FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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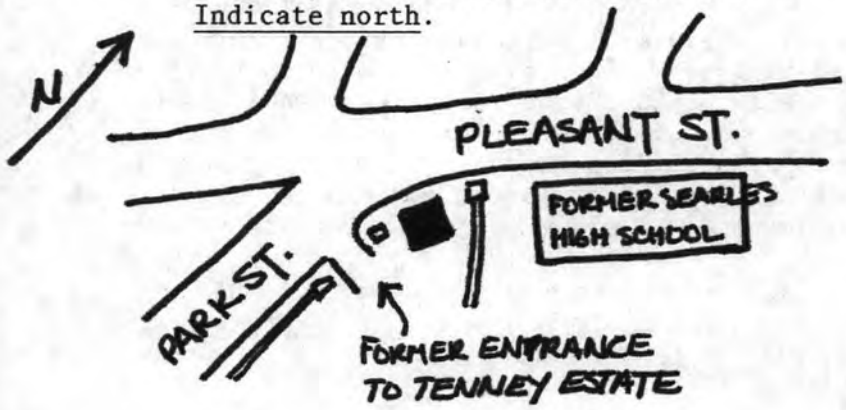
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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

Photo number 3-19 (southwest)
~~3-20 (detail)~~
3-21 (northwest)

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/Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.

Date May, 1978/May, 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 41, Lot 123 (partial-see map)

Town Methuen

Address 37 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Gatehouse to Tenney Castle

Present Owner: Basilian Salvatorian Order, Inc.

Use: Present private residence

Original gatehouse

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1840/late 19th century expansion

Source cf. Bibliography

Style Queen Anne with Jacobethan featur

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric coursed granite block and rubble (NE facade)

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) [see over]

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting residential

UTM Reference: Lawerence Quad 1:25,000
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(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Tenney Estate Gatehouse originated as a ca.1840 stone dwelling which appears on the 1846 Barker Map of Methuen. The original two-story smooth-finished granite building had a five-bay, central entry facade. The refitting of the building for use as a gatehouse included a new hipped roof, shingled Queen Anne corner tower with weathervane and multi-paned windows, and new chimneys with Queen Anne style chimney-pots. Entrance porches with patterned shingles in the gable completed the picturesque additions.

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

The Tenney Estate Gatehouse is significant as an unusual building associated with Charles Tenney, who remodelled it for use at the entrance to his elaborate estate ("Grey Court Manor") designed by Carrerre and Hastings in 1890-92. The Gatehouse is the only structure on the extensive estate to survive intact. It is pictured in numerous historical photographs of the estate, the corner tower with weathervane being a prominent feature. Possessing integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, it meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

James K. Barker. Map of Methuen, Mass. (1846).

The Town of Methuen Pictorial Souvenir. (1903).

Research of the Methuen Historical Commission.

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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 | Page 4 of 5

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	Delores Byers 1/20/84
		Attest	
32. Park Lodge	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Delores Byers 1/20/84
		Attest	
33. Perkins, Joseph, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Delores Byers 1/20/84
		Attest	
34. Pine Lodge	Substantive Review DOE/OWNER OBJECTION	Keeper	S & T
		Attest	
35. Searles High School	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Delores Byers 1/20/84
		Attest	
36. Simpson, James E., House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Delores Byers 1/20/84
		Attest	
37. Spicket Falls Historic District	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Delores Byers 1/20/84
		Attest	
38. Swan, Asie, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Delores Byers 1/20/84
		Attest	
39. Tenny Castle Gatehouse	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Delores Byers 1/20/84
		Attest	
61 – 40. Turnpike House	Substantive Review	Keeper	Bruce MacDougall 1/20/84
		Attest	

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("R" June 1984)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Tenny Castle Gatehouse (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84
Action: ✓ ACCEPT 1/20/84
___ RETURN
___ REJECT
Federal Agency:

Entered in the National Register

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria
Reviewer
Discipline
Date
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name_____

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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

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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Terry Castle Gatehouse

Mother MRA, Ma

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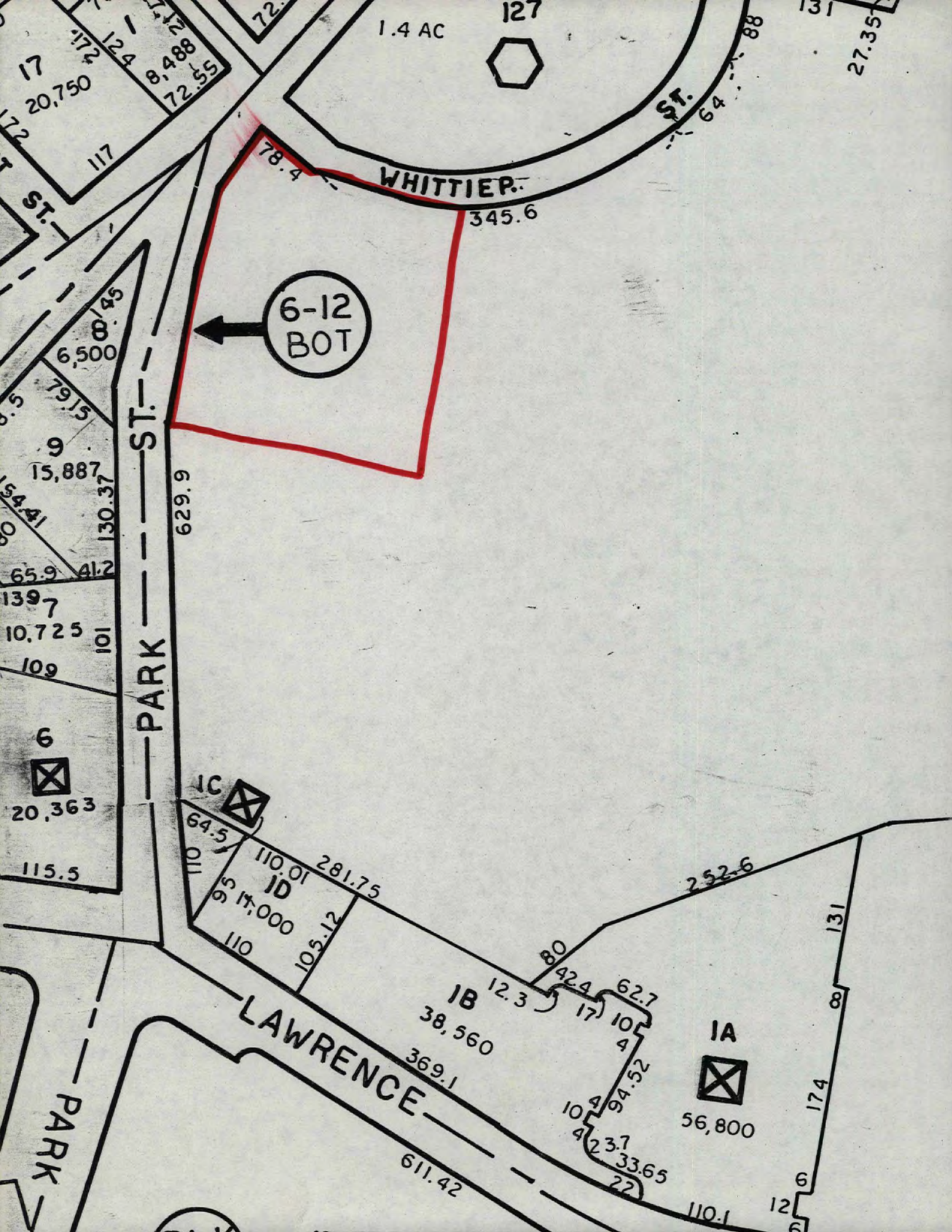

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Please refer to the map in the Multiple Property Cover Sheet for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284