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FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

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

Town Wakefield

Address Farm Road

Historic Name Woodville School

Use: Present School

Original School

DESCRIPTION

Date 1919 -1920

Source Inscription on Building

Style Neo-Colonial (Dutch)

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Brick

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) Major rehabilitation 1950 (interior)

Condition Good

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage 2.5 acres

Setting Set back from road-new school to south surrounded by wire fence.

UTM REFERENCE 19/331450/4706880

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates  
Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Woodville School building is a well preserved example of Neo-Dutch Colonial institutional architecture and represents local design for public schools in Wakefield in the 1920s. The building retains integrity of location, design, setting, 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 good example of Wakefield's public school building of the second decade of the 20th century, which includes the similar Montrose School. While this is Neo-Colonial in the Dutch mode and the other is Neo-Georgian, they are both symmetrical, of red brick and cast stone, and are detailed with oversized cast stone elements. The 2 story structure has a deep, 1 story center pavilion which is dominated by six long windows. It is flanked by two lower slate roofed elements, one containing an entry porch. The parapets are stepped and are ornamented with diamond patterns picked out in brick, and in the central block the name, "Woodville School" is inscribed in cast stone.

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

In 1700 the area now considered Wakefield had four schoolhouses, which served the Center, South, West and East Districts. By 1845 the East District's school was called Little World, but this name was changed to the more formal Woodville School by the School Committee in 1857. The picturesque nickname remained in common usage for the area into the twentieth century.

The area was thinly settled, and populated primarily by farmers and shoemakers until twentieth century suburban development, which in the main, followed the Second World War.

The present school building was constructed at a cost of \$67,000 in 1920. It was closed in 1950, but reopened as a 7th and 8th grade facility thereafter.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Wakefield Historical Society, vertical files.

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

91. **Woodville School**

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper *Alonzo Byers* 7/6/89

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92. Woodward Homestead

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National Register

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93. Yale Avenue Historic District

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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 Woodville School  
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: 89000694

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

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CLASSIFICATION

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



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30 Farm St.  
Woodville School

Wakefield MRA, Ma



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300