

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town Stoneham Roll 16:20A

Address 57 Central St.

Historic Name Walter K. Foster House

Use: Original Residential

Present residential

Ownership: Private individual W. Higgins
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Walter K. Foster

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1870

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Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) no

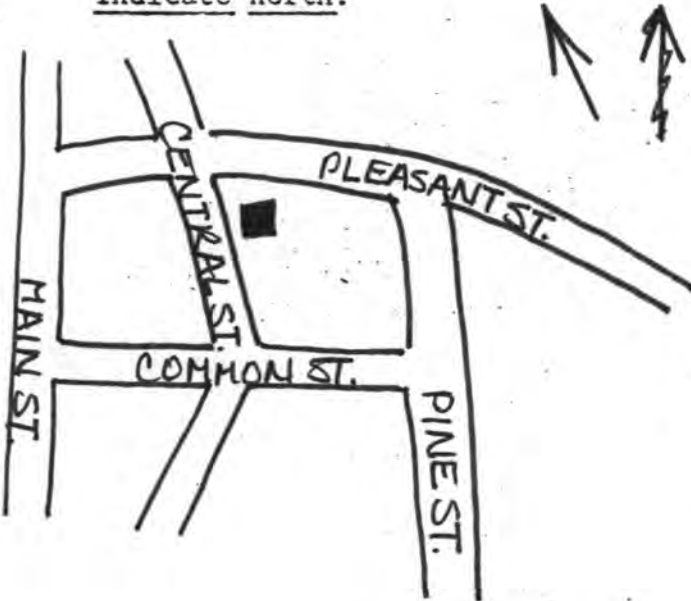
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Approx. acreage 3,600 sq. ft.

Setting mixed use and date

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



Carole Zellie
(ed. Candace Jenkins, MHC)

Recorded by _____

Organization Landscape Architects

Date May 1979

Assessor's Map #12-404

Boston North Quad 1:25,000
UTM: 19 327490 4705190

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

The Walter K. Foster House is a totally intact example of a side hall Italianate style house and one of three such in Stoneham. Constructed c. 1870, its entry is contained in a two bay gable end which faces west onto Central Street. This end is framed by paneled pilasters which support paired brackets and the gable end return of the cornice. The house is sheathed in clapboards and rests on a brick foundation. The entry has a heavy bracketed hood and contains a door with paired arched lights. Windows have bracketed caps and contain 2/2 sash.

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

The Walter K. Foster House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship and is significant as a good local example of the Italianate style associated with a known industrialist. It meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

This residence is representative of more fashionable residences built near the town center after the middle of the nineteenth century. Its owner, Walter K. Foster, was the owner of a Pencil Sharpener Factory, and an inventor.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1874 map of Stoneham
1882 Business Directory

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 Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Farrier, Amasa, Boardinghouse

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

22. Farrier, Amasa, House

Entered in the
National Register

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23. First Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

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24. First Congregational Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

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25. First Unitarian Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

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26. Foley, Michael, Cottage

Entered in the
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for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

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27. Foster, Walter K.,
House

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28. Fuller, Enoch, House

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29. Fuller, William Griffin,
House

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30. Gill, Charles, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Foster, Walter K., House (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the National Register
_____ REJECT _____

- 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
<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	

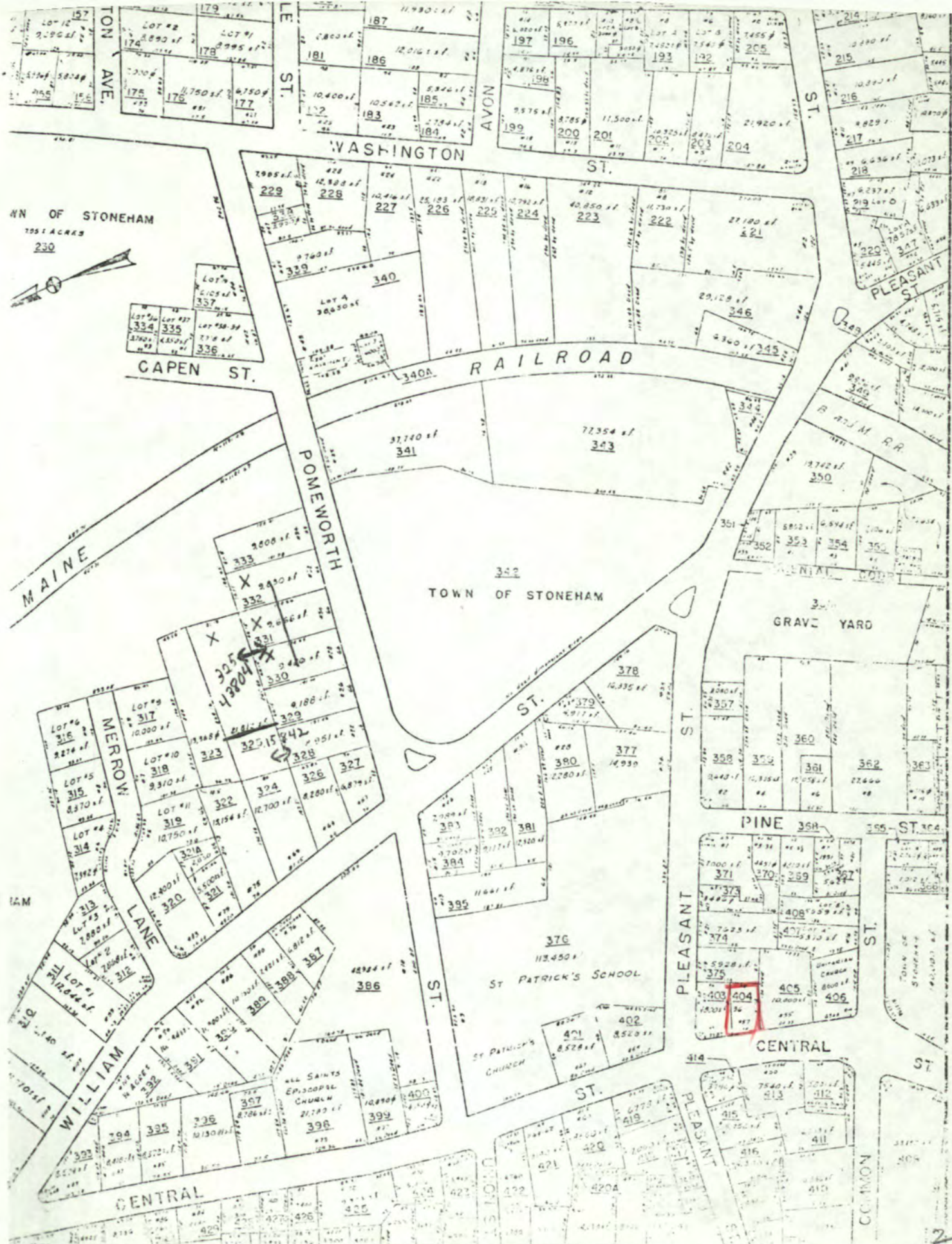
Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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



Foster, Walter K., House
Stanhall MRA, Ma

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TOWN OF STONEHAM Assessor's MAP - PRESENT DATE - *NO SCALE*
 SCALE 1" = 200' PAGE 12 LOT 404
 INVENTORY # 174

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: _____ 64000295