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AREA

FORM NO.

245

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

(Winchester, Mass. M.R.A.)

Town WINCHESTER

Address 8 - 10 Hillside Avenue

Historic Name John Mason House

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 1860s

Source stylistic analysis, maps

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings two-bay detached garage  
NC

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date

Acreage .73 acre 04-0119

Setting Suburban residential on hillside east of town center.

Recorded by Carol Ely

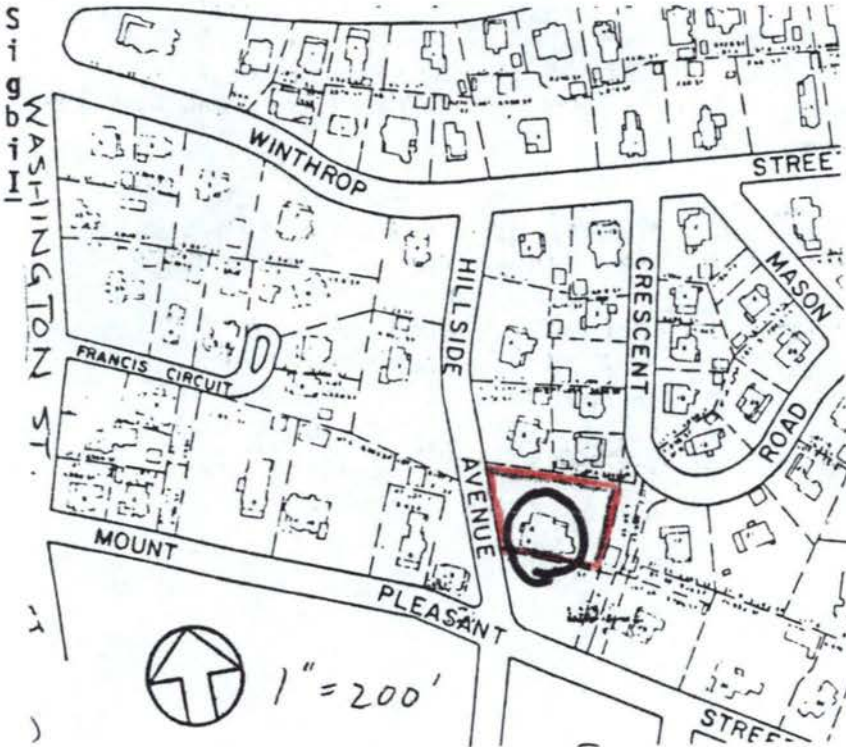
Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 10/78; rev. by H.White 10/87

UTM REFERENCE 19, 324640, 47 01690

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000



## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The John Mason House is a well-detailed example of a high styled Italianate house, and is associated with one of the first Boston businessmen to move to Winchester during the early period of suburbanization. Therefore the Mason House 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 Mason House exemplifies the large suburban residences built by prosperous Boston businessmen during the second half of the nineteenth century. This ample house is set amidst expansive landscaped grounds on a hill east of the town center. The Mason House is a two-and-one-half story dwelling with a truncated hip roof covered with grey slate. The lower slope of the roof is punctuated by round-headed gable windows.

The Mason House is based on a T-plan, and the house exhibits the irregular silhouette, replete with polygonal bays and porches on three elevations, as well as the florid ornament which characterized later Italianate design.

The broadly overhanging eaves rest on alternating single and paired scroll brackets with pendant drops. The entrance is offset to the left, and the double doors have upper round-headed panels of glass. The entrance is set within an elaborate open porch, with paired chamfered columns.

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

The Mason house was built during the early 1860s, possibly as a speculative venture. It was sold by the original owner at auction to John C. Mason sometime before 1875. Mason was among the earliest of the wave of prosperous Boston businessmen to settle in Winchester during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Mason was active in local affairs; he was appointed to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water Commissioners, and was a founding member of the Crawford Memorial Methodist Church. In 1893, Mason parcelled off some of his grounds, selling the land as houselots on Hillside Avenue, and the newly laid out Crescent Avenue.

1. Joshua Stone 1864-1875
2. John C. Mason 1876-1899
3. Addie Marsh & Martha Stone 1900-1920
4. Carl Halwartz 1921-1926
5. Charles Rogers 1927-1964
6. Robert Joslin 1965-1977

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

History of Winchester, by H. Chapman, 1936, pp. 192, 211, 234, 235.  
Winchester Town Directories  
Deeds

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Winchester	Form No: 245
Property Name: John Mason House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE continued,

All of the facade windows are placed in pairs, with slender openings. The windows of the lower story are full-length with scrolled lintels and bracketed sills. The windows of the upper story have segmental lintels and bracketed sills.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Winchester MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	Date/Signature
21. Gardner, O.W. House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	Date/Signature
		Attest _____	
22. Ginn Gardener's House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
		Attest _____	
23. Grover, Henry, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
		Attest _____	
24. Hovey--Winn House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
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25. Hutchinson--Blood House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
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26. Johnson--Thompson House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
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27. Jones, Marshall W., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
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28. Locke, Asa, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
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29. Mann, James H., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
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30. Mason, John, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelous Byers 7/15/89</u>	
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John

Mason, House

8-10 Hillside Ave 1/88

Winchester, Ma. MRA

MHC Inv. # 245

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

## 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 NAME: Mason, John, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Winchester MRA

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: 89000634

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 History  
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) 89000630 ✓
- 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 ✓

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Memo to File

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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  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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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 \_\_\_\_\_