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**FORM B - BUILDING**

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	48

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Town Sherborn

Address 81 Hunting Lane

Historic Name Charles D. Lewis House

Use: Present residence

Original summer residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1905

Source Margaret Dowse Buntin

Style Colonial Revival/Shingle Style

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard, with Asphalt & Shingle Roof

Outbuildings Small Garage

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 4.92 acres

Setting The house is located at the crest of a hill in a wooded, rocky area, and faces a stone garden wall across the street.

**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.

See attached map.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date May 1985

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UTM reference: A-19 303400 4680080  
 B-19 303480 4679970  
 C-19 303370 4679950  
 D-19 303300 4680050

scale 1:25,000 Framingham and Holliston  
 Quadrangles

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

Roughly L-shaped in form, the Charles D. Lewis House is swathed in wood shingles. It rests on a brick and rubblestone foundation and rises 2½ stories to a gable roof. The main entrance is located on its southern, or Green Street, facade. In front of its Hunting Lane entrance is a semi-circular driveway. Until suburban houses were built in this area during the 1950s and 1960s, this house was extremely isolated in an area of woods, rocky hills, and apple orchards.

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

Built ca. 1905 on land that had belonged to the Perry family since 1679, this Colonial Revival-style house was the centerpiece of Charles D. Lewis' "gentlemen's farm." It is one of Sherborn's earliest country estates, and its north Sherborn location makes it uniquely sited in the town - most of the early 20th century country estates are located in southeast Sherborn, near the Charles River.

Lewis, a businessman, lived in nearby Framingham during much of the year and was a member of the family that owned Lewis Wharf in Boston. He built his rambling but stylish country home at the intersection of Green and Hunting Lanes - both early roadways. Lewis chose a site that had previously been occupied by apple orchards and rocky fields. The early roads and remnants of plantings contribute to the building's picturesque setting. Lewis further landscaped the property, adding formal gardens. One of the stone garden walls is still extant on the north side of Hunting Lane. Lewis raised cattle on his Sherborn estate; the grazing pastures (previously the orchards) are today once again tree-covered.

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

Interview with Margaret Dowse Buntin  
Maps of 1788, 1857, 1875, and 1889  
Deeds - Nov. 1879 Book 158, Plan 31, Book 8577, Pg. 229  
"The Century Turns," Sherborn Historical Society, 1966

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Sherborn	Form No: 48
Property Name: Charles D. Lewis House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd)

The building's facades display a high degree of plasticity. Bays, porches, and a portecochere supported by Tuscan columns project from its walls, and pedimented dormers project from the gable roof. Its windows exhibit Colonial Revival enframements. Particularly noteworthy is the north wall's Palladian window, which appears above the portecochere. Its main facade is fronted by covered and open porches, and doric pilasters flank the main entrance.

This stylish house represents an interesting marriage of the Shingle and Colonial Revival styles. Its rambling form, asymmetrical fenestration, and weathered shingles bespeak the rusticity and informality of the Shingle Style. Certain elements, for example, window enframements and porches, are closer to the formality of the Colonial Revival. The Colonial Revival style houses and additions of South Sherborn's 1900-1930 estates tend to represent much more academically correct examples of the Georgian Revival style. The overall appearance of the Lewis House is that of a cozy and informal country house.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Charles D. Lewis House retains integrity of setting, design, location, materials, workmanship, and feeling, as well as associations with Sherborn's early 20th century development as a summer haven for a wealthy elite. A well-preserved and finely detailed example of the Colonial Revival style, the estate retains elements of the landscaping and setting of an earlier period. It fulfills criteria C and A of the National Register of Historic Places.

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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 Sherborn Multiple Resource Area  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Cleale, Joseph, House

Entered in the  Keeper  
National Register  
Attest

Delores Byers 1/21/86

12. Dowse, Rev. Edmund, House

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National Register  
Attest

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13. Fleming, Thomas, House

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National Register  
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14. Goulding, Eleazer, House

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15. Holbrook, Charles, House

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16. Leland, Deacon, William,  
House

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17. Lewis, Charles D., House

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18. Morse, Daniel, III, House

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19. Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House

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20. Sanger, Asa, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

8600504

Lewis, Charles D., House (Sherborn MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87  
Date Due: 12/19/85 - 1/4/86  
Action:  ACCEPT 1-3-86  
 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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Lewis, Charles D., House  
Storham NRA, Ma



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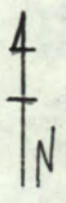
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HUNTING LANE

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6-33  
4.38



# 48      81 Hunting Lane  
Map # 6    Lot # 35  
1969 Assessors Map  
Scale 1" = 200'

GREEN LANE

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000293