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FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Winchester, Mass., MRA  
Town WINCHESTER

Address 16A Ginn Road

Historic Name Webster Childs House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c1876

Source History of Winchester (Chapman)

Style Panel Brick (Queen Anne)

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings garage: NC

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 14,089 sq. ft. / .32A / 16-0036

Setting residential area formerly known  
as the Rangelev Estates

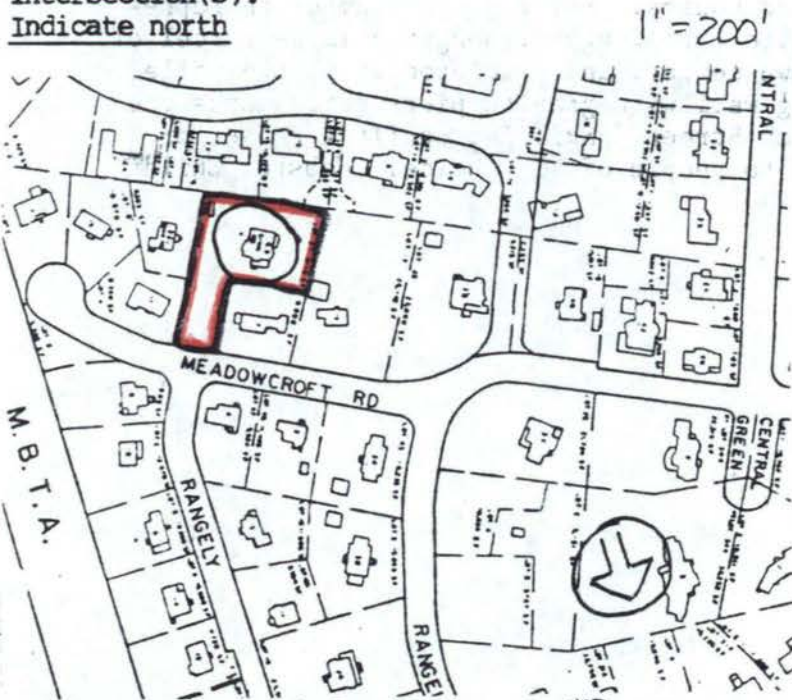
Recorded by Carl Hagge, Carol Ely

Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 12/78; 10/87 revised C. Jenkins

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



UTM REFERENCE 19.323940, 4701400

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Webster Childs House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as one of three Panel Brick style house in Winchester, all located in the Rangeley Estates area. It features decorative brickwork, a bracketed mansard roof, and stickwork in its cross gables. It also illustrates Winchester's growing popularity as a fashionable suburb, in this case the exclusive Rangeley Estates. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.**

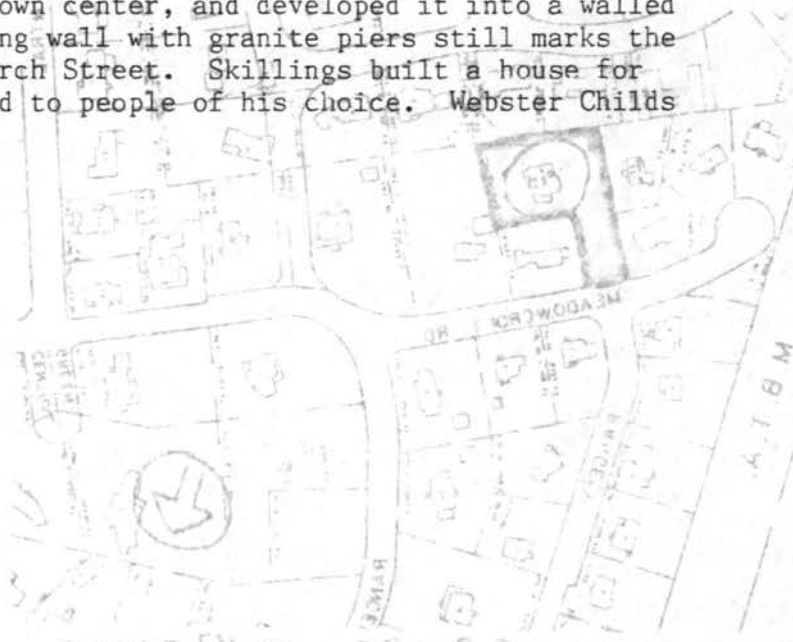
The Webster Childs House is a 2½ story brick structure enclosed by a slate roof with numerous cross gables containing stickwork. Its symmetrical facade features a projecting central pavilion with a trefoil in its gable; the gable field is shingled and contains a pointed arch window. At the first story, a segmental arched entry with double-leaf door is located beneath a porch with decorative brackets. Windows with 2/2 sash are set in segmental arches with sawtooth brickwork. Decorative bands of black tar dipped brick run above and below the windows. A decorative brick course defines the watertable and the second story. A two story bay window and one story porch are located on the west elevation.

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

This fine Panel Brick style house was built by David Skillings on the grounds of his estate, Rangeley. It is one of three similiar houses. Skillings, a lumber entrepreneur from Maine, came to Winchester in the late 19th century, bought a large parcel of land west of the railroad tracks near the town center, and developed it into a walled residential park. A handsome stone retaining wall with granite piers still marks the perimeter of the Rangeley Estates along Church Street. Skillings built a house for himself as well as five others which he sold to people of his choice. Webster Childs was a prominent Boston piano manufacturer.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Winchester MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Cover

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper Betty Sarge 7-5-89

1. Ayer, Albert, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89

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2. Ayer, Thomas, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89

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3. Bacon, Robert, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89

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4. Baker, Kenelum, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89

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5. Brackett, Edward A., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89

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6. Braddock, Edward, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89

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7. Brine, George, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89

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8. Carr--Jeeves House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 8/2/89

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9. Central Street Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

10. Childs, Webster, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89

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Webster

Childs, House

160A Ginn Rd.

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Winchester MA MKH

MHC Inv. #398

# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 1991

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FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

NR

398

Town Winchester

Address 9 Meadowcroft (also 16A Ginn Road)

Historic Name Skillings-Cutter House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1875-76

Source Woburn Journal, Nov. 6, 1875,  
Sept. 23, 1876

Style Panel Brick

Architect George D. Rand

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings garage: NC

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 14, 089 sq. ft.

Setting residential area formerly known  
as Rangeley Place

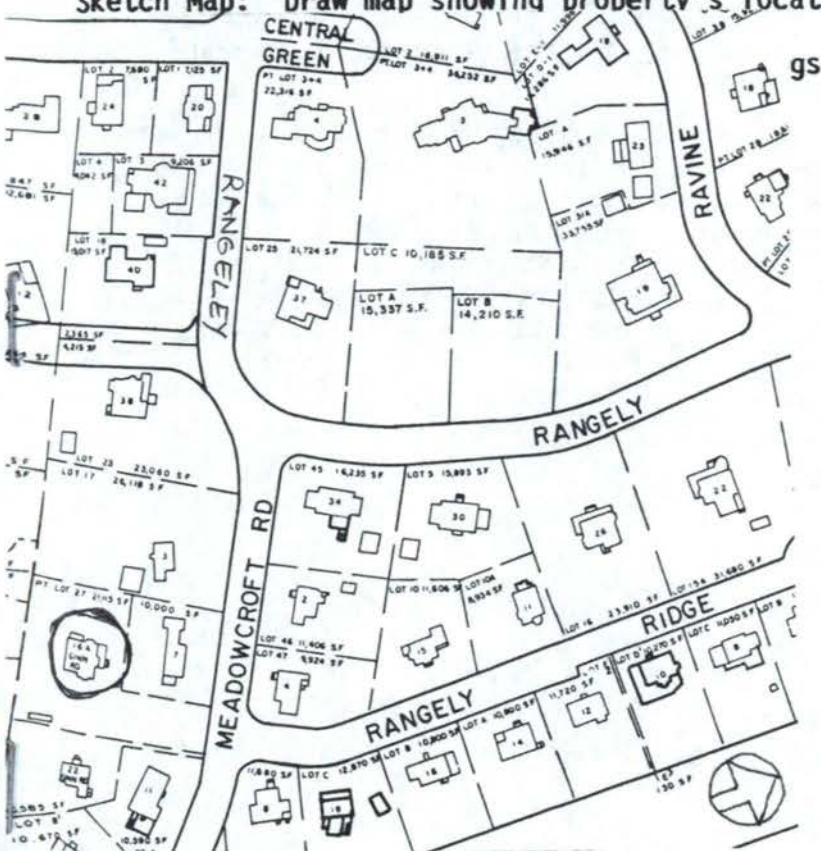
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Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 12/78; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins;  
8/90 revised by M. Meister

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Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location



UTM REFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

USGS QUADRANGLE \_\_\_\_\_

SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

1981 2 FEB

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Skillings-Cutter House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as one of Winchester's Panel Brick style houses, all designed in the mid-1870s by George D. Rand. It features decorative brickwork, a bracketed roof, and stickwork in its cross gables. It also represents the grander homes that began to be built in Winchester in the 1870s as suburban living was becoming more popular. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Skillings-Cutter House is a 2½-story brick structure enclosed by a slate roof with numerous cross gables containing stickwork. Its symmetrical facade features a projecting central pavilion with a trefoil in its gable; the gable field is shingled and contains a pointed arch window. At the first story, a segmental arched entry with double-leaf door is located beneath a porch with decorative brackets. Windows with 2/2 sash are set in segmental arches with sawtooth brickwork. Decorative bands of black tar-dipped brick run above and below the windows. A decorative brick course defines the watertable and the second story. A two-story bay window and one-story porch are located on the west elevation. The siting at the top of a hill adds to the nobility of this house.

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

This Panel Brick house was the third rental property to be built by David N. Skillings on the grounds of his estate, called Rangeley Place. Skillings reported in the Sept. 23, 1876, Woburn Journal that he had rented this house to Charles A. Cutter, librarian of the Boston Athenaeum. Cutter and his family leased the house until 1889. Cutter was one of the nation's most prominent librarians, well known for devising the Cutter classification system. In Winchester, he was active in amateur theater. In 1889, Webster Childs, a prominent Boston piano manufacturer, purchased the house from Skillings' heirs. Childs and his family lived in this house for many years.

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Winchester MRA

MASSACHUSETTS

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL:

DeRochmont House 89000642

Elder, Samuel, House 89000643

Childs, Webster, House 89000644

Skillings Estate House 89000645

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9 Meadowcroft (16A Ginn Rd.)  
Rangetley Place

Winchester, MA, MA

Aug. 1990

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Childs, Webster, House

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# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2014



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Childs, Webster, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 11/19/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/05/14  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000644

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 1.3.14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Approved**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 1.3.14

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

September 10, 2013

J. Paul Loether  
National Park Service 2280, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 I (eye) Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Re: Address changes for properties listed on the NRHP

As we digitize our inventory of historic resources, we are discovering discrepancies in property addresses due to renumbering, changing the address to a side street that abuts the parcel, or assigning a precise address where none had existed. In some cases, property owners have notified us of an incorrect address. We are, therefore, writing to request technical corrections in the National Register records for the following properties in

**Winchester (Middlesex County)**

- Sanborn House (Aigremont) (NRIND 12/14/1981)—new address is **21 High Street** (formerly 15 High Street) 81000286 ✓
- Winchester Town Hall (NRIND 3/31/1983; NRDIS 11/21/1986)—new address is **71 Mount Vernon Street** (formerly 71 Mount Auburn Street, which was a typo) 83000837 ✓

**The following were listed on 7/5/1989 as NRIND in the Winchester MRA**

- Ayer, Thomas Prentiss House—new address is **10 Grove Street** (formerly 8-10 Grove Street) 84000630 ✓
- Childs, Webster House—new address is **9 Meadowcroft Road** (formerly 16A Ginn Road) 89000644 ✓
- Gardner, Edward House—new address is **0 Gardner Place** (formerly 89 Cambridge Street) 89000605 ✓
- Mason, John C. House—new address is **10 Hillside Avenue** (formerly 8-10 Hillside Avenue) 89000634 ✓
- Oak Knoll—new address is **17 Brooks Street** (formerly 39 Oak Knoll) 89000648 ✓

- Simonds, William House—new address is **418-420 Main Street** (formerly 420 Main Street) **89 000640** ✓
- Symmes, Dea. John House—new address is **212 Main Street** (formerly 212-214 Main Street) **89000606** ✓
- Wildwood Cemetery— new address is 34 Palmer Street (formerly Wildwood Street). In addition to being individually listed in 1989 as part of the MRA, the cemetery was included in the Middlesex Canal Historic and Archaeological District, listed on 11/19/2009 **89000658** ✓

Sincerely,

*Betsy Friedberg*

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

XC: Winchester Historical Commission

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303



National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Childs, Webster, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/22/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/06/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000644

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 7/5/89 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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
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 justification of areas checked  
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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



NATIONAL  
REGISTER

January 30, 1991

Ms. Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 37127  
Washington, DC 20013-7127

RE: Winchester Multiple Resource Area

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find additional information on the following properties, which were listed on the National Register as individual properties in the Winchester Multiple Resource Area Nomination, Winchester MA, in 1989.

Skillings-Webb House  
(a.k.a. DeRochmont House)  
2-4 Rangeley Road

Skillings Estate House  
37 Rangeley Road

Skillings-Manny House  
(a.k.a. Samuel-Elder House)  
38 Rangeley Road

Skillings-Cutter House  
(a.k.a. Webster-Childs House) ✓  
9 Meadowcroft  
(a.k.a. 16A Ginn Road)

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Please add this further information to your files. Feel free to contact Doug Kelleher, National Register Assistant at this office, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosures

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Judith B. McDonough, *Executive Director, State Historic Preservation Officer*  
80 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 (617) 727-8470

Office of the Secretary of State, Michael J. Connolly, *Secretary*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Childs, Webster, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 2/05/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/22/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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NOMINATOR: STATE

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REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_