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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	319

Town Wakefield

Address 90 Prospect Street

Historic Name NA

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1913

Source Current owners McGee & Regis

Style English Cottage

Architect Harland O. Perkins

Exterior Wall Fabric Stucco

Outbuildings Garage contributing

1913

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition Good

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under 1 acre

Setting Set back from road on high

lot behind embankment reached

by circular drive.

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 19/328560/4707580

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates
Organization Wakefield Historical Commission
Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Part of a unique residential compound (also containing 88 Prospect St. and 127 Chestnut St.) designed for Elizabeth Boit and members of her family by local architect Harland Perkins, this English Cottage Style house is a good example, together with its neighbors, of the variety of detailing the style could encompass. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and meets Criteria C of the NRHP on the local level.

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

One of three English Cottage Style stucco houses in a row on Prospect Street, this house together with its neighbors also designed by Harland Perkins, are good examples of the range of forms the style could take. It is 2½ stories in height, has a tiled, hipped roof drive with a transverse hipped wing and is actually entered from a circular drive on the facade facing away from the street. It has a deeply recessed central entry supported on pillars. Fenestration is irregular; basket arched triple casements both north and south and triple stepped windows on the north.

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 was built in 1913 by Elizabeth Boit, one of the two founders of the Harvard Knitting Mills which provided employment to hundreds of Wakefield residents in the mill and also in their homes from 1889 until at least 1944. Boit was the business manager of the firm and lived first on Richardson Avenue before building her home at 127 Chestnut Street. This house she built for her niece Emily Freeman Home Paul. Together with the house at 88 Prospect Street they formed a compound which faced inward toward formal gardens and included greenhouses and a playhouse. This is the only compound of its kind in town.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
61. House at 8 Park Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
62. House at 88 Prospect Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
63. House at 9 White Avenue Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
64. House at 90 Prospect Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
65. House at 95 Chestnut Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
66. Item Building Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
67. Jordan, Dr. Charles, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
68. Kendall, Deacon Thomas, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
69. Lakeside Cemetery Chapel Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
70. Lynnwood Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY House at 90 Prospect Street
NAME:

MULTIPLE Wakefield MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/23/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/07/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000736

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 7/6/89 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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



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90 Prospect St

House at

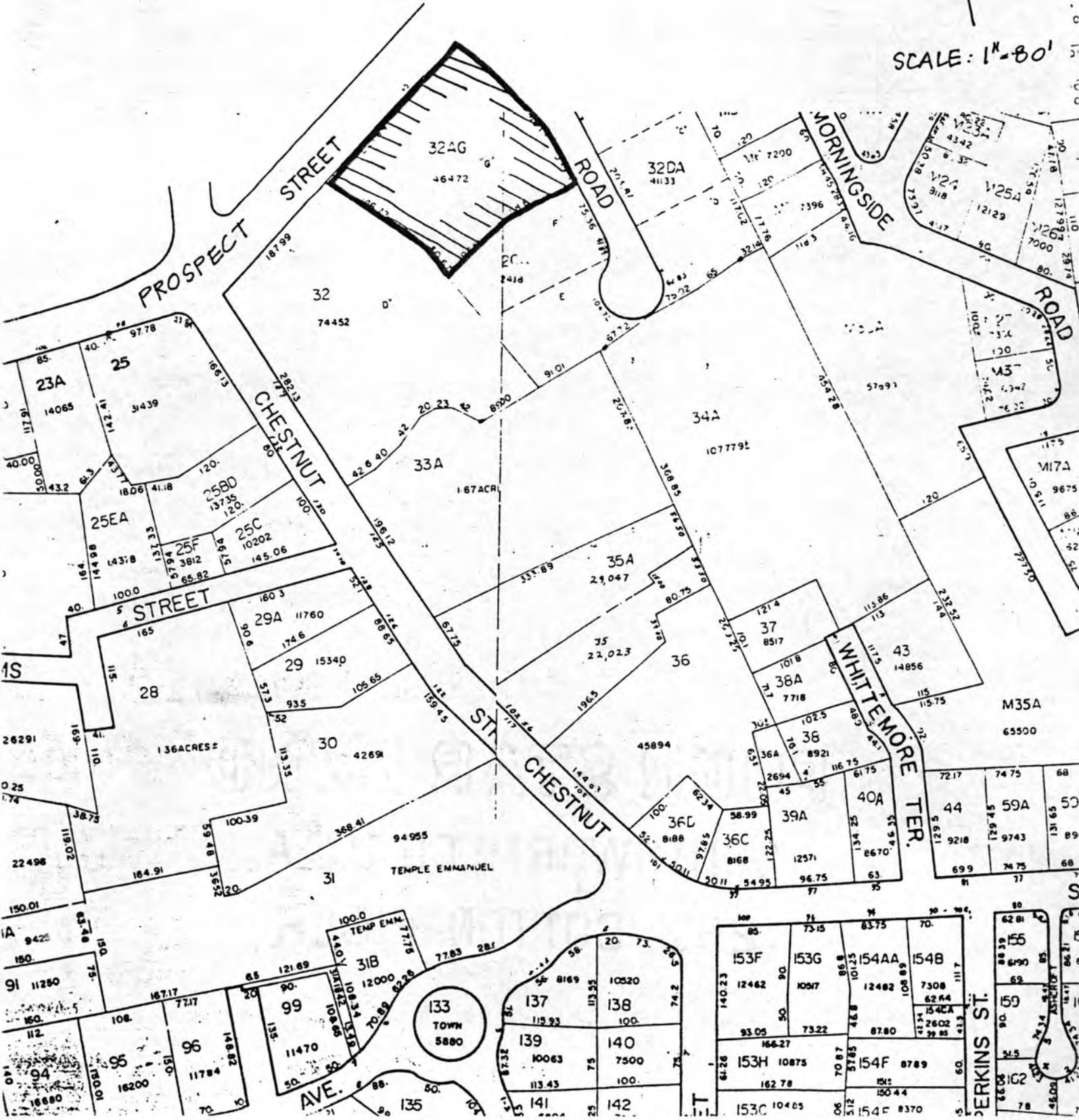
Wakefield MRA, Ma.

90 PROSPECT STREET

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SCALE: 1"=80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300