

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Gowing-Sheldon Historic District

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 642 and 643 Woburn Street n/a not for publication

city or town Wilmington _____ vicinity _____

state Massachusetts code _____ county Middlesex code _____ 017 zip code 01887

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Betsy Friedberg National Register Director 10/2/03
Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register
☐ removed from the
National Register
☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper
Edson H. Beall

Date of Action
11-21-03

Gowing-Sheldon Historic District
Name of Property

Middlesex, Massachusetts
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

4

building

sites

structures

objects

4

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

AGRICULTURAL/agricultural out building

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC Federal

LATE VICTORIAN Queen Anne

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE granite

walls WOOD weatherboard

WOOD shingle

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS

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Narrative Description, Gowing-Sheldon Historic District

The Gowing-Sheldon Historic District is a small, once rural district located in the southeast section of the town of Wilmington. Containing about one and one-fifth acres, the district consists of two farmhouses and their barns that were owned by members of the Sheldon family. The houses nearly face each other across Woburn Street, one of the town's first roads. One is a fine example of the local Federal style farmhouse; the other is a good example of the Queen Anne style that retains a fine carriage barn. While suburban development has recently grown up around the district, its well-preserved buildings retain their location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

The Gowing/Sheldon House, 642 Woburn Street, (MHC # 115, Photo # 1) was built about 1809 as the residence for a small farm. Like many other Federal style houses in Wilmington it is south-facing and sited perpendicular to the road. Rising from massive finely worked granite block foundations, the two-story house is rectangular in plan. A side-gabled roof framed without returns and with a boxed cornice covers the house. The pedimented portico at the entry is a 20th century addition. Only one pile deep, it is an unusual four bays wide with the entry in the second bay. Its asymmetrical fenestration and the placement of the chimney suggest one of two scenarios. The easternmost bay may have been added after a four-bay house was constructed, or the area that would have contained windows of the fifth bay could have been omitted either for a contemporaneous one-story perpendicular ell or blocked for a later 19th century ell.

A one-story ell sited perpendicular to the house on its southeast corner and connected to a west-facing barn are depicted in a probably late 19th or early 20th century photograph. The current ell has a deeper and steeper roof pitch, so its roofline appears to have been altered. The gable-front, bank barn type probably dates from the mid-to-late 19th century. The unadorned shingled structure is sited south of the house facing the road. It retains its sliding doors and multi-pane windows.

The Lucy and Henry Sheldon House, 643 Woburn Street, (MHC # 114, Photo # 2) built

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in 1893, is one of the more substantial Queen Anne buildings in Wilmington. The fieldstone foundations, three-bay façade and high cross gables providing additional living space on the attic floor are typical of the local style. The wood frame house is clad in clapboard while the gables are ornamented with shingle and heavy brackets at the open eaves. A one-story porch across the façade has turned posts, jigsaw-cut brackets and an entry marked by a pediment with applied starburst motif.

Sited to the rear but retaining a strong visual presence is the Queen Anne/Shingle Style carriage barn. The three-bay structure is distinguished by the small ventilator that rises from the front slope of the side-gable roof in the curved lines of the Shingle style and the projecting conical hood on brackets that terminate the gabled dormer over the centered hay loft and the barn's gable fields. Diagonally sheathed double doors survive. A one-story utilitarian barn with vertical siding on the sides and 6/6 sash is located between the house and carriage barn.

Archaeological Description

While no ancient Native American sites are currently located in the Gowing-Sheldon Historic District, sites may be present. Four Native sites are located in the general area (within one mile). Known sites in the area are located in similar environmental contexts to the historic district in upland areas bordering streams and stream related wetlands. Environmental characteristics of the district indicate a high potential for the presence of Native American sites. The district is located on a well drained, level to moderately sloping glacial outwash surface in close proximity to wetlands. Swamp lands associated with Maple Meadow Brook, a tributary of the Ipswich River lie less than 1000 feet east and south of the district. Given the above information, the relatively small size of the district (approximately 1.22 acres) and construction impacts associated with the Gowing-Sheldon House (1809) and Lucy and Henry Sheldon House (1893), a moderate potential exists for locating significant ancient Native American resources in the district.

A high potential exists for locating historic archaeological resources in the district. Structural evidence from an earlier barn may survive at the Gowing-Sheldon House at

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642 Woburn Street. Similar survivals from outbuildings and evidence of occupational related features may survive at both the Gowing-Sheldon House and at the Lucy and Henry Sheldon House at 643 Woburn Street. Agricultural related features and outbuildings should be more common at the Gowing-Sheldon House where a long history of farming has been documented. Structural evidence of an early 19th century shoe shop and related features may also survive near the Gowing-Sheldon House.

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Gowing-Sheldon Historic District

Name of Property

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Middlesex, Massachusetts

County and State

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Period of Significance

ca. 1809 - 1953

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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Narrative Statement of Significance, Gowing-Sheldon Historic District

The Gowing-Sheldon Historic District is a residential area of two well-preserved houses and their barns that are excellent examples of their local type, one built at the beginning of the 19th century and the other near its close. The well-preserved houses were the home of related families, other members of which lived close by on Woburn Street in the Buck's Corner Historic District. The Gowing-Sheldon district, an offshoot of an older, established district, displays similar town planning principles of young families occupying existing houses or building near their family's homes in a nodal pattern along an old road connecting the town to markets elsewhere. The district retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and meets National Register criteria A and C on the local level.

Woburn Street may have been a Native American trail, but it almost certainly existed as a first settlement period path before the setting off of the Town of Wilmington from Reading, Woburn, Charlestown, and Billerica in 1730. Lying adjacent to the marshy, boggy interior of Wilmington, this road represents a north-south continuum of dry land and was thus an early transportation route. The Town of Woburn laid out the Andover Road, now Woburn Street, in 1672.

A streetcar line that looped around Woburn and Wildwood Streets about 1895 did little to alter the rural nature of the area. The tradition of accessing houses directly from the old road continued to operate until the 1990s when the subdivision street were developed north and south of the district.

Joel Tweed, a cordwainer or shoemaker bought a "small peace (sic.) of land estimated at seven acres" thought to be the property at 642 Woburn Street in 1809. There were probably no buildings on it at the time as it cost only \$70.00 and was described as "swamp meadow and tillage". In 1819 Tweed sold the land and the house he had constructed to baker William Bond, and Bond in turn sold it in less than a year.

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The new buyer was John Gowing, "yeoman" or farmer, of the large local Gowing family. A shoe shop that stood on the property was to have the privilege of remaining there for two years after the sale. Gowing was probably the same man described in a newspaper article as Capt. Gowing who brought up eleven children under the roof. He remained in the house for about forty-two years, then sold it in 1864 to Horace Sheldon.

Horace Sheldon, described in the deed as a yeoman, was a son of Asa G. and Clarissa Eames Sheldon of 604 Woburn Street. Asa, the author of the Life of Asa G. Sheldon, a Wilmington Farmer (1862), was a self-made expert on farming. Horace's mother's family lived at 584 Woburn Street and there were other Eames houses located to the north on Woburn Street. His brother Henry and wife Sarah Gowing built the house across from their father's at 603 Woburn Street in the 1860s.

Horace's brother Harrison remained in the old homestead with his wife, the former Catherine Buck, whose family lived just up the road. Harrison, who continued to farm the family land after his father's death, was the founder of the Farmers and Mechanics Club in 1875 that held well-attended annual cattle shows in the family fields for years.

Horace and his wife Susan continued this strong pattern of settling close to the family and using careful farming methods. Two of the couple's children, nine year old Susie and a nine month old son, died in a period of six years. Horace purchased neighboring parcels to expand his arable land, eventually reaching eleven acres. After his death the house was sold in 1898 to Daniel Faulkner.

In 1892 Lucy Sheldon, probably on behalf of husband Henry Jr., purchased the land for the house at 643 Woburn Street from her father-in-law Henry Sheldon of 603 Woburn Street. Henry Sr. was one of Horace's brothers. The couple had the house and barn constructed about 1893, then sold the property in 1896 with four acres of land out of the family.

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Architectural Significance

The form of the well-preserved Federal style Gowing-Sheldon House at 642 Woburn Street is unusual for this area of Wilmington in several ways. It is four bays wide, where side-gable houses tended to be three or five bays, and it is a narrow, one pile deep when houses, particularly those of two stories, tended to be two piles deep. It is also unusual in that it retains its probably mid-19th to early 20th century connection to the barn. The fine proportions and Federal details like the close eaves returns, boxed cornice and wide cornerboards make it a good example of the style. The pump in the dooryard shown in a turn-of-the-century photograph does not survive but, except for the altered roofline of the ell, the present scene looks remarkably like the earlier one.

The Lucy and Henry Sheldon House, 643 Woburn Street, built ca. 1893, is similar to other substantial Queen Anne style houses in Wilmington and, in fact, reuses the motif of pediment marking the porch entry at 590 Woburn Street. It is in the carriage barn that a more sophisticated stylistic approach appears. Unlike the more conventionally designed house, Shingle Style features on the barn such as the curving lines of the ventilator and the swelling lines of the conical gable field and central dormer hoods are unusual in Wilmington and even rarer in this rural setting. The carriage barn's high state of preservation significantly adds to the district.

Archaeological Significance

Since patterns of ancient Native American settlement in Wilmington are poorly documented, any surviving sites could be significant. Ancient sites in this area may contribute important information relating to patterns of Native settlement and subsistence in the interior Ipswich River drainage, an area that is poorly documented when compared to more coastal locales. Native sites in this area may contain information that indicates the seasonal, functional, and socio/political role of sites located along interior tributary streams and wetlands with larger, possibly more functionally diversified sites located along the Ipswich River and coastal areas within the Ipswich drainage.

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Architectural Significance

Historic archaeological resources described above have the potential to contribute social, cultural, and economic information relating to rural life in Wilmington in the 19th century through detailed information from two homes and their families responsible for that growth. Structural evidence of barns, outbuildings, and the locations of occupational related features (trash pits, privies, wells) at the Gowing-Sheldon House can help trace the evolution and layout of the farm from 1809 into the 20th century. Identification of the above structures combined with detailed analysis of occupational related features may help identify agricultural activities and techniques employed at the farm and details of the lives of the farm's inhabitants. Structural evidence and occupational type features associated with the Tweed shoe shop located on the property in the early 19th century may also contribute important information related to the evolution of the shoe industry in the area and technologies used in that trade.

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GowingSheldonHistoricDistrict
Name of Property

Middlesex.MA
County, State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 1.22 acres

UTM References See continuation sheet.

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19 323420 4711960
Zone Easting Northing

2. Zone Easting Northing

3. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet. The boundary is shown as a dotted line on the accompanying Wilmington Assessors Property Maps number 58.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Heli Meltsner with Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director, MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date August, 2003

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name

street & number telephone

city or town state zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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9. Major Bibliographical References (continued)

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10. Gowing-Sheldon Historic District Boundary Justification

The Gowing-Sheldon Historic District is comprised of just two historically related properties with their houses and barns that face each other across Woburn Street. Boundaries of the district are defined by their lot lines. The house just north of Lucy and Henry Sheldon house at 643 Woburn Street was considered for inclusion as it is historically related to those of the district but its loss of architectural integrity made it ineligible. An attempt was made to link this district on the north to the historically related Buck's Corner Historic District but the large number of intervening properties intrusive for their development after the period of significance or loss of architectural integrity made linkage inadvisable. Buck's Corner Historic District is therefore separately nominated. Buildings to the south are distant and unrelated to those of the district.

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is shown as a dotted line on the accompanying Wilmington assessor's map #58.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

GOWING-SHELDON HISTORIC DISTRICT
Wilmington
Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Photographer Heli Meltsner
Date December 1, 2001
Negative location Massachusetts Historical Commission, 220 Morrissey Boulevard
 Boston, MA 02125

1. Tweed-Gowing Sheldon House, 642 Woburn Street looking northeast

2. Lucy and Henry Sheldon House, 643 Woburn Street looking west

STREET INDEX Gowing/Sheldon District

MHC #	STREET #	Street	HISTORIC NAME	DATE	STATUS	STYLE	M-L	RES.
		Woburn St.						
115	642	Woburn St.	Tweed/Gowing/Sheldon & barn	c. 1809/mid-late 19th cent.	C	Federal	58-19	B
114	643	Woburn St.	Lucy & Henry Sheldon carriage barn	c. 1893	C	Queen Anne	58-3C	B
			barn	c. 1893	C	Queen Anne		B
				c. mid-to late 19th cent.	C	utilitarian		B

TOTAL RESOURCES 4

Contributing Buildings 4

TOTAL

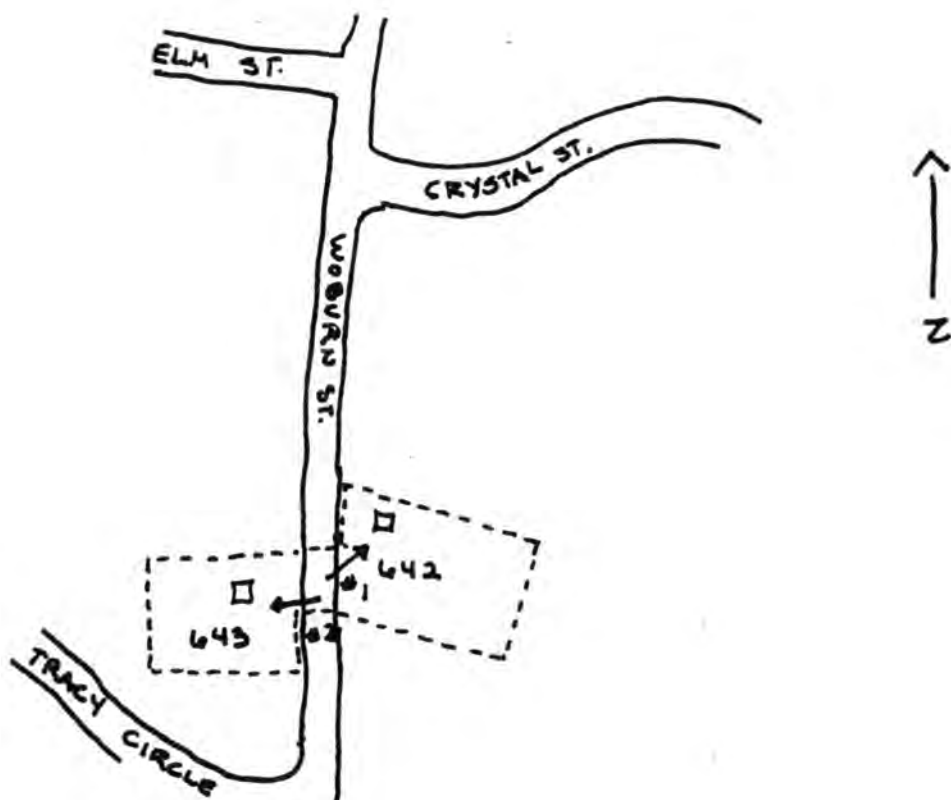
Noncontributing Bldgs. 0

TOTAL 0

Key

C = Contributing Resource

B = Building



GOWING-SHELDON
HISTORIC DISTRICT
APPROX. SCALE 1" = 220'
NUMBERS = STREET ADDRESSES

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Gowing--Sheldon Historic District

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 10/06/03 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/05/03
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/21/03 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/20/03
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 03001176

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 11-21-03 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



GOWING - SHELDON HD
WILMINGTON (MIDDLESEX) MA
642 WOBURN ST.

PHOTO # 1



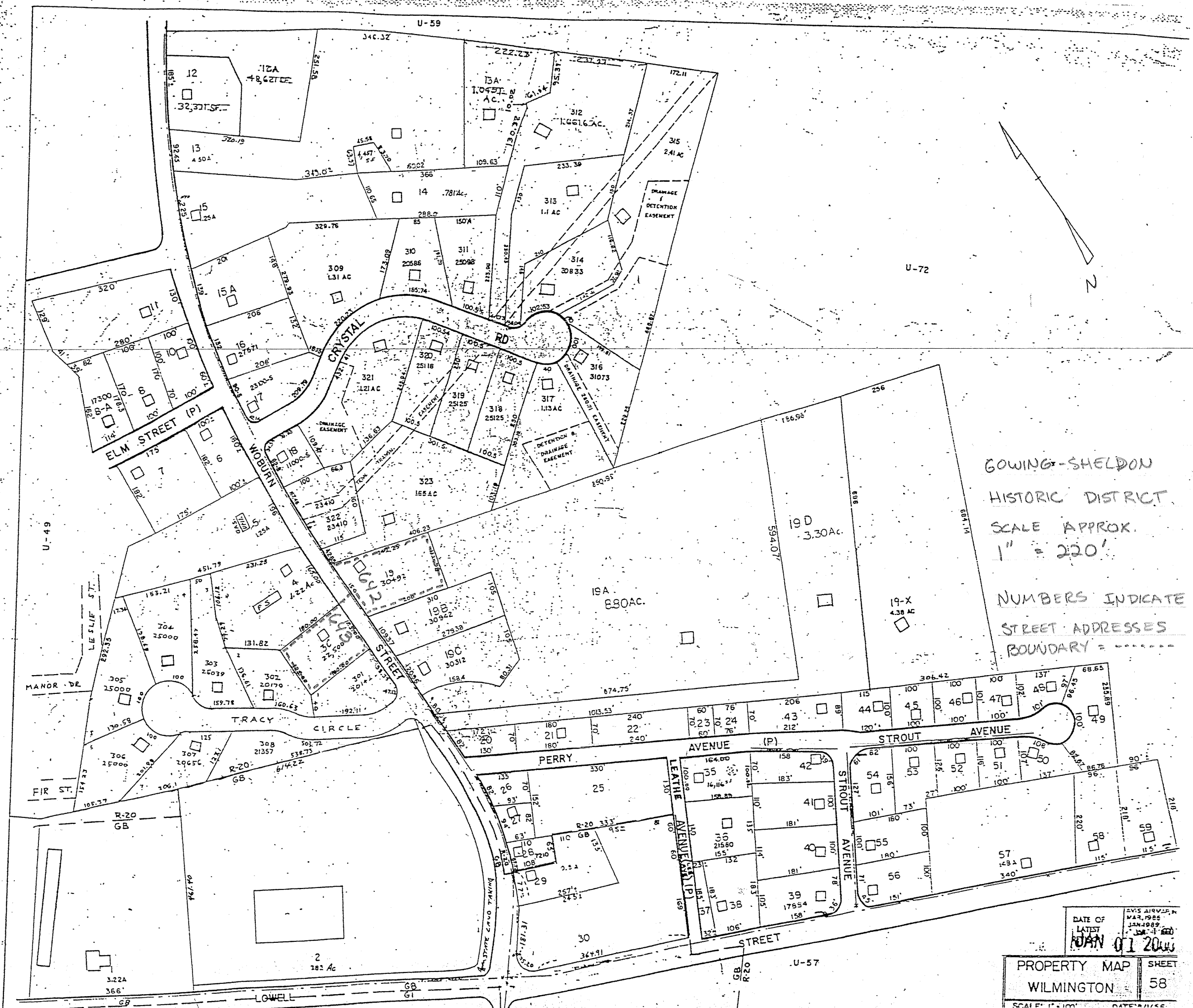
GOWING-SHELDON HD

WILMINGTON (MIDDLESEX) MA

643 WOBURN ST.

LUCY & HENRY SHELDON HOUSE

PHOTO #2



GOWING-SHELDON
HISTORIC DISTRICT
SCALE APPROX.
1" = 220'
NUMBERS INDICATE
STREET ADDRESSES
BOUNDARY - - - - -

DATE OF LATEST REVISION JAN 01 2000	DATE OF LATEST REVISION JAN 01 2000
PROPERTY MAP WILMINGTON	SHEET 58
SCALE 1" = 220'	



READING, MASSACHUSETTS

42071-E1-TM-025

7.5 X 15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1:25 000-scale metric topographic map

7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1987

Produced by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Works

Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts agencies

Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1978. Field checked 1979. Map edited 1987. Supersedes Wilmington 1965 and Reading 1966. 1:24,000-scale maps.

Projection and 1000-meter grid, zone 19. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone. 1927 North American Datum. To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 6 meters south and 41 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks.

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map.

CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER

OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

CONVERSION TABLE

Meters	Feet
1	3.2808
2	6.5617
3	9.8425
4	13.1234
5	16.4042
6	19.6850
7	22.9659
8	26.2467
9	29.5276
10	32.8084

To convert meters to feet multiply by 3.2808

To convert feet to meters multiply by 0.3048

DECLINATION DIAGRAM

ADJOINING MAPS

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	

1 Lowell
2 Lawrence
3 Lowell
4 Billerica
5 Salem
6 Maynard
7 Boston North
8 Lynn

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Topographic Map Symbols

Primary highway, hard surface

Secondary highway, hard surface

Light-duty road, hard or improved surface

Unimproved road, trail

Route marker: Interstate, U. S., State

Railroad: standard gage, narrow gage

Bridge, drawbridge

Footbridge, overpass, underpass

Built-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown

House, barn; church; school; large structure

Boundary

National, with monument

State

County, parish

Civil township, precinct, district

Incorporated city, village, town

National or State reservation; small park

Land grant with monument; found section corner

U. S. public lands survey: range, township, section

Range, township, section line: location approximate

Fence or field line

Power transmission line, located tower

Dam; dam with lock

Canal, grave

Campground; picnic area; U. S. location monument

Windmill; water well; spring

Mine shaft; prospect; salt or cave

Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation

Contours: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression

Distorted surface: strip mine, lava, sand

Bathymetric contours: index; intermediate

Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream

Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small

Swamp; marsh

Submerged marsh; land subject to controlled inundation

Woodland; scattered trees

Scrub; mangrove

Orchard; vineyard

A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

October 6, 2003

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Gowing - Sheldon Historic District, Woburn Street, Wilmington (Middlesex), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the properties included in the district were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 45 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

We request an expedited review of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Heli Meltsner, consultant
Kathleen Black Reynolds, Wilmington Historical Commission
Robert J. Cain, Wilmington Board of Selectmen
Lynn Duncan, Planning Director