

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town Stoneham Roll 20: 20, 22, 25, 26

Address 280 Main St.

Historic Name Amasa Farrier Boarding House

Use: Original boarding house

Present residential

Ownership: Private individual M.A. Doyle
 Private organization

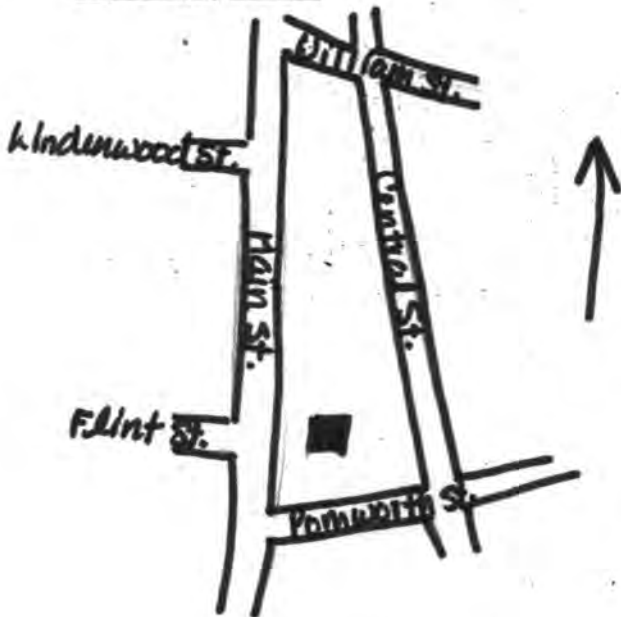
Public

Original owner Amasa Farrier

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1865 (possible earlier sections)

Source va, map research

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) no

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 6,290 sq. ft.

Setting Commercial district on

Main Street.

Boston North Quad 1:25,000
UTM: 19/327290/4705300

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

Organization Landscape Research

Date May 1979

Assessor's Map #17-184

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

The Amasa Farrier Boarding House is a large simple structure of traditional form, exhibiting Italianate motifs. It was constructed on Main Street c. 1865 to house workers at the nearby developing factories. It is the only remaining intact example of a period boarding house. This two story structure faces gable end to the street, but retains a center entry in the five bay side elevation (north). A secondary entry in the large rear ell faces the street. Ornamentation of this vernacular structure is confined to wide cornerboards, a bracketed raking cornice and a bracketed front porch. Windows are simply framed and contain 2/2 or 6/6 sash. A granite retaining wall separates the house from Main Street.

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 Boarding House possesses integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship and is significant as Stoneham's best remaining example of a boarding house. As such, it is an important reflection of the way some of Stoneham's workers lived during the town's industrial heyday. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

This structure was used as a boarding house (or multiple family house) for shoe-factory employees. Several additions may have been made. The owner of the property until 1883 was Amasa Farrier, town surveyor and planner of Stoneham and Lindenrood Cemeteries. His residence was 55 Central Street (#173--see form for biographical information).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1874 map of Stoneham
1887 Sanborn
Valuation Books
W. Stevens, History of Stoneham, p.115

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered _____

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

- | | | | |
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| 21. Farrier, Amasa, Boardinghouse | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 22. Farrier, Amasa, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 23. First Baptist Church | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 24. First Congregational Church | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 25. First Unitarian Church | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 26. Foley, Michael, Cottage | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 27. Foster, Walter K.,
House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 28. Fuller, Enoch, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 29. Fuller, William Griffin,
House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |
| 30. Gill, Charles, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 4/13/84 | Attest _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Farrier, Amasa, Boardinghouse
(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
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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

Acreage 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 _____

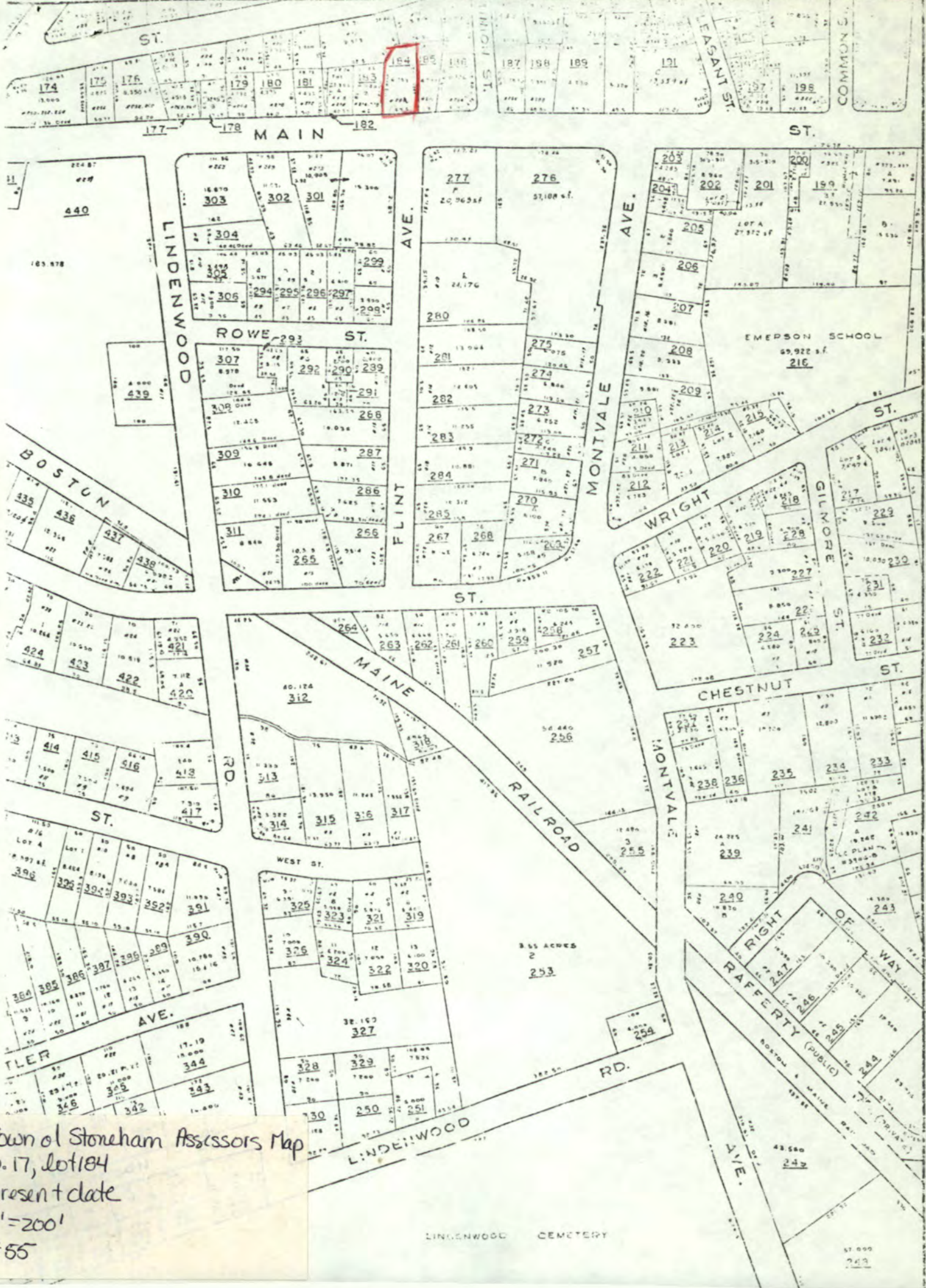
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Farrist, Amasa, Bowditch House

Storeham MRA, Ma

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Town of Stoneham Assessors Map
 p. 17, lot 184
 present date
 1"=200'
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LINDENWOOD CEMETERY

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295