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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	104 NRN

Town Wakefield

Address 40 Crescent Street

Historic Name _____

NA

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

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

DESCRIPTION

Date 1839

Source owner's documentation

Style Greek Revival

Architect Abel F. Hutchinson

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings None

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

Major Alterations (with dates) extended

rear 1 story. (c. 1860)

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting set on hill, massive rusticated granite retaining wall edges corner plot.

UTM REFERENCE 19/330010/4707570

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates
Organization Wakefield Historical Commission
Date March, 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

This 1½ story Greek Revival house is a unique and very carefully preserved example of a house form found throughout New England. It retains integrity of location, 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.

This is a unique and very fine example in Wakefield of a Greek Revival house form found throughout New England. One and one half stories high, the high peaked gable roof, set parallel to the street, is cantilevered over the body of the house and supported by four fluted Doric columns fronting a porch. The door, set in the center of the five bay elevation, features a paneled architrave surround with circle filled corner blocks, a pattern repeated for the sidelights and the ten light transom. Windows also have architrave surrounds, they extend to the floor at the porch, a typical Greek Revival feature. A narrow side door has the same complex surround and multi-pane transom.

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

Crescent Street existed as early as 1812, when it was a lane with a gate across it at Main Street. Though not accepted by the town until 1838, it had been in wide use since the establishment ten years earlier of the South Reading Academy, a private school preparing young men for further Baptist theological studies, and informally serving as a high school. The Central Grammar School joined the Academy on the hill before 1857, but in 1847 the Academy building was purchased by the town to use as its own public high school.

Abel F. Hutchinson, a shoe maker, purchased this lot in 1836, and three years later built the house. Shoe making was the town's most important industry before the opening of the railroad in 1844 brought industrial diversification and expansion. It remained, however, the second most valuable product, employing a significant number of the town's citizens, both men and women. Since no shoe shop is pictured on the lot, it is to be supposed that Mr. Hutchinson was employed by one of the town's shoe manufacturers, like John White, L.B. Evans, or Thomas Emerson. The house has continued to be occupied and carefully maintained by descendants of the original builder.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
51. House at 39 Converse Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alouise Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
52. House at 40 Crescent Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alouise Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
53. House at 42 Hopkins Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alouise Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
54. House at 5 Bennett Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alouise Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
55. House at 509 North Avenue <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alouise Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
56. House at 52 Oak Street <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u><i>Beth L. Savage</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
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58. House at 556 Lowell Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alouise Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
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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 40 Crescent 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: 89000691

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 _____



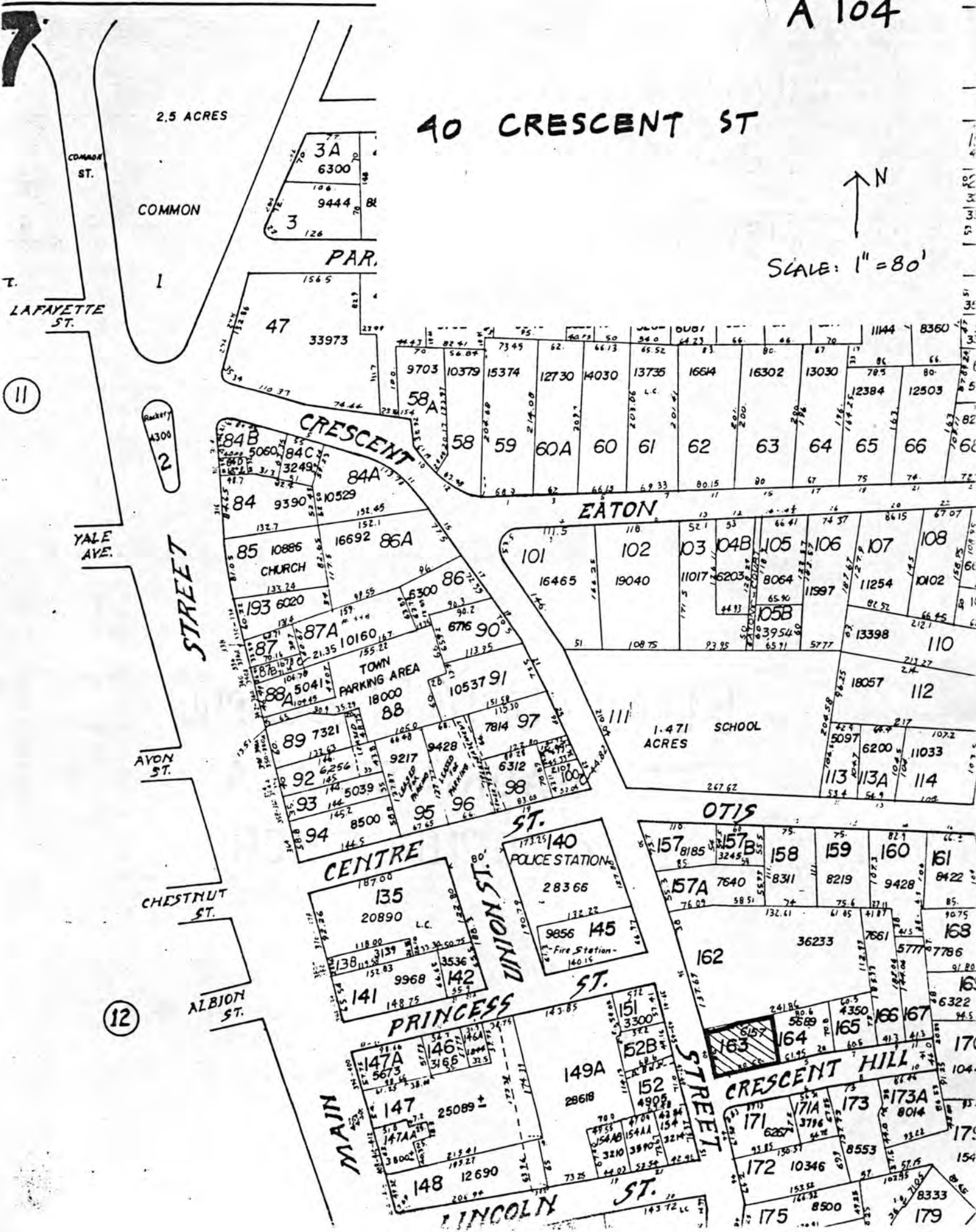
House
at A 104
40 Crescent St

Wakefield MRA, Ma

40 CRESCENT ST



SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

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