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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

| AREA | FORM NO. |
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| A | 65 |

Town Wakefield

Address 15 Wave Avenue

Historic Name NA

Use: Present dwelling

Original Dwelling

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date 1875-1883

Source maps and directory, 1884

Style Italianate

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage-non-contributing (c.1920)

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

3 windows filled in (unknown)

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting On slight rise near Lake Quannapowitt

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north

UTM REFERENCE 19/329890/4708385

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A well preserved example of high style Italianate design, this house possesses an elaborately detailed front porch and ornate jig-saw cut woodwork. It retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets criterion C of the NRHP on the local level.

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

This very fine Italianate style house is 2½ stories high, gable end to the street, with a three bay side hall, and L shaped plan. A distinctive feature is the porch across the front in lacy jig-saw cut work; similar but less ornate porches are found at a few other houses in Wakefield. Pillars on a jig-saw cut rail, brackets and turned drops add to the lacy effect. The house has other fine details, such as the shell carving of the paired brackets supporting the roof, rope molding used for edging, double arched gable field windows, and footed sills. It appears to have been built fairly late in the period.

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

This house was built between 1875 and 1883, a period when Wakefield's population was growing by leaps and bounds. Immediately after the Panic of 1873 and the death of Cyrus Wakefield, founder of the town's most important industry, the Wakefield Rattan Co., the town regained its industrial strength, and new houses were built to meet the needs of an increased work force. At the same time, the town was becoming a prime suburban suburb, as it was a rail center, with good connections to Boston.

Interestingly this elegant house was situated next door to Henry Haskell's shoe factory. The location of shoe shops next to houses in this area had been the case since it began to develop in the 1840's, and was to continue until the 20th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. House at 11 Wave Avenue Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper Melores Byers 7/6/89

Attest _____

22. House at 11 Salem Street Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper Melores Byers 7/6/89

Attest _____

23. House at 118 Greenwood Street Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper Melores Byers 7/6/89

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24. House at 12 West Water Street Entered in the
National Register

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25. House at 13 Sheffield Road Entered in the
National Register

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26. House at 15 Chestnut Street Entered in the
National Register

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27. House at 15 Lawrence Avenue Entered in the
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28. House at 15 Wave Avenue Entered in the
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29. House at 18 Park Street Entered in the
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30. House at 18A and 20 Aborn Street Entered in the
National Register

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Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY House at 15 Wave Avenue
NAME:

MULTIPLE Wakefield MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/23/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/07/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000679

NOMINATOR: STATE

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 7/6/89 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



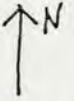
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15 Wave Ave.

House at

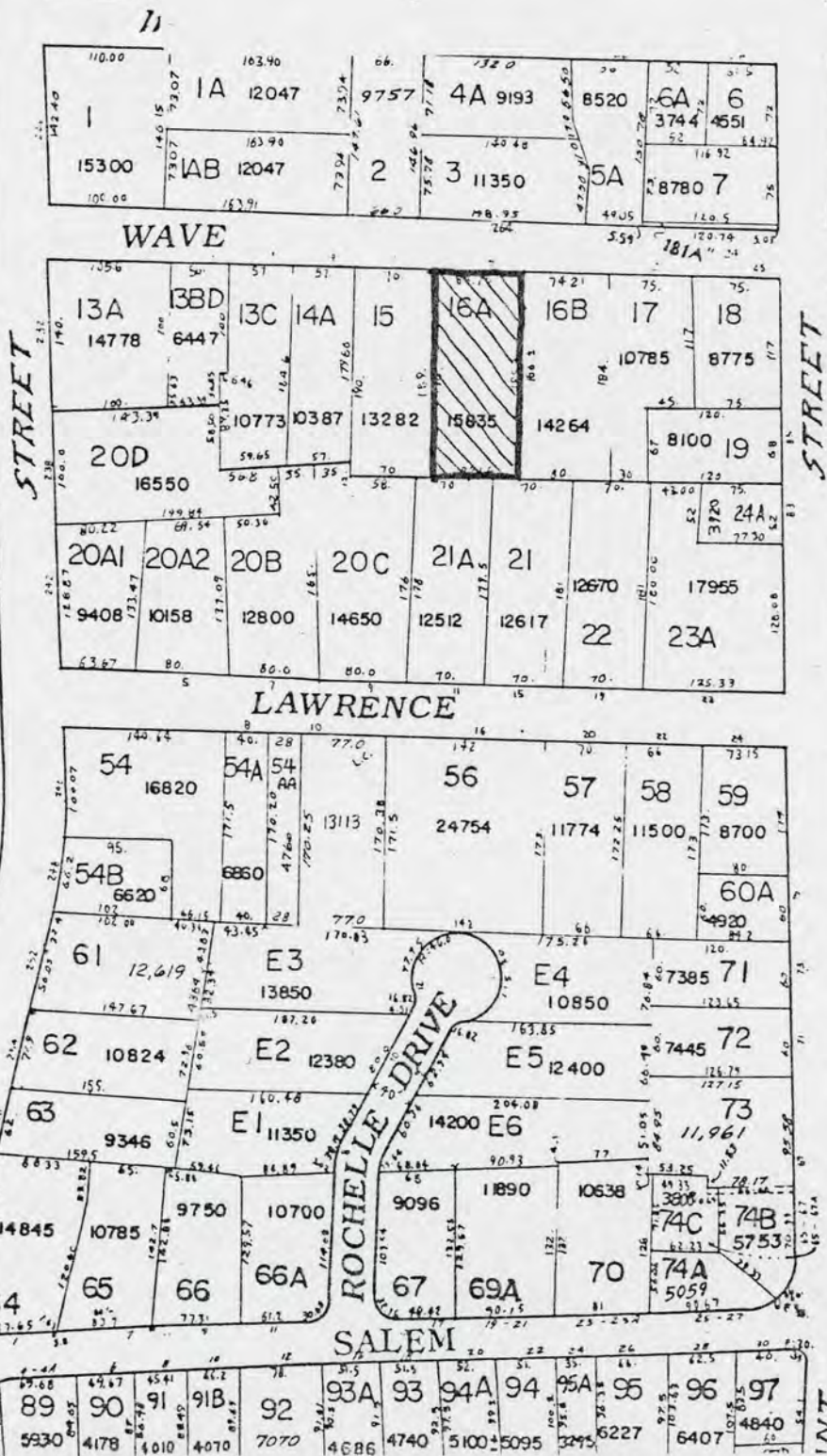
Wakfield MRA, Ma

15 WAVE AVE



SCALE: 1" = 80'

ANNAPOLIT



53
PARK
675 Acres

MAIN

ROCHELLE DRIVE

SALEM

STREET

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300