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AREA

FORM NO.

457

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

(Winchester, Mass. M.R.A.)

1257000018

Town WINCHESTERAddress 597 Washington StreetHistoric Name Zachariah Richardson HouseUse: Present dwellingOriginal school house, shoe shop

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1794; c.1840sSource History of Winchester, Chapman.
Structural analysisStyle Greek RevivalArchitect anonymousExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) rear
addition, 1987.Condition Very goodMoved from lower
Washington St. Date c.1818Acreage .39 acres 01-000'Setting Suburban residential along
major early thoroughfare.Recorded by Allen Hill, Carol ElyOrganization Winchester Historical CommDate 11/78; revised 10/87 by H.White

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo.
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UTM REFERENCE 19, 3 25280, 4703810USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Zachariah Richardson House is significant as a Greek Revival Style house that incorporates parts of an earlier structure and fulfills Criterion C. Because of its associations with the Richardson family, settled in present-day Winchester by 1642, the Richardson House meets Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Zachariah Richardson House appears to have been built on the foundation of an earlier structure, and parts of an earlier structure may have been re-used and incorporated into the framing of the present house. This was a common practice during the late eighteenth and early-mid nineteenth century. The present house stands on land that was formerly the front yard of Zachariah Richardson's house.* The structure may incorporate all or part of a schoolhouse erected in 1794, and moved in 1818 "....further north, becoming Zachariah Richardson's shoe shop." (History of Winchester, p.122). Maps show that by 1854 it had become a residence occupied by J.Eaton; by L.A. Wyman from 1865-1889; and Granville Richardson from 1889-1962.

The Richardson House is a two and one-half story dwelling based on an elongated rectangular plan, with a gable roof of low pitch.

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

All of the land in the northeastern part of Winchester (formerly part of Woburn) was occupied from the first settlement by the three Richardson brothers, Ezekiel, Samuel and Thomas. Ezekiel had arrived at Charlestown by 1630, and was appointed to its first board of selectmen in 1634. His brothers joined him circa 1636. Despite their youth all three were named commissioners from the Charlestown church and assigned to create a settlement and church in Woburn. By 1642 the Richardson brothers were living on adjoining farms in Winchester, in the vicinity of present day Washington Street. At one time there were eight Richardson families living along Washington Street, which was appropriately known as Richardson's Row.

* Zachariah Richardson's house stands nearby at 607 Washington Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

History of Winchester, by H. Chapman, p. 122.
Maps.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Winchester	Form No: 457
Property Name: Zachariah Richardson House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

All surviving detail is Greek Revival, including the six-over-nine sash, window moldings and cornice moldings, as well as the trabeated entrance with sidelights. Windows of the lower story are six-over-nine divided sash, while those of the upper story are six-over-six divided sash. The asymmetry of the window placement on the main facade suggests that the house may have been built in several stages. The interior framing of the three bays of the south section of the house consists of heavy hewn timbers with mortise and tenon joinery. The three bays of the north section of the house contain much lighter framing. The cellar extends under the four southernmost bays (including the main entrance) and contains an early nineteenth century arched brick chimney base.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Chain of ownership:

1. Zachariah Richardson
2. J. Eaton 1854-1865
3. L.A. Wyman 1865-1889
4. Granville & Etta Richardson 1889-1962

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
41. Remick, Joseph, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
42. Richardson, Zachariah, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
43. Russell, Charles, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
44. Russell, Arthur H., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
45. Sharon House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
46. Simonds, William, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
47. Skillings Estate House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
48. St. Mary's Catholic Church Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
49. Stanton, Jacob, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
50. Sullivan, Edward, House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>John F. Savage 7-5-89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Richardson, Zachariah, 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: 89000618

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

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
☐ UTMs ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



^{Zachariah}
Richardson House
597 Washington St. 1/88
Winchester Ma. MRA.

MHC Inv. # 457

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303