

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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In Area no.	Form no.
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Worcester
Address 1133 West Boylston Street
Name Ezra Rice House
Present use residential
Present owner Louis A. & Leonor Rodriguez

3. Description:
Date ca. 1833-1845
Source maps, exterior architecture
transitional Federalist to
Style Greek Revival
Architect unknown (if any)
Exterior wall fabric clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) none
Other features rock-faced granite
found., side-hall plan, corner boards
pedimented gable, entry with corner
& center blocks

Altered minor Date _____

Moved no Date _____

UTM: 5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 32, p.32,
Lot 50-52, 9210 sq.ft.

19/270140/4690460

One acre or less ☒ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street
30'

6. Recorded by S. Lee, ed. B.R. Pfeiffer
Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
Date December 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Ezra Beaman Rice

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Bearing a close resemblance to the Charles Newton House (Form 17-C), the Ezra Rice House is an early example of Greek Revival architecture, one which retains elements of the Federalist style. The house is a two storey frame structure set on a foundation of rock-faced granite. The house's facade is three-bays wide and is trimmed with narrow corner boards and a pedimented gable. The house's facade entry, nearly identical to that of the Charles Newton House), is one of two of its type existent in Worcester. Derived from patterns published in Asher Benjamin's builder's companions of the 1830s, the doorway contains an original panelled door flanked by side lights and surrounded by an architrave with decorative center and corner blocks. Alterations to the house are minor, consisting of the enclosure of a rear porch (south elevation).

Because of the Rice House's distance from Worcester's center, it is not listed in local directories until 1851, when it was occupied by Ezra Beaman Rice (1825-1912), a farmer. Little is known of Rice, who occupied 1133 West Boylston Street until his death, although his name suggests that he was a grandson of Ezra Beaman. The elder Beaman was a prominent citizen of Boylston and West Boylston who fought as a major in the Revolution and later served as a representative to the General Court. The Beaman family's long-standing ties to West Boylston and the distance of the house from the center of Worcester probably account for the scant information regarding Ezra Beaman Rice.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

city atlases and directoried

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

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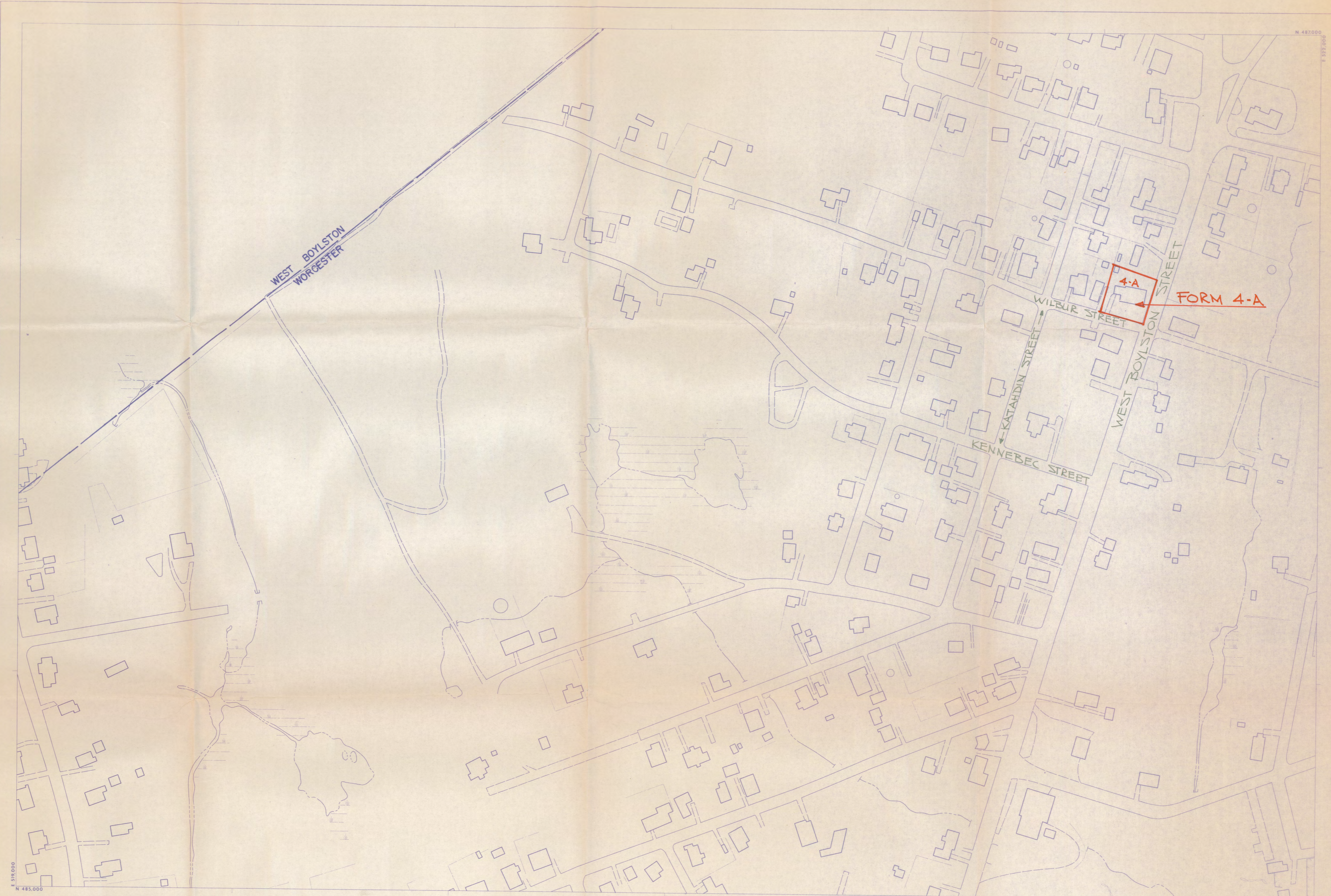
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1133 W. Boylston St

Rice, Ezra, House

West & east elevations

Worcester MRA, Ma



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THIS MAP REPRODUCED FROM MAPING MEETING NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS AT A SCALE OF 1"=200'



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PLANIMETRIC BASE MAP

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