

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	128

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number 6-7, 6-8

Town Methuen ✓
 Address 535/537 Prospect Street ✓
 Historic Name J. E. Buswell House ✓
 Present Owner: Frank Rourke

Use: Present private residences (2)
 Original single-family residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1875

Source v/a; maps

Style Second Empire

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) transom blocked

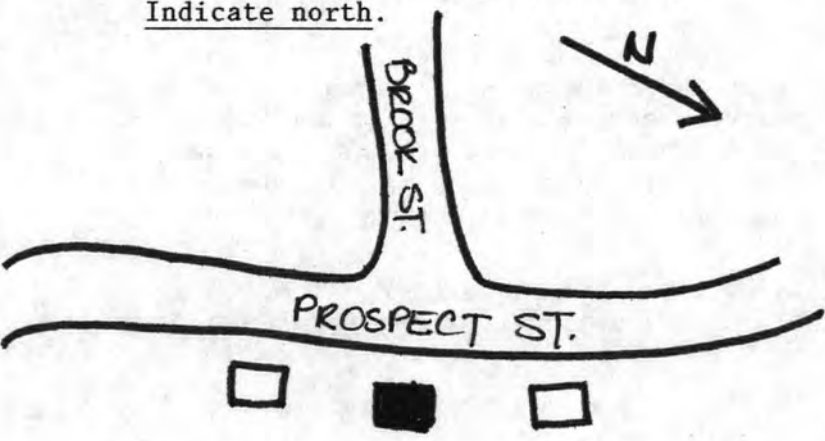
Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage one acre or less ^{8500 sq. ft.}

Setting residential

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 83, Lot 3

UTM Reference: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
19 323000/4733000

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

533/537 Prospect Street constructed ca.1875 is a fine example of the French Second Empire style as seen in the Lower Merrimack Valley and Methuen. Of particular significance to this sculptural facade is the treatment of the window enframements of the tripartite projecting bays. A variety of carved and sawn ornament embellishes the segmental-arched windows and surrounds. A bracketed porch is carried by panelled posts.

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

533/537 Prospect Street possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant as a well preserved businessman's and state representative's residence, and characteristic of the Prospect/Brook Street residential area. Additionally, it is the finest example of the Second Empire design remaining in the town. Thus, the building meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Town Directory.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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12/7/83

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Cover — O.K.

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Barker, Stephen, House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. | Buswell, J. E., House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. | Daddy Frye's Hill Cemetery | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. | Dolan, Terence, House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. | Double-arch Sandstone Bridge | | Keeper | <u>Thomas Lee Paul</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. | Emerson House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. | Emerson, Capt. Oliver,
Homestead | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 8. | Emmons, G. B., House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. | First Baptist Church | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. | Hardy, Urias, House | | Keeper | <u>Thomas Lee Paul</u> 1/20/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |

Substantive Review

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Buswell, J.E., 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 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		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

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: _____



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Buswell, J. E., House
Methuen, MA, Ma.

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6-5
Buswell, J. E., House
McNair N.R.A., Ala.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284