hedrick House	182 Andover	1840	Greek Revival/Gothic Rev.
17		176 Andover	ca. 1846	Italianate
18		170-74 Andover	1830's	federalist/Greek Revival
19		70 Willow	1950's	--
20		66 Willow	early 20th c.	--
21		60 Willow	1850's	Greek Revival
22		55-57 Willow	late 1860's	Second Empire
23		56-58 Willow	1850's	Greek Revival
24		43-53 Willow	1850's	Greek Revival/Italianate
25		50-52 Willow	1850's	Greek Revival/Italianate
26		93 Chestnut	1870's	Second Empire
27		87-89 Chestnut	1840's	Greek Revival/Italianate
28	Zina Stone House	105 Chestnut	early 1840's	Greek Revival
29		111 Chestnut	1836	Greek Revival/Italianate
30		43 Nesmith	1870's	Second Empire
31	Varney House	49 Nesmith	ca. 1841	Greek Revival/Italianate
32		53-55 Nesmith	1843	Greek Revival/Sec. Empire
33		59 Nesmith	1850's	Italianate
34		61 Nesmith	1850's	(altered)
35	Henry Williams House	73 Nesmith	early 1850's	Italianate
36	Charles Hovey House	14 Park	ca. 1846	Regency/Italianate
37	Daniel Holt House	4 Park	ca. 1870	Italianate/Sec. Empire

MAP #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE	STYLE
38	P.C. Gates House	442 E. Merrimack	ca. 1880-83	Stick
39	Daniel Swan House	420 E. Merrimack	ca. 1869	Second Empire
40		412 E. Merrimack	1870's	Second Empire
41		408 E. Merrimack	1850's	Italianate
42	C.P. Talbot House	142 Chestnut	ca. 1852	renovated
43	George Stevens House	136 Chestnut	ca. 1845-50	Italianate
44	John Holt House	28 Nesmith	late 1850's	Italianate
45		24 Nesmith	1850's	Italianate
46		20 Nesmith	1850's	Greek Revival
47		12 Nesmith	early 1880's	Queen Anne
48	H.J. Ryerson House	362-64 E. Merrimack	ca. 1878	Stick
49		356 E. Merrimack	1860's	Italianate
50		341-45 E. Merrimack	1840's	Greek Revival
51		9-11 Nesmith	late 1850's	Italianate
52	Ordway House	15 Nesmith	1840's/1880's	Queen Anne
53	Chase House	19 Nesmith	early 1840's	Greek Revival
54		25 Nesmith	ca. 1845	Greek Revival/Italianate
55		106 Chestnut	ca. 1890	Queen Anne
56		98-104 Chestnut	ca. 1910	--
57		90 Chestnut	1861-65	Second Empire
58		19-21 Willow	ca. 1910	Colonial Revival
59		15-17 Willow	1830's	federalist/Greek Revival
60		20-22 Willow	1840's	Greek Revival
61		327-29 E. Merrimack	1850's	Italianate
62		287-305 E. Merrimack	late 1840's	Italianate
63	Wesley Sawyer House	277-83 E. Merrimack	1824-31	federalist/Greek Rev/QA
64		297 E. Merrimack	1850's	Italianate
65		9 Willow	mid 1840's	Greek Revival
66		11 Willow	1840's	Greek Revival

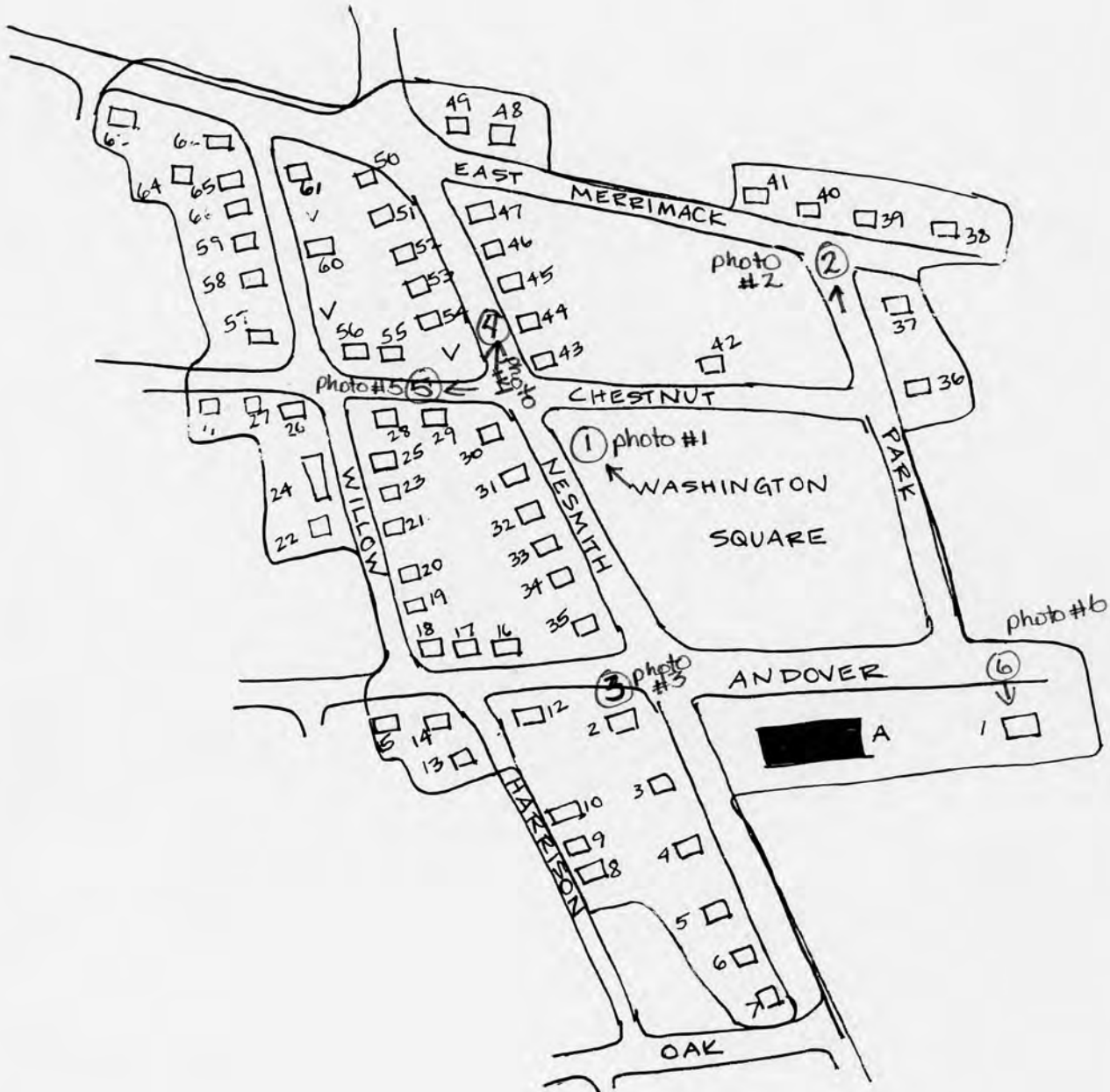
A	Church of Christ	n/a
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WASHINGTON SQUARE
HISTORIC DISTRICT



1901

1" = 200'



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Washington Square Historic District
Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS,

Ref No. 82001995
Working No. 7/6/82-1932
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 8-4-82 / 8-29-82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 8/11/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Entered in the
National Register
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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ 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 _____ Area 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 _____

UNIT 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: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Washington Square H.D.

Lowell, MA

Elizabeth Durfee Hengen 1980

45 Cabot St., Winchester, MA

1 of 6

Looking NW from park



Washington Square H.D.

Lowell, MA

Elizabeth Durfee Hengen 1980

45 Cabot St., Winchester, MA

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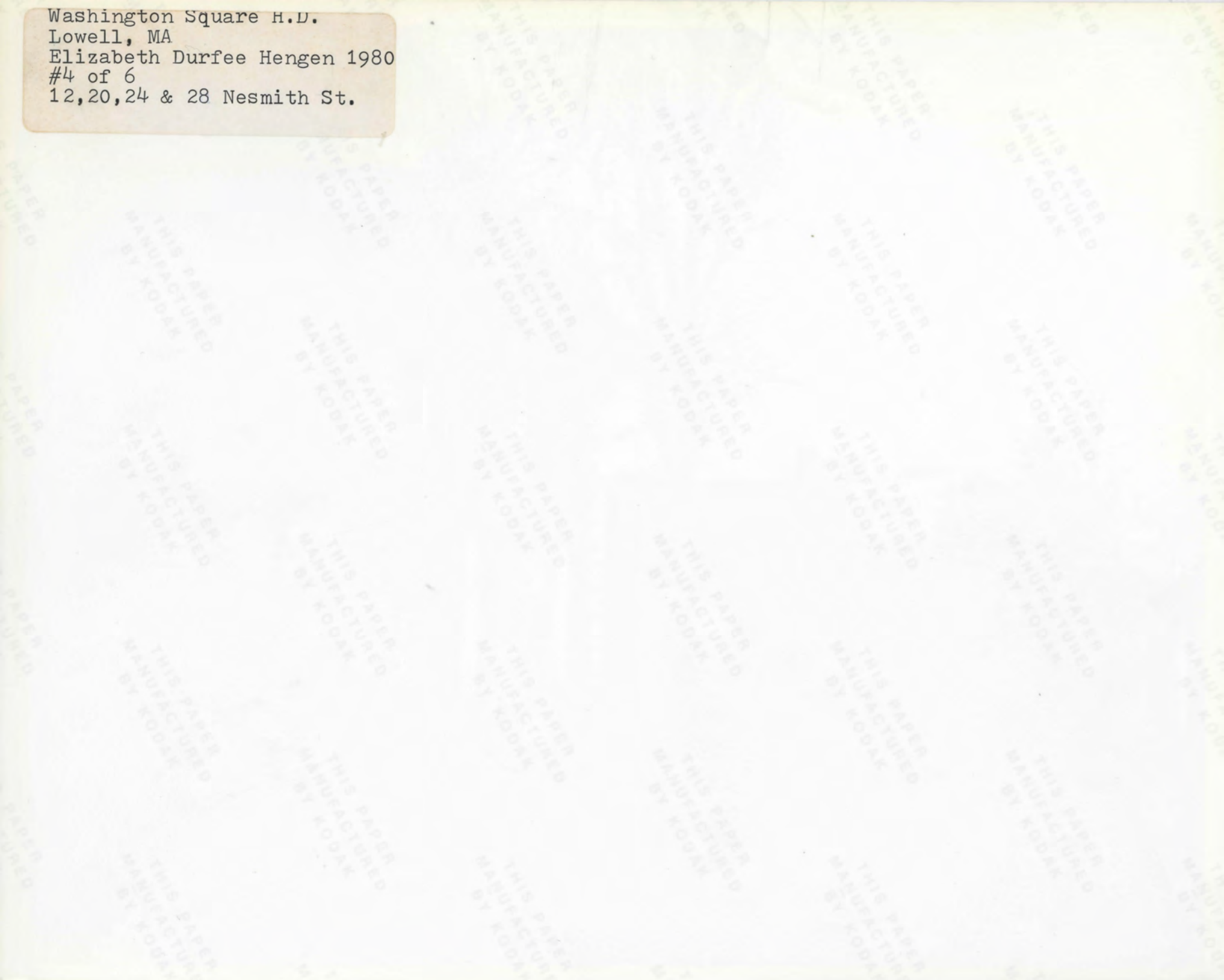
Looking north down Park St.



Washington Square H.D.
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87 Nesmith Street



Washington Square H.D.
Lowell, MA
Elizabeth Durfee Hengen 1980
#4 of 6
12,20,24 & 28 Nesmith St.





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Lowell, MA

Elizabeth Durfee Hengen 1980

45 Cabot Str, Winchester, MA

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111,105,93,87,81 Chestnut St



Washington Square H.D.

Lowell, MA

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229 Andover (J. Nesmith Hse)



CONVERSION
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multiply by .3048

To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

Washington Square
Historic District
Lowell
Middlesex Co., MA

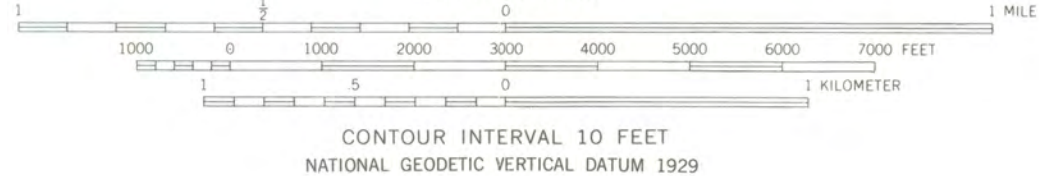
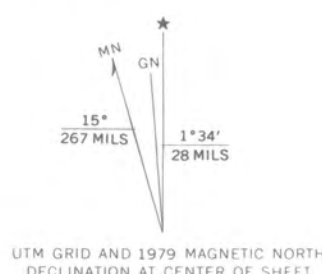
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zone 19

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route ——— State Route ———



LOWELL, MASS. - N. H.
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Washington Sq.
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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

READING ROOM
12 KEARNEY SQUARE
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

May 16, 1982

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

RECEIVED

JUN - 8 1982

Attn: Patricia L. Weslowski

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Dear Ms Weslowski:

Your letter of April 28, 1982 has been received by the Executive Board of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Lowell. The Board has discussed the Church's place in the Washington Square Historic District, Lowell, and the possible nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

By unanimous vote of the Executive Board, we wish to object to our property's inclusion for the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Sawyer
Richard L. Fay
Katherine S. Brown
Sylvia J. Patterson

The Executive Board

Phyllis F. Atwood
Phyllis F. Atwood
Clerk

Lena C. Landre
June 7, 1982.

Consent

RECEIVED May 7, 1982

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MAY 14 1982

4 Park St
Lowell, Ma. 01852

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Dear Mrs Woslowski

My home is located in the
Washington Square Historical District, Lowell.

I have owned it for three years and
I have spent time and much money
restoring inside and outside.

I'm interested in a copy of the
Economic Recovery Act as of January 1982.

Tax incentives and credits are
important to me to continue
with my future plans to
continue to restore my
home.



Sincerely,
Gene W. Johnson

Washington St.
notarized objection

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington St.
Boston, Mass.

June 3, 1982

This is to state that I am the sole
owner of 49 Nesmith Street, Lowell,
Massachusetts and prefer not to have
it registered by the National Register
of Historic Places, Shirley L. Martin

Shirley L. Martin
49 Nesmith St.

Lowell,
Massachusetts

This letter was signed before me, Stephen G.
Roche, Notary Public, this 3rd day
of June, 1982, in Boston, Ma.
Stephen G. Roche
Notary Public



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

6/28/82

Ms. Carol Shull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
02108
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Becket: Becket Center Historic District (local)

Billerica: Manning Manse (local)

Lowell: Allen House (local)

Lowell: South Common Historic District (local)

✓ Lowell: Washington Square Historic District (local)

Lowell: Wamesit Canal and Whipple Mill Complex (local)

Northampton: Dimock Estate (local)

Westfield: Landlord Fowler Tavern (local - DOE: 11/79)

All 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. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CJ/sac





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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

June 15, 1982

Phyllis Atwood, Clerk
First Church of Christ Scientist
229 Andover St.
Lowell, MA

Dear Ms. Atwood:

On June 9, 1982, the Massachusetts State Review Board considered the National Register eligibility of the Washington Square Historic District. They voted that the district met criteria A, B, and C of the National Register of Historic Places. In accordance with Federal regulations (36CFR60) that nomination will now be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington along with all owner comments received to date. Because you were one of only two property owners who objected, that district can be listed in the National Register if the Keeper concurs in the State Review Board decision. Please be aware that, as a recent structure, your building has been defined as one which does not contribute to the historic character of the district.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins
(sac)

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Secretary of State

June 16, 1982

Shirley L. Martin
49 Nesmith St.
Lowell, MA

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Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins
(SAC)

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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