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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORM NO.</u>
C	219

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

Town Wakefield

Address 35-37 Richardson Avenue

Historic Name _____

NA

Use: Present row house apartments

Original row house apartments

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1912-15

Source visual analysis

Style Rational Revival

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric shingles

Outbuildings _____

None

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition _____

Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting two parallel buildings running lengthwise north and south

UTM REFERENCE 19/329650/4707400

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)

Along with the apartments at 38-49 Richards Avenue, these Rational Revival style buildings are among the first apartment rows built in Wakefield. They retain integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and meet criterion C of the NRHP at the local level.

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

Richardson Avenue has several Rational Revival style buildings on it and this pair of row houses seems to be a later development than the row at 38-48. Stylistically less eclectic than the earlier row, these two have hipped roofs with wide eaves overhangs and exposed purlins. They are 2½ stories in height and focus their ornament around the paired porches with lattice supports beneath hipped roofs. As at #38-48, this pair has one story bays to add variety and volume to the simplicity of the Rational Revival style. High fieldstone foundations are typical in Wakefield during this period. They have become stylistic elements on their own.

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

Solon O. Richardson laid out Richardson Avenue in plans made between 1890 and 1899 when he was dividing up his property in the center of Wakefield. His grandfather, Dr. Nathan Richardson, had received a large grant of property which he was given. The Dr. and his son, Dr. Solon O. Richardson, developed and manufactured Sherry Wine Bitters, a profitable business which Solon O. Richardson, the second, then sold in 1891. Responding to the need for housing in Wakefield, Richardson moved his homestead west from Main Street, opened up Richardson Avenue and built the Richardson Block in 1901 on the former homestead site, thereby extending the town center on the west side of Main Street to match its extent on the east side. Richardson may have brought about a plan which had long been considered, for an 1866 plan filed by Cyrus Wakefield shows Richardson Avenue similarly laid out and lined with lots.

These apartment rows were built about 1912, some of the first multiple family units to be built in Wakefield.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 13 page 46; Plan Book 68 page 32; Plan Book 75 page 46; Plan Book 65 page 40.
Eaton, Chester. Proceedings of the 250th Anniversary, Reading, 1896.

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
Cover	Substantive Review	
1. Beacon Street Tomb	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
2. Beebe Homestead	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
3. Boardman, E., House	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
4. Boit, Elizabeth, House	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
5. Building at 35--37 Richardson Avenue	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/86</u> Attest _____
6. Building at 38--48 Richardson Avenue	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
7. Center Depot	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
8. Church--Lafayette Streets Historic District	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
9. Common District	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage 3/2/90</u> Attest _____
10. Cowdry, Jonas, House	Entered in the National Register	✓ Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Building at 35--37 Richardson Avenue
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: 89000710

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 _____



35-37 RICHARDSON AVE

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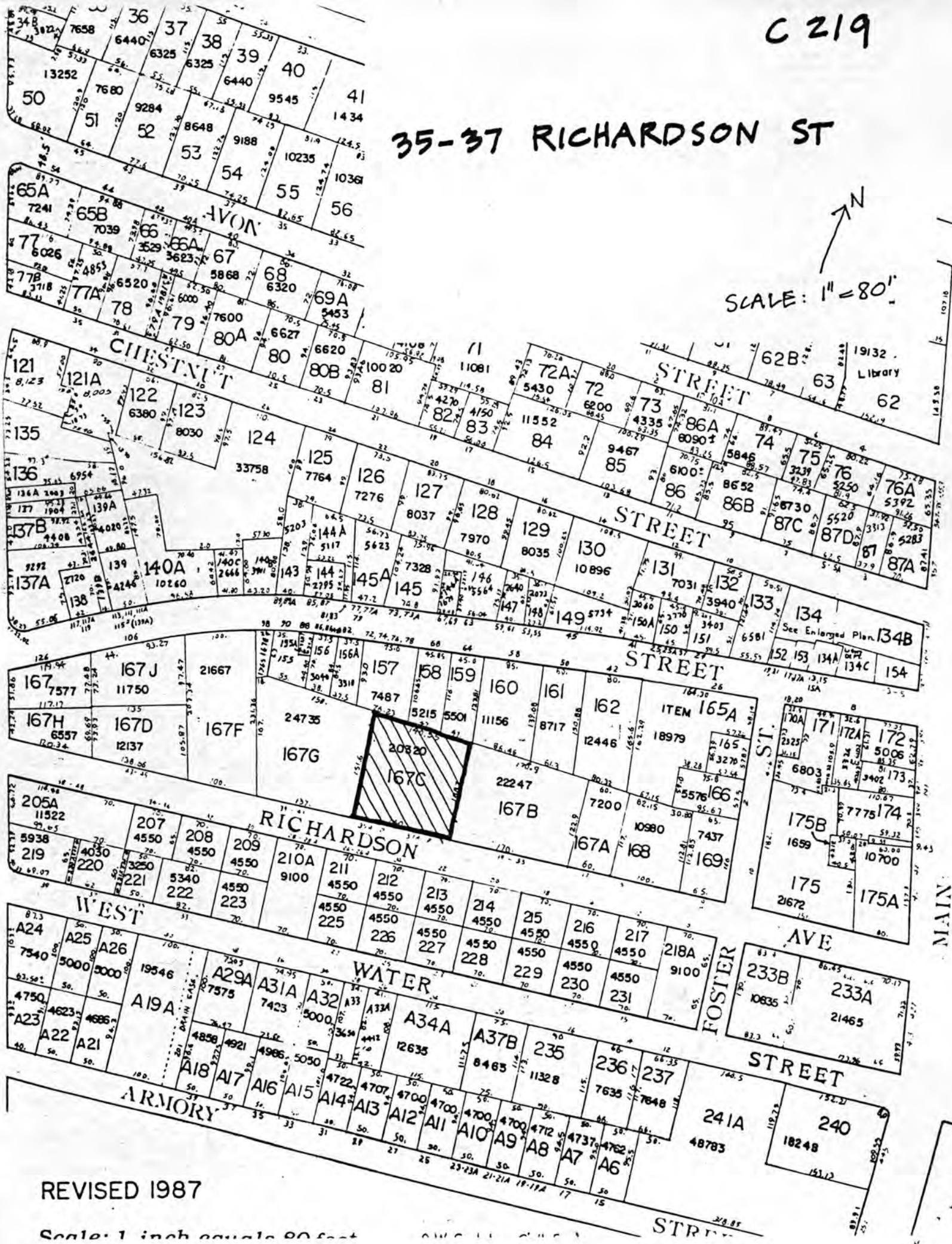
Buildings at 35-37 Richardson Avenue
Westfield MA, MA

C219

35-37 RICHARDSON ST



SCALE: 1" = 80'



REVISED 1987

Scale: 1 inch equals 80 feet

STREET

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300