

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	123

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number 6-20

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie
Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.
Date Map 1978/May 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 92, Lot 4

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town Methuen ✓
Address 526 Prospect Street
Historic Name House at 526 Prospect Street
Present Owner: Frederick O'Brien

Use: Present private residence
Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca.1840

Source v/a; maps

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage 14,231 sq. ft.
one acre or less

Setting located southeast of town center
in well developed residential neighborhood.

UTM Reference: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

526 Prospect Street is a good example of the Greek Revival houses built in Methuen between ca.1830 and 1850. Constructed ca.1840, it is a 2½-story structure with a five-bay, central entry, east facade and similarly treated three-bay, side-entry north facade. Windows have simple enframements and contain 6/6 sash; entries have prominent entablatures and transoms. The larger north entry is also lit by sidelights. Glazed wide cornerboards, and a deep cornice carrying a pedimented gable are original features characteristic of Methuen's 19th century Greek Revival houses. The building is sheathed in clapboard and rests on a granite foundation..

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

526 Prospect Street possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places. It is significant as a well conserved example of a Greek Revival dwelling in one of the earlier settled areas of Methuen, near the site of the first meeting house. Once in agricultural use, the first residents here likely were farmers who supplied produce to Lowell and Lawrence.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1874, 1884 Essex County Map of Methuen.

1861, 1882 Methuen Directories.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 12/7/83

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. House at 50 Pelham Street Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest22. House at 526 Prospect Street Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest23. House at 9 Park Street Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest24. Johnson House Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest25. Lawrence Street Cemetery Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest26. Methuen Water Works Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest27. Morse, Moses, House Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest28. Nevins Memorial Library Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest29. Nevins, Henry C., Home for
Aged and Incurables Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84
Attest30. Pleasant-High Historic
District Substantive Reviewfor Keeper Bruce Van Duzee 6/20/84
Attest

Ref # 841002394

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 526 Prospect Street (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/20/84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ original site
		☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



House at 526 Prospect St.
Methen MRA, Ma

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(PL 607 1/2)

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284