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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Winchester MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
11.	Cole House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
12.	DeRochmont House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
13.	Dike--Orne House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
14.	Dwight, Edmund, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
15.	Elder, Samuel, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 9/5/89 Attest _____
16.	Everett Avenue--Sheffield Road Historic District <u>Substantive Review</u>	Sr Keeper <u>Beth J. Sarge</u> 7-5-89 Attest _____
17.	Firth--Glengarry Historic District Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
18.	Gardner, Edward, House <u>Substantive Review</u>	Sr Keeper <u>Beth J. Sarge</u> 7-5-89 Attest _____
19.	Gardner, Patience and Sarah, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
20.	Ginn Carriage House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Elder, Samuel, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/22/89                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/06/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000643

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    7/5/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
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  
 UTMs       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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Winchester MRA

MASSACHUSETTS

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL:

DeRochmont House 89000642

Elder, Samuel, House 89000643

Childs, Webster, House 89000644

Skillings Estate House 89000645

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Elder, Samuel, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 2/05/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/22/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000643

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 2/28/91 DATE *NTB*

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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CLASSIFICATION

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Rangeley Place  
Winchester NRA, Ma

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Town Winchester

Address 38 Rangeley Road

Historic Name Skillings-Manny House

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

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1875-76

Source Woburn Journal: Nov. 6, 1875, May 20, 1876

Style Panel Brick

Architect George D. Rand

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings brick garage: C

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 27,275 sq. ft.

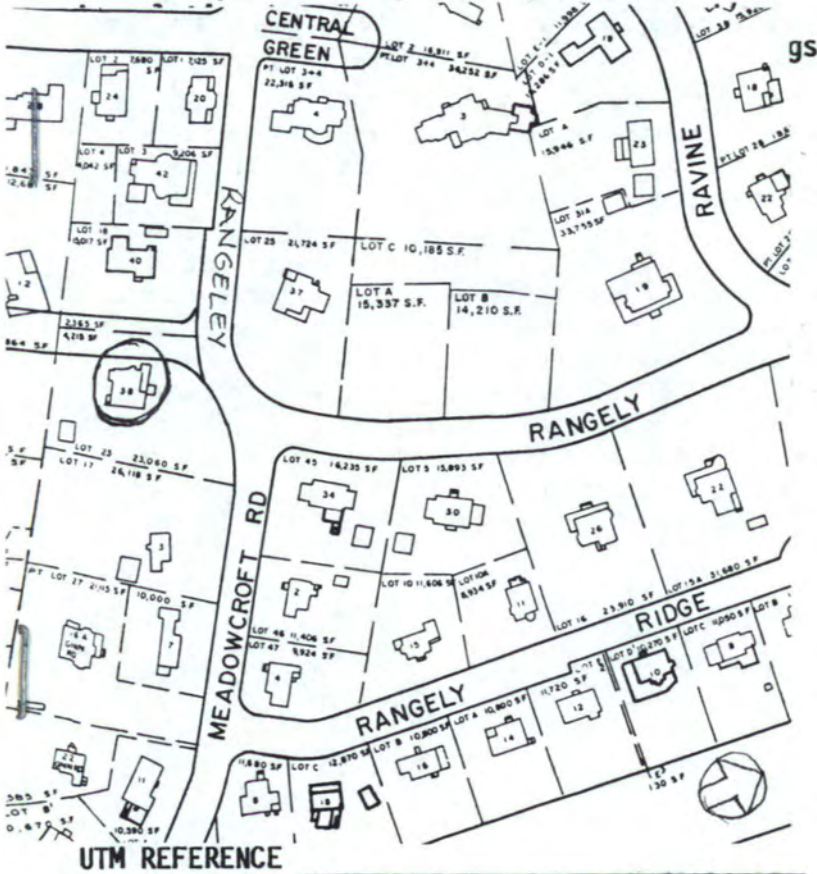
Setting residential area formerly known as Rangeley Place

Recorded by Carl Hage, Carol Ely

Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 12/78; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins; 8/90 revised by M. Meister

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

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

The Skillings-Manny House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as one of Winchester's Panel Brick style houses, all designed in the mid-1870s by George D. Rand. It features red and tar-dipped black brick to produce a polychromatic wall surface. The facade is asymmetrical with a projecting wing. The house also represents the grander homes that began to be built in Winchester in the 1870s as suburban living was becoming more popular. It 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 Skillings-Manny House is a 2½-story red brick structure enclosed by a slate hip roof with modillions and corner brackets. It is trimmed with a variety of materials including brownstone watertable and window sills, black tar-dipped brick, decorative brick courses, and colored tile panels on the front chimney. The asymmetrical facade includes a segmental arched entry with double-leaf door set next to a projecting wing. A porch with trefoils cut into the balustrade and bracketed posts extends across the facade from the wing. Segmental arched windows at both stories contain 9/1 sash, which replaced 2/2 sash of the original. The windows are connected at the impost level by soldier courses and at the sill level by sawtooth courses. A bay window is located on the west elevation. Behind the house is a double bay brick garage. The design of this house is similar to the design of the home of Prof. J.D. Runkle, built from 1875-76 and located at 84 High St., Brookline. Also by Rand, it has a similar projecting wing, similar doors, and a similar porch running across the front. The Runkle House was illustrated in the American Architect (May 5, 1877). The siting of the Skillings-Manny House also is noteworthy. Placed just beyond a wide curve in Rangeley Road, it is set back with a sweeping lawn in front of it.

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

This Panel Brick house was the second rental property to be built by David N. Skillings on the grounds of his estate. It went up between 1875 and 1876. Skillings reported in the May 20, 1876, Woburn Journal that he was leasing it to Henry J. Stevens, Esq., "a lawyer of Boston." Boston Directories indicate, however, that Stevens never moved to Winchester; perhaps he rented the house for only the summer. In 1879, Skillings sold this house to John T. Manny. Manny was treasurer of the Winchester Savings Bank, of which Skillings was president. At the same time, Manny sold his house and property on Church Street to Skillings, which became incorporated into Rangeley Place. The gain for Skillings was land, while Manny gained a finer house. Like Skillings, Manny was a former selectman and a onetime Boston businessman, having been a partner in Badger & Manny, a wholesale boot and shoe dealer. In 1888, Manny sold this house to Webster Childs, a Boston piano manufacturer. Childs apparently lived in the house for just a year before buying and moving into 9 Meadowcroft (16A Ginn Road). Childs then leased the Skillings-Manny House to James Skillings, one of David Skillings' sons, who lived here with his family through 1920. James Skillings devoted his career to carrying on his father's Boston lumber business.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

- Woburn Journal, Nov. 6, 1875, and May 20, 1876
- Winchester Archival Center resources: maps, town directories
- Registry of Deeds, Cambridge
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- American Architect, June 23, 1877
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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Winchester, Mass., MRA

Town WINCHESTER

Address 38 Rangeley Road

Historic Name Samuel Elder House

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

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c1876

Source History of Winchester (Chapman)

Style Panel Brick (Queen Anne)

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings brick garage C

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 27,275sq.ft. / .62A / 16-0034

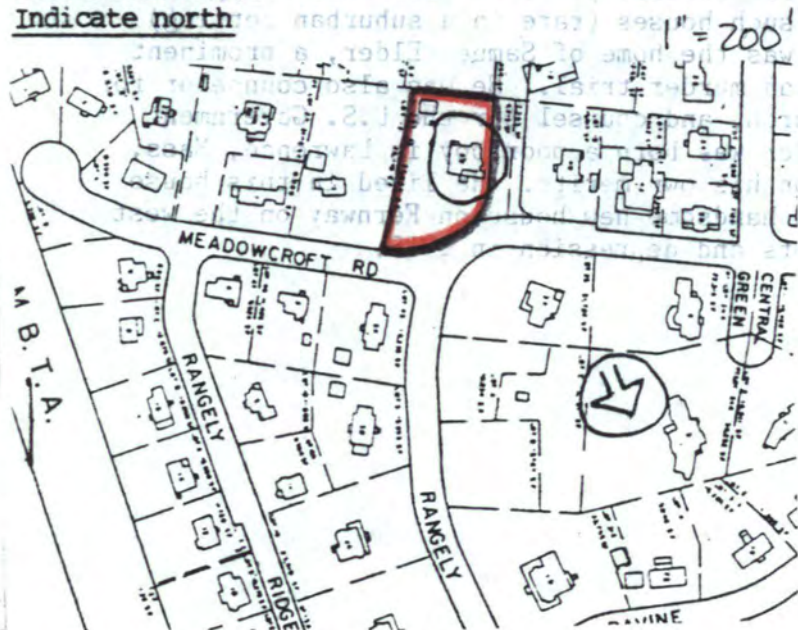
Setting residential area formerly known as the Rangeley Estates

Recorded by Carl Hagge, Carol Fly

Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 12/78; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins

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



UTM REFERENCE 19, 323880, 4701480

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS

SCALE 1:25,000

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

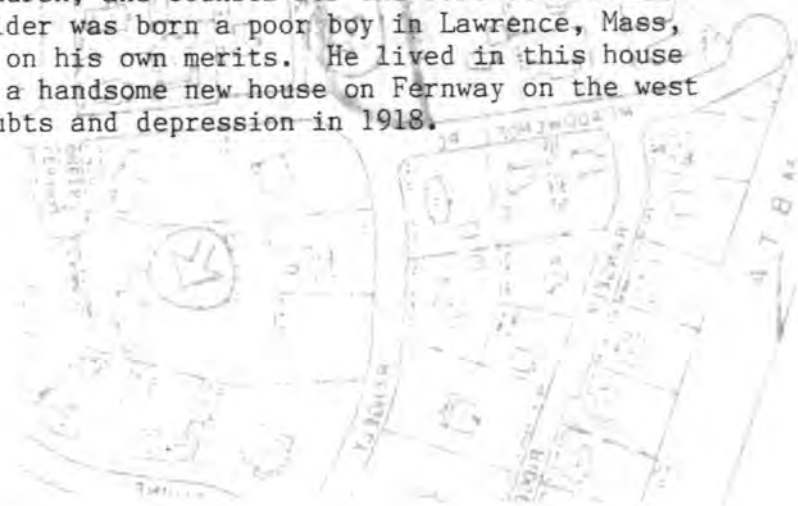
The Elder House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as one of three Panel Brick style houses in Winchester, all located in the Rangeley Estates area. It features red and tar-dipped black patterned brick to produce a polychromatic wall surface and an irregular silhouette. It also illustrates Winchester's growing popularity as a fashionable suburb, in this case the exclusive Rangeley Estates. It 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 Elder House is a 2½ story red brick structure enclosed by a slate hip roof with modillions and corner brackets. It is trimmed with a variety of materials including brown-stone watertable and window sills, black tar dipped brick, decorative brick courses, and colored tile panels on its paneled facade chimney. The asymmetrical facade includes a segmental arched entry with double-leaf door set next to a projecting wing. A porch with cut-out balustrade and bracketed posts extends across the facade from the wing. Segmental arched windows at both stories contain 9/1 sash and are connected at the impost level by angled soldier courses and at the sill level by sawtooth courses. The brick courses and the window heads are highlighted by the use of tar dipped black brick. A bay window is located on the west elevation. A double bay brick garage with slate hip roof stands behind the house.

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

This fine Panel Brick style house was built by David Skillings on the grounds of his estate Rangeley which he developed as a walled residential park, and for which he personally selected residents. It is one of three such houses (rare in a suburban setting) located in the Rangeley Estates. In 1897 it was the home of Samuel Elder, a prominent Boston attorney who was involved in the Eastman murder trial. He was also counselor for Mary Baker Eddy and her Christian Science Church, and counsel for the U.S. Government Fisheries Arbitration Case at the Hague. Elder was born a poor boy in Lawrence, Mass, went to Yale and became a successful lawyer on his own merits. He lived in this house from at least 1889 to 1905 when he moved to a handsome new house on Fernway on the west side of town. There he died, plagued by doubts and depression in 1918.



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- Chapman, Henry Smith. History of Winchester. Vol. II. p.14.
- Winchester ARchival Center resources: maps, town directories, Scrapbook #1, p. 30 (review of the biography of Elder)

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303



NATIONAL REGISTER

January 30, 1991

Ms. Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 37127  
Washington, DC 20013-7127

RE: Winchester Multiple Resource Area

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find additional information on the following properties, which were listed on the National Register as individual properties in the Winchester Multiple Resource Area Nomination, Winchester MA, in 1989.

Skillings-Webb House  
(a.k.a. DeRochmont House)  
2-4 Rangeley Road

Skillings Estate House  
37 Rangeley Road

✓ Skillings-Manny House  
(a.k.a. Samuel-Elder House) ✓  
38 Rangeley Road

Skillings-Cutter House  
(a.k.a. Webster-Childs House)  
9 Meadowcroft  
(a.k.a. 16A Ginn Road)

Please add this further information to your files. Feel free to contact Doug Kelleher, National Register Assistant at this office, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Betsy Friedberg*

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosures

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