

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Methuen ✓
 Address 606 Prospect Street ✓
 Historic Name James E. Simpson House ✓
 Present Owner: Frederick W. McNader

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
 staple to left side of form

Photo number 6-3

Use: Present private residence
 Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1920

Source v/a; maps

Style Bungalow

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle and fieldstone

Outbuildings hip roof shingle barn in rear

Major alterations (with dates) none

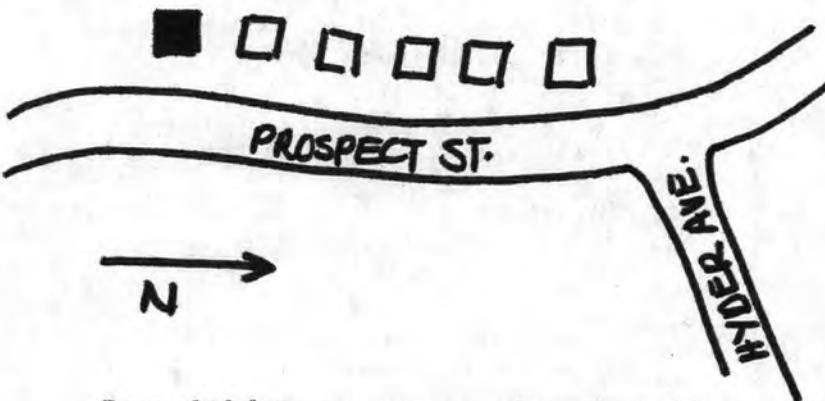
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Approx. acreage 36,365 sq. ft.
one acre or less

Setting residential

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 May, 1978/May, 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 81, Lot 24

UTM Reference: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
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(Staple additional sheets here)

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

606 Prospect Street is one of Methuen's finest examples of the Craftsman house popular between ca. 1905 and 1920. Constructed in ca. 1920, Craftsman style features include a steep gable roof carried by prominent trusses, which terminate in a glazed fieldstone porch. The clapboard-clad building rests on a similar fieldstone faced foundation. A massive fieldstone chimney breaks the roof slope, as do two prominent dormers trimmed with half-timbering and trusses.

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

606 Prospect Street is significant as a well preserved Craftsman Style bungalow associated historically with the development of single-family subdivisions in the first decades of the 20th century. Subdivision of surrounding farmland along Prospect Street did not occur until after the introduction of streetcars at the turn of the century. The 1725 town pound originally stood on the corner of this property and the 1726 first meeting house was located across the street.

This building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Methuen Directory, 1925.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Old Town Farm

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

32. Park Lodge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

33. Perkins, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

34. Pine Lodge

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

52 71

Attest

35. Searles High School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

36. Simpson, James E., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

37. Spicket Falls Historic
District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

38. Swan, Asie, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

39. Tenny Castle Gatehouse

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

61 - 40. Turnpike House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Barbara Brundage 1/20/84

Attest

Ref. # 84002432

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Simpson, James E., House (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

Entered in the
National Register

Federal Agency: _____

- 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
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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
<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: _____



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Simpson, James E., House
Methuen N.H. Ma

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32,625

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36,365
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1.86 AC
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22A
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22K
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29,133

22F
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22B
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16,337

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16,337

HILL RD. (PL 6-2-12)

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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