

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

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

Town WakefieldAddress 48 Meriam StreetHistoric Name Samuel Gould HouseUse: Present dwellingOriginal dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1735Source Proceedings of 250th AnniversaryStyle GeorgianArchitect NAExterior Wall Fabric clapboardsOutbuildings garage-noncontributing
this centuryMajor Alterations (with dates) porch on
north; mansard roof profile added on
east; dormers added on south - this
centuryCondition FairMoved NA Date NAAcreage 1 1/2 acresSetting faces south at end of drive
off Meriam StreetUTM REFERENCE 19/329880/4705600USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North, Mass.SCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Architectural Preservation
Associates
Organization Wakefield Historical
Commission
Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A well preserved example of an early 18th c. house, this is the sole remaining 1½ story gambrel roofed Georgian house in Wakefield. It retains integrity of location, design, materials, 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 gambrel roof with its two interior chimneys identifies the early construction date of this 1½ story house. It is five bays wide and the door surround has been altered. It is now broad with half length sidelights and probably dates from the 1830s-50s. Window surrounds on the second floor are plane, those on the first floor have moldings. This is the only remaining 1½ story, Georgian, gambrel roofed house in Wakefield.

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

This house was built about 1735 by Samuel Gould. The Gould family came to the area before 1700 settling south of Crystal Lake, then known as Smith's Pond, within the borders of Reading and Stoneham. This was fertile land which was farmed into the 19th c. but with the coming of the steam railroad in 1845 the complexion of South Reading changed. Settlement increased in this area of Greenwood, although its immediate neighborhood was not developed until the 1940s. With the railroad tracks being laid out, Main Street was moved from the West of this house to the east, its farmland divided for development and today it can easily be missed as it is between a row of houses and the railroad tracks. In the 1880s Dr. Horatio M. Meriam owned the house and planted specimens of evergreens and flowers from all over the world in the yard and tagged them with their Latin names.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review Date/Signature

11. Cowdry, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byrum 7/6/89

12. Emerson--Franklin Poole House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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13. Flanley's Block

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byrum 7/6/89544 14. Goodwin, Captain--James Custris House
Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

Barry L. Savage 3/2/90

15. Gould, Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

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16. Green, Capt. William, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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17. Green, Deacon Daniel, House

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18. Greenwood Union Church

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19. House at 1 Morrison Avenue

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20. House at 1 Woodcrest Drive

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Gould, Samuel, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Wakefield MRA
NAME:

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: 89000704

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

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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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



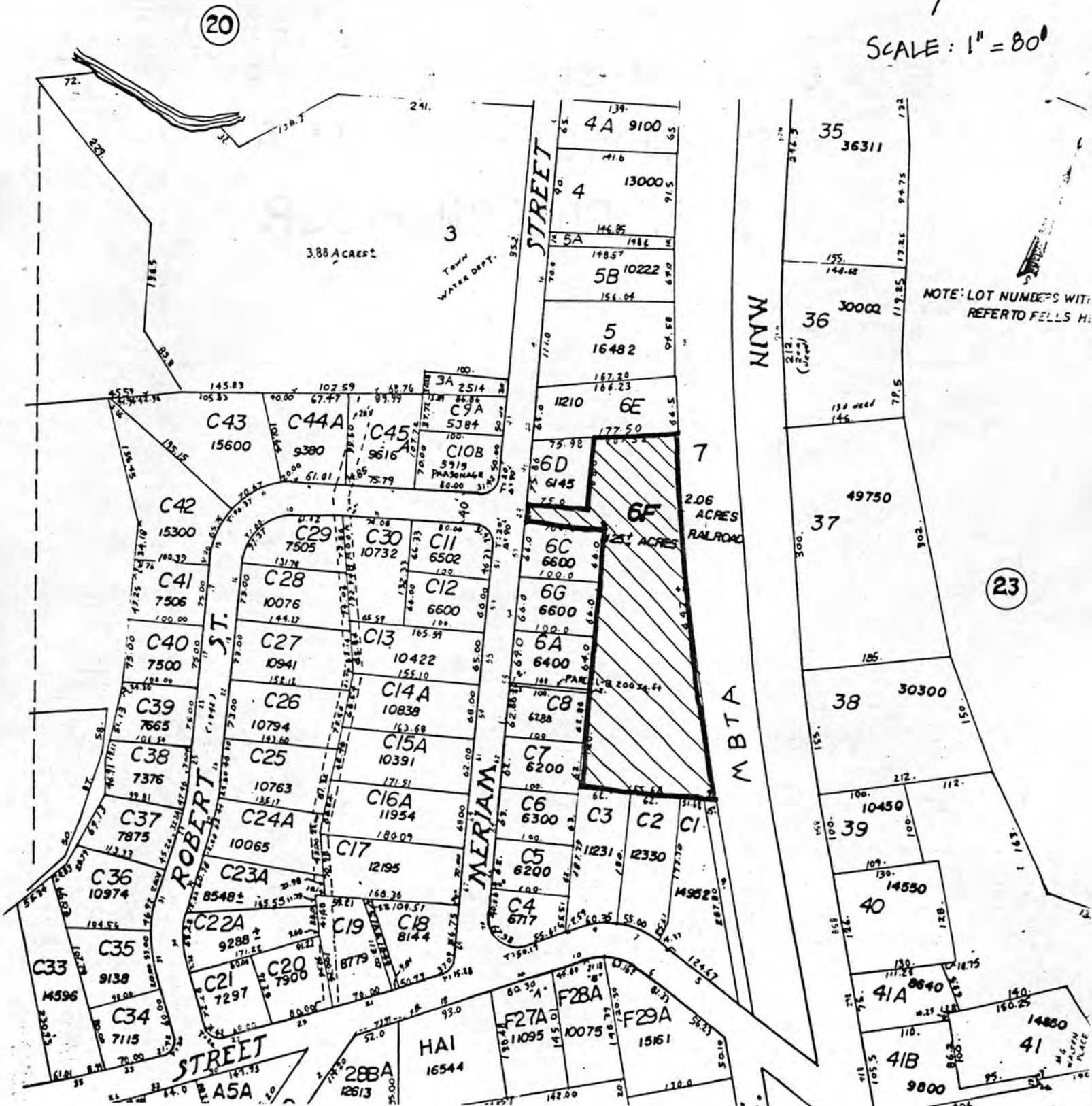
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48 Meriam St.

Govt, Canal, Huse

Wakefield M.A., Ma

SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300