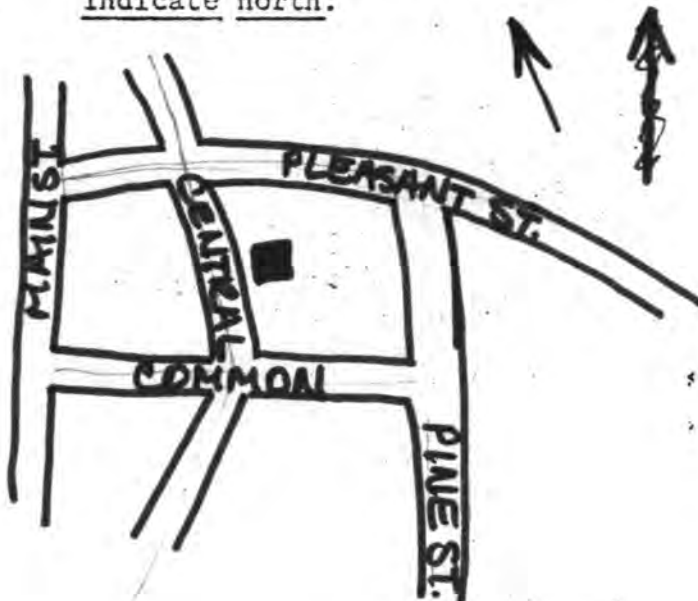


MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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## SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's  
location in relation to nearest  
cross streets and other buildings  
or geographical features.  
Indicate north.



Recorded by Carole Zellie  
(ed. Candace Jenkins, MHC)

Organization Landscape Research

Date May 1979  
Assessor's Map #12-405

Town Stoneham Roll 16: 21A, 23A

Address 55 Central St.

Historic Name Amasa Farrier House

Use: Original residential

Present \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership: ☒ Private individual A. Johnson  
☐ Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Amasa Farrier

## DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1865

Source map research

Style Italianate

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) no

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 10,000 sq. ft.

Setting mixed residential, commercial,  
religious, civic--mixed use and date

Boston North Quad 1:25,000  
UTM: 19 327500 4705160

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

The Amasa Farrier House is an excellent local example of an Italianate villa, and one of a small number to preserve its original details intact. Constructed c. 1865, this two story house has an L-shaped plan with a one story porch at the angle. It is sheathed by clapboards with wide cornerboards and enclosed by a nearly flat, overhanging roof with paired brackets. It rests on a brick foundation. Windows have heavy projecting caps and contain original 6/6 sash.

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

The Amasa Farrier House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant as a good local example of the Italianate style and for its associations with Amasa Farrier, Stoneham's nineteenth century surveyor. The house meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Amasa Farrier (1803-1883) helped to create Stoneham's physical form as its principal surveyor and landscape designer. He came to Stoneham in 1838 and was engaged in surveying and held a number of town offices. In addition to subdividing land for homebuilding, he was the designer of the Stoneham Cemetery (1844) and the Lindenwood Cemetery (1862). His designs for the cemeteries show a familiarity with the work of John Claudius Loudon, English landscape gardener.

The family home on Central Street has a picturesquely planned landscape design flanking the side of the Italianate house. His education and the sources for his work in Stoneham are worthy of further research, as his garden and cemetery plans reveal knowledge which the Stevens biography does not elaborate on.

Farrier also planned a park in 1855 as part of a Stoneham subdivision for David Burnham. The small, square park was to have been north of Elm Street and was never constructed.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Stoneham Multiple Resource Area  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

| Nomination/Type of Review                                                            | Date/Signature                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 21. Farrier, Amasa, Boardinghouse<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b>     | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
| 22. Farrier, Amasa, House<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b>             | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
| 23. First Baptist Church<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b>              | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
| 24. First Congregational Church<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b>       | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
| 25. First Unitarian Church<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b>            | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
| 26. Foley, Michael, Cottage<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b>           | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
| 27. Foster, Walter K.,<br>House<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b>       | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
| 28. Fuller, Enoch, House<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b>              | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
| 29. Fuller, William Griffin,<br>House<br><b>Entered in the<br/>National Register</b> | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84<br>Attest _____ |
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Farrier, Amasa, House (Stoneham MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85  
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-13-84  
☐ 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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps  
☐ Photographs  
☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

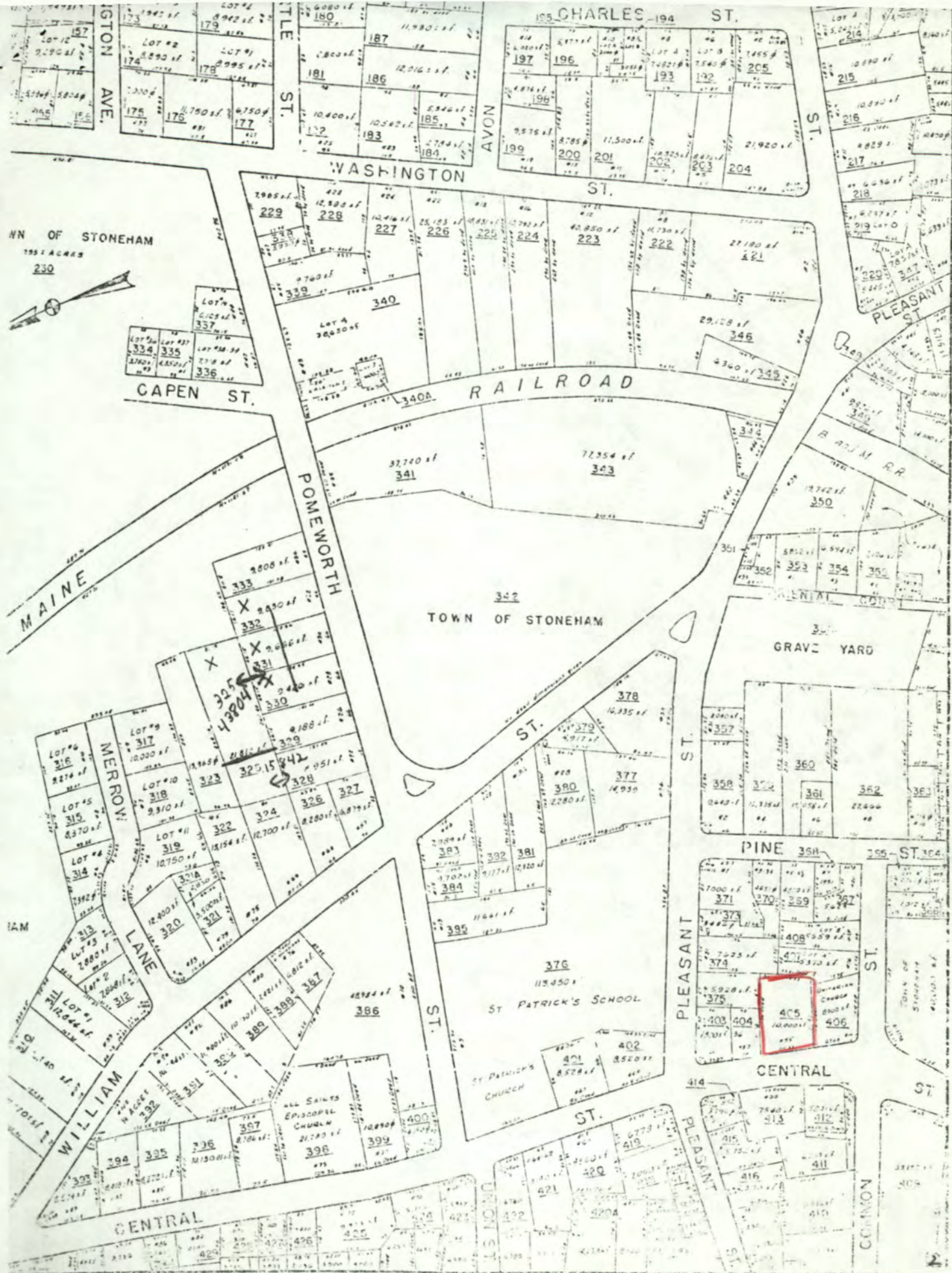
*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



FATTIO, Anasa, Heise  
Storham MRT, Ma

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TOWN OF STONEHAM ASSESSOR'S MAP PRESENT DATE  
 SCALE 1" = 300' PAGE 12 LOT 405  
 INVENTORY NO. 173

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295