

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Methuen ✓
 Address 233 Lawrence Street ✓
 Historic Name George A. Waldo House ✓
 Present Owner: Kenneth Pollard

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
 staple to left side of form

Photo number 3-34 front
3-35 columns
3-36 east facade

Use: Present Kenneth Pollard Funeral Home
 Original private residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1825, 1900 additions
 Source Methuen Historical Commission

Style Federal
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) ells (see over): 20th century

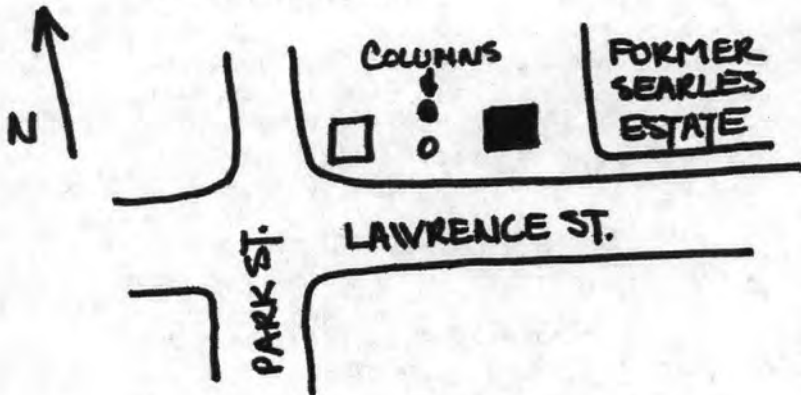
Moved no Date n/a
 Approx. acreage 38,560 sq. ft.
one acre or less

Setting despite location near town center,
setting is rural due to proximity of

Searles and Tenny estate
 UTM: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
19 321250/4732660

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie
 Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.
 Date May, 1978/May, 1983
 Assessor's Data: Block 41, Lot 18

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The George Waldo House is an example of one of few high-styled houses from the Federal period in Methuen. Constructed ca.1825, it is a 2½-story-plus-monitor hipped-roof dwelling of square plan. A central pavillion with a pedimented gable surrounded by a raking cornice and a sidelit entry with elliptical fanlight appear to be part of a turn-of-the-century addition. Windows have simple enframements and contain 6/6/sash. The house is well sited, with a granite and cast iron fence running the length of Lawrence St. Two free-standing granite Corinthian columns carrying urns are situated at the western edge of the property, an addition made by Edward Searles, who owned the abutting property.

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

The George Waldo House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant as a high-styled early 19th century Methuen residence, associated with several prominent owners, including John Low, a druggist. This residence is a survivor of a period when Lawrence Street was one of few routes leading to the present-day town center and preserves a significant portion of the original landscape of Lawrence Street, now built with later 19th century development. The Waldo House meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Methuen Historical Commission Records.

1874 Essex County Map of Methuen.

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 , Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Waldo, George A., House Entered in the
National Register

fa
Keeper *Melvin Byers 1/20/84*

Attest

67 42. Walnut Grove Cemetery Entered in the
National Register

fa
Keeper *Melvin Byers 1/20/84*

Attest

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Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Waldo, George A., House (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

DEC - 7 1983

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84
Action: ACCEPT 1/20/84
 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	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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Acreege 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: _____



Walters, George A. Hesse

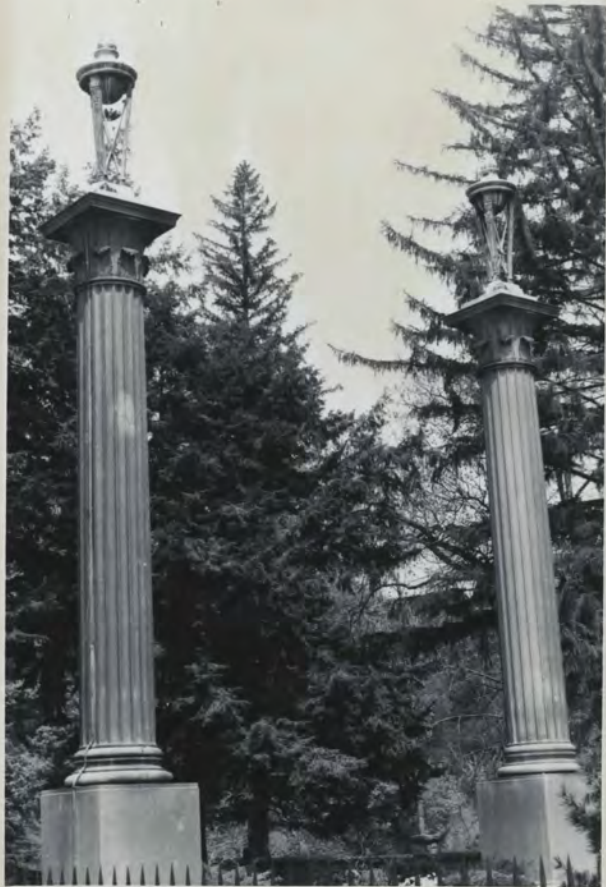
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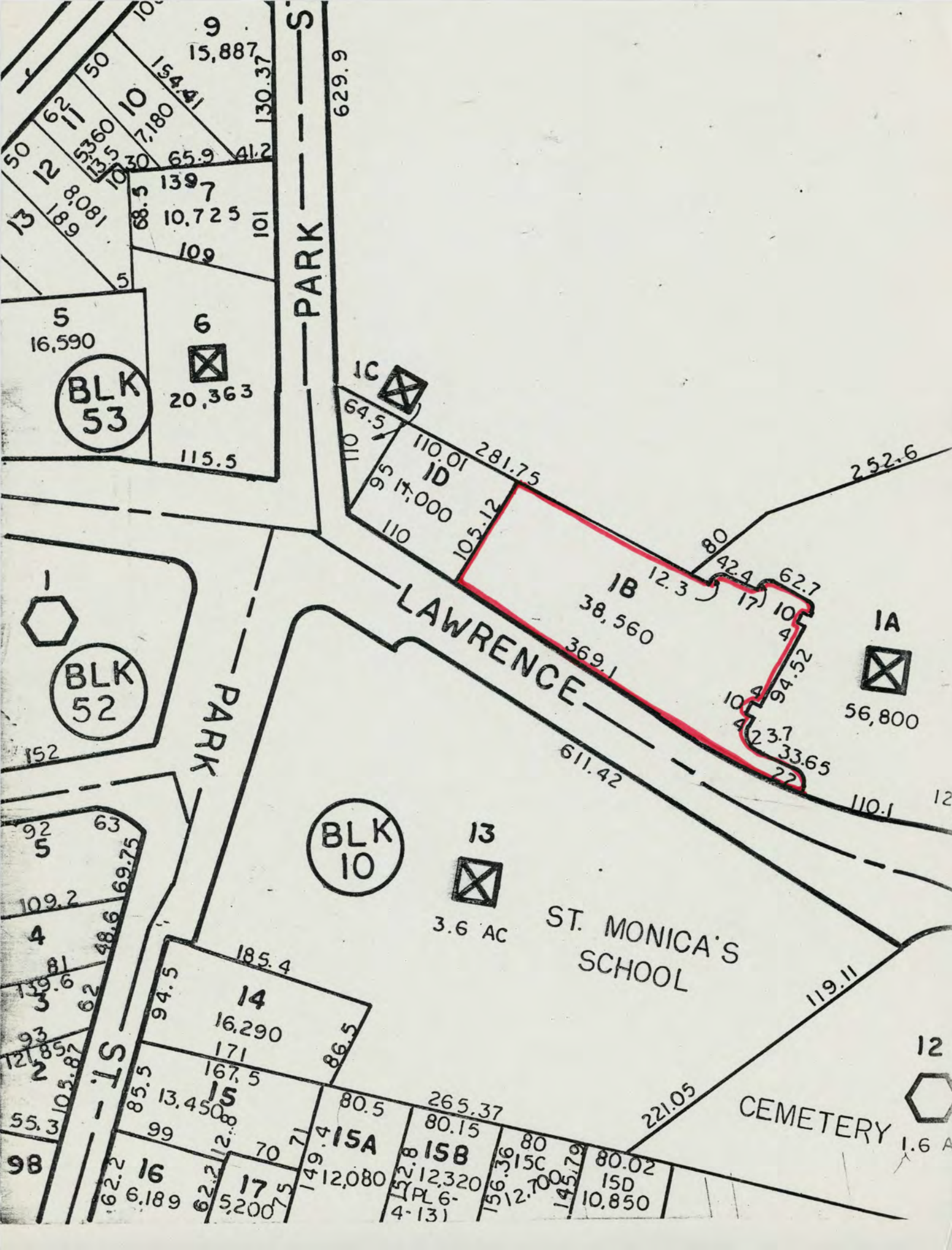
Waldo, George H., House
Newtown MA, Ma

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Waldo, George A, House -
Methuen MRA, Ma

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CEMETERY

12

1.6 A

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284