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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREAFORM NO.

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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 WakefieldAddress 25 Avon StreetHistoric Name NAUse: Present DwellingOriginal Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1889Source Map of 1889Style Queen AnneArchitect NAExterior Wall Fabric Shingle & ClapboardOutbuildings Carriage house, contribut
1889Major Alterations (with dates) NoneCondition FairMoved NA Date NAAcreage Under one acreSetting faces south on large tulip tree shaded lotUTM REFERENCE 19/329530/4707630USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.SCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Architectural Preservation AssociatesOrganization Wakefield Historical CommissionDate March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A well preserved example of the Queen Anne style, the details of this house are an interesting mixture of both Shingle Style and Queen Anne design. The house retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and meets criterion C of the NRHP on the local level.

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

This is one of the most exuberant Queen Anne houses in Wakefield. Rather than picking and choosing among motifs and architectural elements, the designer of this house used practically everything available to give a visually active exterior and interesting interior volume to the building. Both Shingle style and Queen Anne style are used. Under the hipped roof, the Shingle Style elements are the rounded, single-covered forms: the dormer roof, the shingled brackets, the projected or recessed rounded bays. Queen Anne are the south and west porches with their arched openings and sunburst spandrel designs. The floral relief on the porch pediment and the use of stained glass windows are Queen Anne elements intended to add tactile and coloristic complexity.

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

Avon Street was laid out in 1848 on the land of Lemuel Sweetser by his heirs. It did not get built up densely all at once, but a few houses in the 1850s were joined each decade by several more. This house was built in the late 1880s on a lot owned by Oliver Perkins who was a dealer in provisions and lived elsewhere on Avon Street. Perkins became a rather substantial landowner in Wakefield Park buying and selling property on the West Side as it developed.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps of 1874 (lot of Oliver Perkins), 1889 (A. G. Walton).
Directory of 1874.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. House at 23 Avon Street

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Shelous Byers 7/6/89

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42. House at 23 Lawrence Street

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43. House at 25 Avon Street

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44. House at 26 Francis Avenue

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45. House at 28 Cordis Street

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46. House at 28 Wiley Street

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47. House at 30 Sheffield Road

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48. House at 32 Morrison Road

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49. House at 38 Salem Street

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50. House at 380 Albion Street

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY House at 25 Avon 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: 89000731

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



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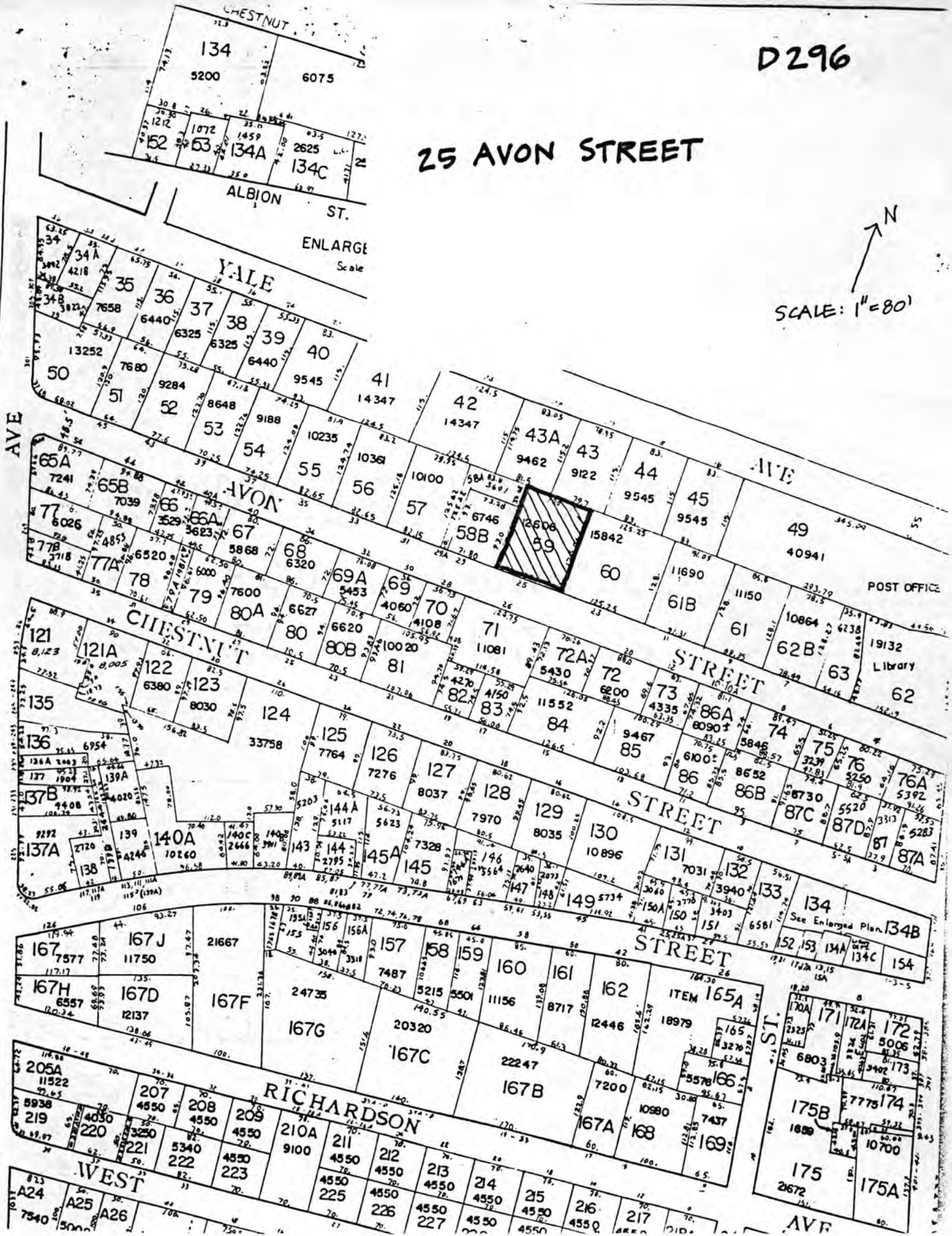
25 Avon St

House at

Wakefield MA, Ma

25 AVON STREET

SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300