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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	171

Winchester, MA MRA

Town WINCHESTER

Address 14 Stevens Street

Historic Name Pressey/Eustis House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1850s (before 1854)

Source historic maps; style

Style Gothic Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) porch

added late 19th century

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage .3A / 12,965 sq. ft. 04-0225

Setting tightly developed residential

neighborhood directly east of

downtown commercial area

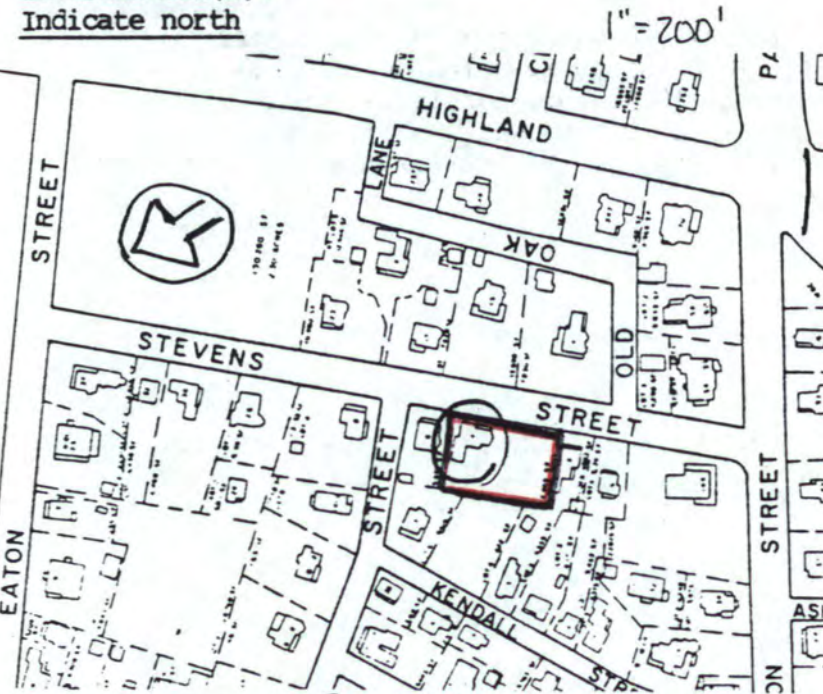
Recorded by Marcia Wood, Carol Ely

Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 12/78; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins

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

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 19.324780.4702120

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS

SCALE 1:25,000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Pressey/Eustis House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as a well detailed and preserved example of the Gothic Revival style featuring vergeboards carved in an unusual acorn shape. Winchester retains an unusually large collection of Gothic Revival style cottages dating from the mid-19th century, and although this is not the most sophisticated, it does serve to illustrate the range of forms and decorative motifs this uncommon style took in the hands of carpenter builders (see forms: #172, 215, 230, 232, 429, 443). It meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Pressey/Eustis House is a 1½ story, wood-frame dwelling sheathed with clapboards and enclosed by a steeply pitched gable roof. It is built on the L-plan more commonly associated with the Italianate style which began to appear in large numbers in the mid-19th century. The facade displays a forward projecting wing (forming the L-plan) and a one story porch extending across the remainder. The entry is located beneath the porch. A two story polygonal bay is attached to the side elevation. Both the front and side gables feature finials and vergeboards carved to resemble acorns.

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

This house, which forms an interesting visual counterpart to its neighbor at 8 Stevens St. (#172), was constructed in the 1850s by Charles Pressey who had arrived in Winchester in the 1840s and shared in its founding in 1850. By 1870 the house belonged to George H. Eustis, a bookkeeper who was town treasurer from 1910-1924. Mr. Eustis was employed by the Winchester Cooperative Bank. In 1936, at the age of 91, he was still active in community affairs as chairman of the Board of Library Trustees. Mr. Eustis retained ownership of the house until 1940.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Chapman, Henry Smith. History of Winchester, Mass. 1936.  
Winchester Archival Center resources: historic maps, town directories.

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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 Winchester MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
31.	Hatch, Horace, House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
32.	Maxwell, Louis N., House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
33.	McCall, Samuel W., House <del>Entered in the National Register</del>	for Keeper <u>Boyd L. Savage</u> 7-5-89 Attest _____
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39.	Parker, Harrison, Sr., House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
40.	Pressey--Eustis House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Pressey--Eustis 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: 89000623

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Presscy/Eustis House  
14 Stevens Street  
Winchester MA MAH

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MHC Inv. # 171

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303