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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

393

Winchester, Mass. MRA

Town WINCHESTER

Address 37 Rangeley Road

Historic Name Skillings Estate House

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

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c1880

Source historic maps

Style Queen Anne/Shingle style

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick, patterned shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) glazing of part of porch?

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 21,724 sq. ft. / .5A / 16-0187

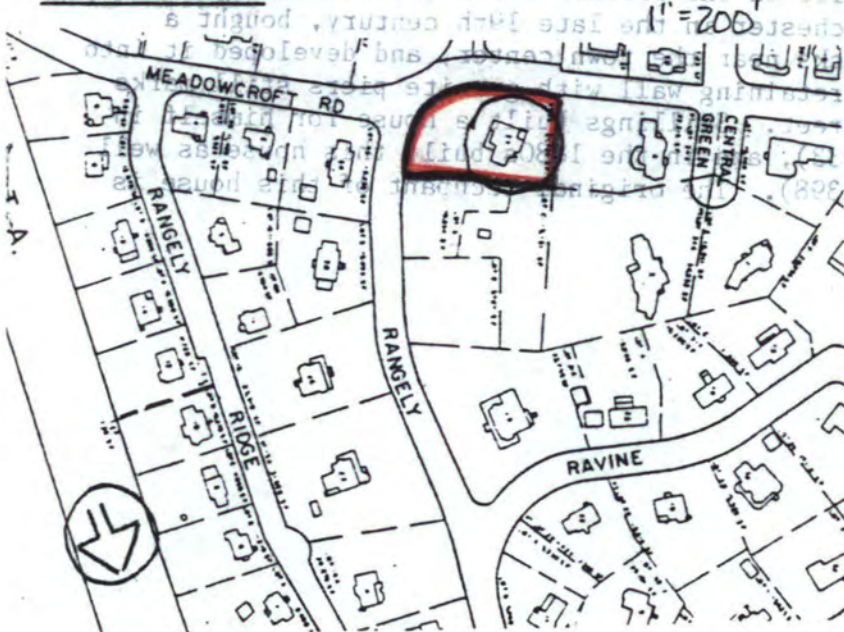
Setting residential area formerly known as the Rangeley Estates

Recorded by Carl Hagge, Carol Ely

Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

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

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, 323890.47 01540

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Skillings Estate House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant primarily for the high quality of its architectural design which features both Queen Anne and Shingle Style elements. Particularly important is its combination of brick and patterned shingle sheathing, a carved floral Queen Anne panel, a facade gable supported by shingled arches, and the numerous planes of its facade. The house also represents the grander homes being built in Winchester in the last quarter of the 19th century as suburban living became 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 Estate House is a 2½-story house of complex plan that is enclosed by a slate gable roof. It occupies a prominent location above the turn on Rangeley Road. The house is largely constructed of brick but features patterned shingles in some portions of its upper stories. The asymmetrical facade is dominated by a gable with decorative shingling and a carved floral panel between two windows. The lower half of the house is brick, with terra cotta floral insets and a shingled oriel window. The entrance to the house is through a large, deep arch, in a manner associated with H.H. Richardson's Romanesque. Rand later built extensively in the Romanesque style, as can be seen in his design for Winchester Town Hall, from 1887-88. On the east side of the house, a gable is supported on shingled brackets and arches that frame a window with double-hung sash. Beneath, and extending across the facade, is a partially glazed and partially open verandah.

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

This Queen Anne house was built by David N. Skillings as a rental property on the grounds of his estate, Rangeley Place. In 1880, Skillings died just as construction on the house was begun. At the same time, he was building three other houses in an enclave on Church Street (59, 61-63 and 65 Church St.), and his architect George Rand was building a brick house for himself at 1 Wildwood St. on property sold to him by Skillings. Skillings' children took over Rangeley, and the house was completed and leased, although the first tenant is unknown. By 1895, the house was rented to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Gilman. In the first decade of the 20th century, after the book publisher Edwin Ginn bought Rangeley Place, this house was leased to Miss Emma Grebe, a violin teacher and a sister of Ginn's wife. At this time, a croquet court existed on the west side of the house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

American Architect, July 17, 1880
Winchester Archival Center resources: maps, town directories
"Suburban Homes," Boston Herald, March 30, 1881

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
41. Remick, Joseph, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
42. Richardson, Zachariah, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
43. Russell, Charles, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
44. Russell, Arthur H., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
45. Sharon House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
46. Simonds, William, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
47. Skillings Estate House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
48. St. Mary's Catholic Church Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
49. Stanton, Jacob, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
50. Sullivan, Edward, House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>John F. Savage</u> 7-5-89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Skillings Estate 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: 89000645

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

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
 UTMs 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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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Winchester MRA

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL:

DeRochmont House 89000642

Elder, Samuel, House 89000643

Childs, Webster, House 89000644

Skillings Estate House 89000645

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

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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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COMMENT WAIVER: N

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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
___UTMs ___boundary justification

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303



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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

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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

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*

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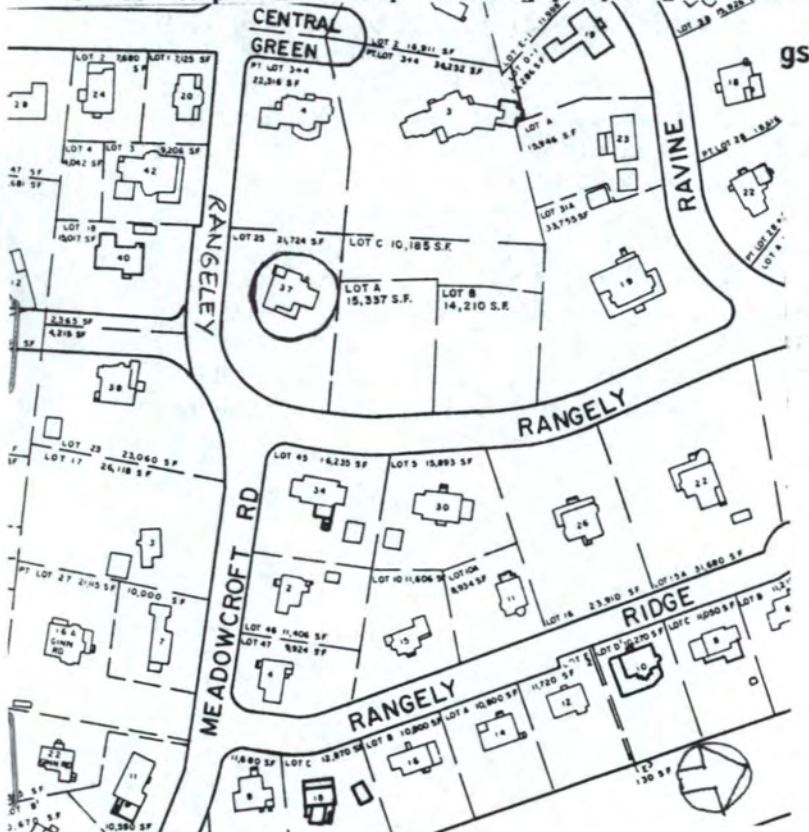
Major Alterations (with dates) _____

sunporch added to east elevation,
probably 1920s

Condition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage 21,724 sq. ft.Setting residential area formerlyknown as Rangeley PlaceRecorded by Carl Magge, Carol ElyOrganization Winchester Historical Comm.

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Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location



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

The Skillings Estate House is a 2½ story house of complex plan that is enclosed by a slate gable roof. Occupying a prominent corner location at Central Street and Rangeley Road, its facade recedes back in three planes. The house is largely constructed of brick but features patterned shingles in some portions of its upper stories. The asymmetrical facade is dominated by a bold projecting cross gable with decorative shingling in the gable field. In Shingle style fashion, the gable is supported on shingled brackets and arches that frame a window with double hung sash. Beneath, and extending across the facade, is a partially glazed and partially open verandah. The south elevation, which faces Central Street, is well detailed as well and features shingles in various patterns as well as a carved floral Queen Anne panel between upper story windows. The bow window at the first story also exhibits patterned shingles underscoring the rich ornamentation of this fine 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 fine Queen Anne/Shingle Style house was built by David Skillings on the grounds of his estate Rangeley. It is one of four houses built on the grounds for acquaintances. 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 property along Church Street. Skillings built a house for himself in the 1870s which has since been demolished (1933), and in the 1880s built this house as well as three in the panel brick style (387, 394, 398). The original occupant of this house is unknown.

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Winchester Archival Center resources; historic maps, files.

