

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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| AREA | FORM NO. |
|      | 9        |

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
staple to left side of form

Photo number 1-10

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; ed. Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.

Date May, 1978/May, 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 122; Lot 5

Town Methuen ✓  
Address 314 Broadway ✓  
Historic Name Turnpike House ✓ (M.M.R.A.)  
Present Owner: Barney Fix and Marsha Rooney

Use: Present private residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1805

Source v/a; maps

Style Federal cottage

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) replacement of sash with 2/2: late 19th century;

addition of rear wing: early 20th century.

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage less than one acre 9,100s.

Setting located on busy thoroughfare adjacent to downtown.

UTM: Lawrence Quad. 1:25,000  
19 320710/4732910

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Turnpike House is a 1½-story, pitched roof structure with a five-bay, central entry facade. Later alterations, including a projecting bay and garage/dwelling addition at the north, have not obscured the original features of the dwelling. The windows, with simple enframements, have 2/2 sash. The central entry is lit by five-paned, full-length sidelights. The clapboard-clad building rests on a granite foundation. The Turnpike House is one of the most intact early 19th century cottages remaining in Methuen.

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

The so-called "Turnpike House" is significant as one of central Methuen's earliest residences, built shortly after the construction of the 1806 Essex Turnpike which linked Methuen with Boston and brought a great deal of travel and trade along what is now Broadway. The building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It meets criterion A for its associations with the early development of central Methuen and criterion C as a good example of its style and type.

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

Atlas of Essex County (Beers; 1872).

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area  
State Essex County, Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Old Town Farm

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

32. Park Lodge

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

33. Perkins, Joseph, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

34. Pine Lodge

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper 54 71

Attest

35. Searles High School

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

36. Simpson, James E., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

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37. Spicket Falls Historic  
District

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 6/20/83

Attest

38. Swan, Asie, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

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39. Tenny Castle Gatehouse

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Shelene Byers 1/20/84

Attest

61 - 40. Turnpike House

Substantive Review

Keeper Barbara Bragel 1/20/84

Attest

Ref. # 84002439

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Turnpike 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept All

Reviewer Mark Brown

Discipline Archaeology History

Date 1-20-84

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership<br>Public Acquisition | Status<br>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"/> unaltered    | <input type="checkbox"/> original site    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |                                           |
|                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |                                           |
|                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |                                           |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection

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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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### 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

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### 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



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Turnpike House  
Methuen, N.H., Ma

634A



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284