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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	241

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

Town Wakefield

Address 39 Converse Street

Historic Name _____

NA

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1880

Source Atlas of 1889

Style Queen Anne

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric shingles, clapboards

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting Faces south on raised lot

behind embankment.

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 19/328600/4707150

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A well preserved Queen Anne style house whose details suggest imagination and unconventionality on the part of its designer, this house was probably built during speculative development of Converse St. in the 1880s. It retains integrity of location, setting, design, 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 spirited Queen Anne house with high visibility on its lot. It is 2½ stories in height, has a hipped roof and traverse gable. The roof peak in a most unusual configuration has a louvered opening and a shed roof dormer with a contemporary sunburst fanlight. A patterned shingle band runs between the first and second stories along with a rope molding stringcourse. Fish scale pattern shingles are used over the second floor windows and between windows on first floor too. There are brackets at the garrison overhang. This house does not follow the conventions of its time closely. Rather it seems to have been the work of an inventive designer/builder. A shell mosaic at the frieze on the east is a contemporary ornament seen on at least one other house in Wakefield.

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

This section of Converse Street was laid out by 1875 when it appears on the map of that date, but no houses are recorded as being on it. Responding to the increasing population this area began developing in the 1870s and by the 1890s was in full swing. Much of the farm land along Converse was bought up by the Wakefield Building and Real Estate Association which laid out the lots, financed the houses and even provided plans for new owners. This house may be an example of their development.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Wakefield Historical Society, Vertical Files, "West Side".
Maps of 1875 (Converse Street but no houses), 1889 (G.H. Teague),
1906 (H. Teague).

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
51. House at 39 Converse Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alouise Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
52. House at 40 Crescent Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alouise Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
53. House at 42 Hopkins Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alouise Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
54. House at 5 Bennett Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alouise Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
55. House at 509 North Avenue Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alouise Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
56. House at 52 Oak Street <u>Substantive Review</u>	for Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
57. House at 54 Spring Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alouise Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
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59. House at 6 Adams Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alouise Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
60. House at 7 Salem Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alouise Byers</u> 7/6/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House at 39 Converse Street

MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

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: 89000718

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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39 Converse

House at 39 Converse St.

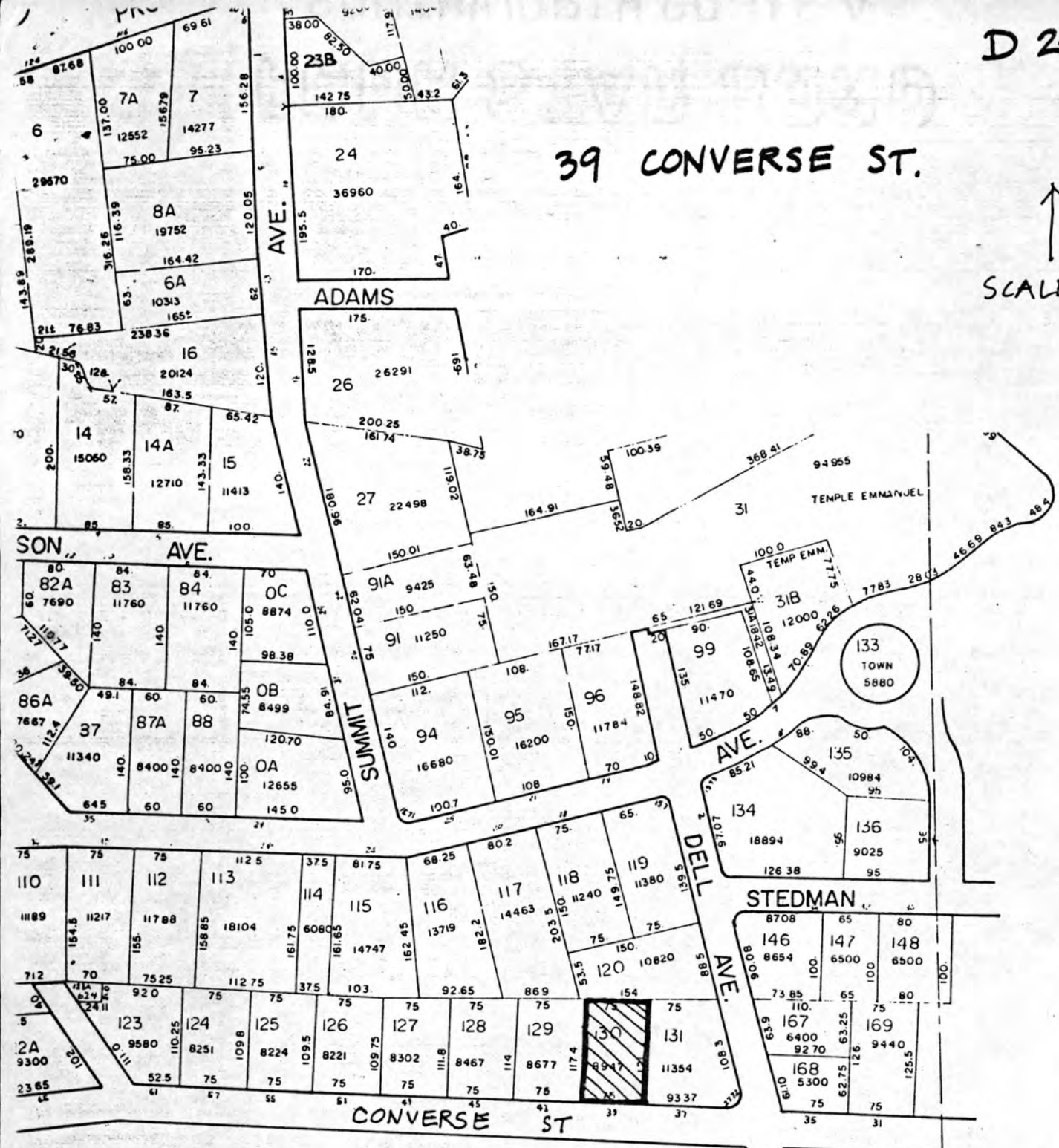
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39 CONVERSE ST.



SCALE: 1"=80'



M. CARLETON CIVIL ENG'R

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300