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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	286

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

Town Wakefield

Address 15 Chestnut Street

Historic Name NA

Use: Present Funeral Home

Original Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1885

Source Atlas of 1889

Style Colonial Revival

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Garage contributing

1889

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition Excellent

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting Faces south on landscaped

lot in dense area.

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

UTM REFERENCE 19/329600/4707560

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Representing the epitome of completely developed high style Colonial Revival design - one of 2 houses in Wakefield to do so, this house is extremely well-preserved. It retains integrity of location, setting, 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.

There are two full-blown high style Colonial Revival houses in Wakefield and this is one of them. The style's scale and the amount of exterior decoration have reached their peak. The house is 2½ stories under a hip roof with flared eaves which appear late in the style's development. The cornice is like a pattern book illustration. It has modillion blocks, a dentilled frieze, egg and dart and acanthus moldings: all resting on broad, fluted ionic pilasters. The southern porch rests on paired columns; a balustrade above it has urns and a pediment. The second floor has a Palladian window composition; first floor windows are in rounded bays. The door has a carved surround and wide leaded sidelights.

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

Chestnut Street was laid out between Main Street and North Avenue in 1847. It was one of the first streets to be laid out as a response to the increase in population brought about by the railroad. That increase continued into the 1890s and as it did, lots along the street were built up. This house was occupied by a typical new resident in 1889, Thomas J. Skinner who was a bookkeeper in Boston.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Map of 1889 (T.J. Skinner).
Directory of 1889.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. House at 11 Wave Avenue Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper Melores Byers 7/6/89

Attest _____

22. House at 11 Salem Street Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper Melores Byers 7/6/89

Attest _____

23. House at 118 Greenwood Street Entered in the
National Register

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24. House at 12 West Water Street Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper Melores Byers 7/6/89

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25. House at 13 Sheffield Road Entered in the
National Register

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Attest _____

26. House at 15 Chestnut Street Entered in the
National Register

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27. House at 15 Lawrence Avenue Entered in the
National Register

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28. House at 15 Wave Avenue Entered in the
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29. House at 18 Park Street Entered in the
National Register

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30. House at 18A and 20 Aborn Street Entered in the
National Register

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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 House at 15 Chestnut Street
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: 89000726

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 Entered in the
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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15 CHESTNUT STREET



SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300