

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
 Staple to left side of form
 Photo number _____

Town Stoneham Roll 18:19A

Address 477 Main St.

Historic Name Onslow Gilmore House

Use: Original residential

Present residential

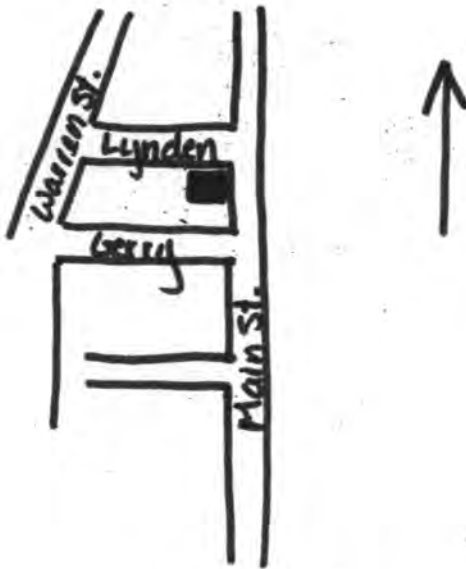
Ownership: Private individual R. O'Neil
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Onslow Gilmore

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1875

Source map research

Style High Victorian Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric asbestos siding

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) X siding

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage 11,390 sq. ft.

Setting Commercial on Main St., mid-late 19th century residential behind.

Boston North Quad 1:25,000
 UTM: 19 327260 4704500

Recorded by Carole Zellie (ed. Candace Jenkins, MHC)

Organization Landscape Research

Date May 1979
 Assessor's Map #18-291

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The Onslow Gilmore House is a fine local example of the Italianate style and one of the few to remain along Main Street, a thoroughfare lined with elaborate residences, civic and commercial structures in the second half of the nineteenth century. Constructed c. 1875, it is identical to its neighbor, the Clara Buswell House (#31). Both have up-to-date L-shaped plans with entries and porches at the L's angle. The open porch is supported on ornate carved posts and the entry contains double doors. The house is now clad in asbestos siding rather than clapboards, but most of the original trim, including bracketed cornice, remains as does the patterned slate roof. Window treatment is varied, including single and paired openings with heavy lintels, paired arched windows in the gables, and bay windows at the first story. In general, original 2/2 sash remains. The house also retains its original granite curbing and posts.

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

The Onslow Gilmore House possesses integrity of location, design and workmanship. It is significant as an excellent local example of the Italianate style, and one of the few period houses to remain on Main Street. It meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Onslow Gilmore owned the land upon which his house was built for years prior to its construction; as a realtor and insurance man, he owned a good deal of property in the 'seventies and 'eighties. His finely detailed house (now somewhat altered) spoke well of a man prominent in business and financial circles. Treasurer of the Stoneham 5¢ Savings Bank, Director and Treasurer of the E.L. Patch Company, Town Treasurer, and State Representative, he came to Stoneham in 1850 from New Hampshire.

This residence is nearly identical to the adjacent house, at 481 Main Street (#31).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Gilmore, Onslow, House

Entered in the
National Register

f Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

32. Green, Jonathan, House

Entered in the
National Register

f Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

33. Hawkins, Lorenzo D., House

Entered in the
National Register

f Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

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34. Hibbard, Benjamin, House

Entered in the
National Register

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35. Hill, Sidney A., House

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36. House at 6 S. Marble St.

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National Register

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Delores Byers 4/13/84

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37. House at 19 Tremont St.

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National Register

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38. House at 391 Williams Street

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National Register

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39. House at 114 Marble Street

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National Register

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Delores Byers 4/13/84

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40. House at 269 Green Street

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Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Gilmore, Onslow, House (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

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

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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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: _____



Gulmore, Orskow, House

Stephen MRA, MA

8120



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295