

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

The John Steele House is the best preserved example in a unique row of double houses in Stoneham, and is one of the few double houses remaining in the town. Constructed ca. 1880-1885, it is a large two story structure, six bays long and two bays deep, with paired entries centered on the facade. It is sheathed in clapboards and enclosed by a pitched roof with paired interior chimneys. Windows have simple surrounds and contain 2/2 sash. The entries are headed by transoms and a continuous bracketed hood.

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

The John Steele House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant as one of only two well preserved double workers' houses in Stoneham. As a representative housing type from Stoneham's major period of significance, it meets criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places.

This site was an orchard in 1874; by 1889 the map shows this row of workers' double houses, adjacent to the E.L. Patch Company and a number of factories. Such houses were often owned by a company for workers, or by a separate landlord. This entire row of identical houses was owned by John Steele, who held considerable property throughout the town in the nineteenth century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1874 map of Stoneham
1889 map of Stoneham
Valuation Books

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 Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Metropolitan District Commission
Pumping House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

52. Millard-Souther-Green House

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National Register

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53. Oddfellows Building

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54. Old Burying Ground

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National Register

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55. Shoe Shop-Doucette Ten
Footer

Substantive Review

Keeper

Pauline Doucette 4/13/84

Attest

56. Steele, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

57. South School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

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58. Stoneham Firestation

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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59. Stoneham Public Library

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National Register

for Keeper

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60. Tay, Jesse, House

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National Register

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Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Steele, John, House (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

FEB 28 1984

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

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

Acreege 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 _____

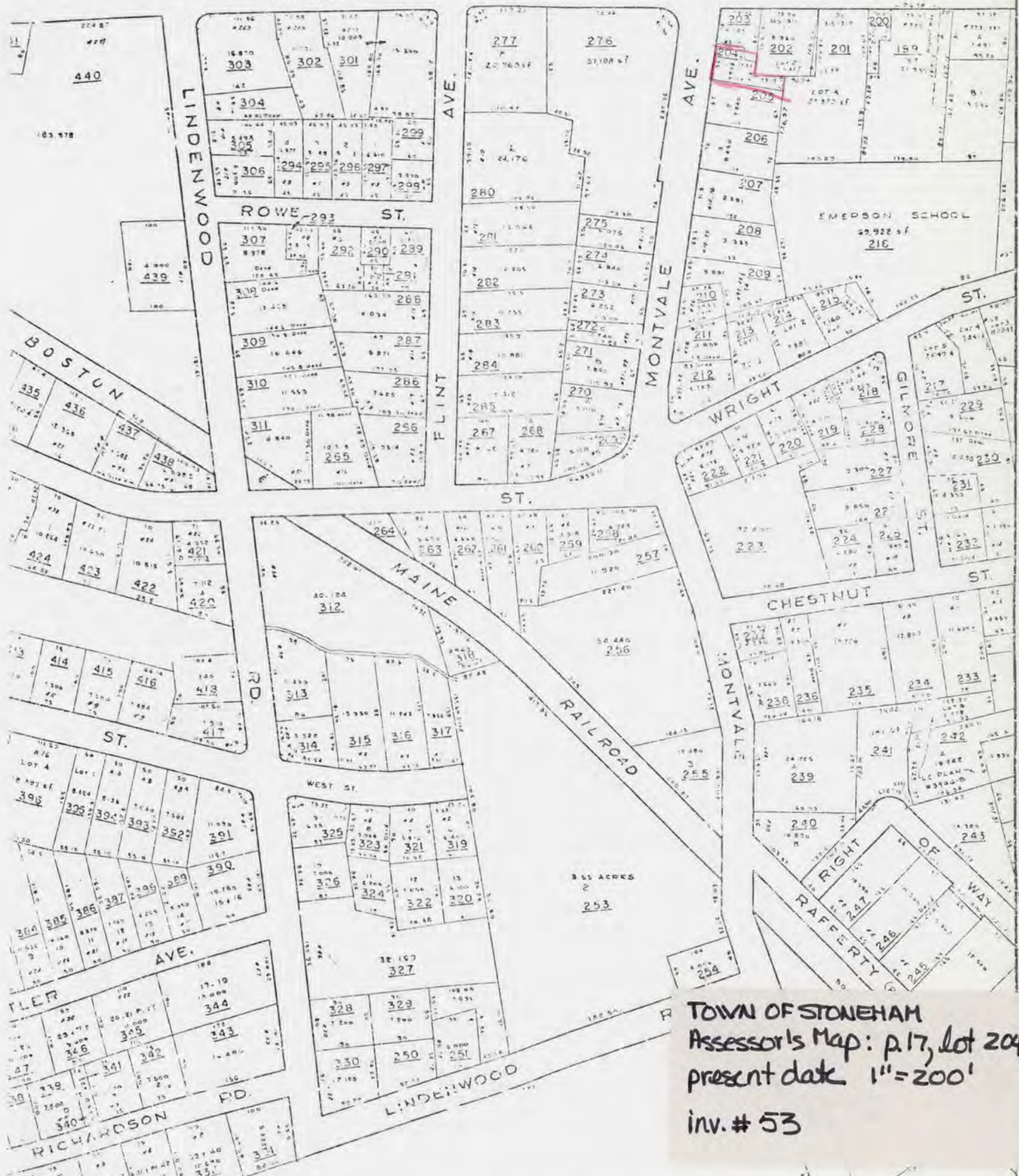
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Steele, John, House

Storhan, MRA, Ma

8070



TOWN OF STONEHAM
 Assessor's Map: p. 17, lot 204
 present date 1"=200'
 inv. # 53

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295