

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	356

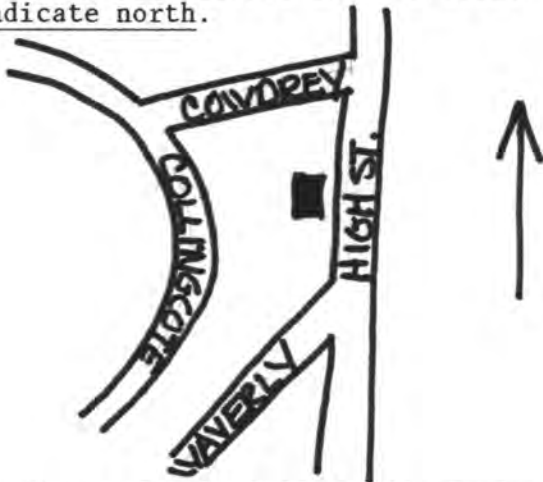
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SKETCH MAP

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 Carole Zellie (ed. Candace Jenkins)

Organization Landscape Research

Date April 2, 1979

Assessor's Map #11-257

Town Stoneham

Address 28 High Street

Historic Name Walter Keene Residence

Present Owner: E. Stone

Original Owner: Walter Keene

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1900

Source va

Style Queen Anne/Colonial Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Shingle, clapboard

Outbuildings Original barn

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 26,240 square feet

Setting Turn-of-the-century residential neighborhood

UTM: Boston North Quad
19 327770 4706080

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Walter Keene House is a good local example of the transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival style. Constructed ca. 1890, its Colonial Revival features include rectangular plan, hipped roof, entry porch with balustrade, and a modified Palladian window. Enlivening Queen Anne features include the combination shingle/clapboard surface and a corner tower with one-story porch.

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

The Walter Keene House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant as a good local example of the Queen Anne/Colonial Revival style and for its associations with a prominent businessman and real estate developer. Thus, the house meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Walter S. Keene, after whom Keene Street is named, was a salesman for the F. Shaw and Brothers leather company in Boston. He was born in Palmyra, Maine in 1858 and moved in Stoneham in 1882 with his wife and children. An incorporator of the Stoneham National and Stoneham Co-operative Banks, he erected this fine house overlooking the city on the slope of Farm Hill. This residence shows the type of suburban expansion which occurred in the 1880s and 1890s. Self-conscious, fashionable residences were erected along wide streets lined with trees such as High Street.

Walter Keene was the developer of the area including Keene Street and High Street north of Cowdrey. Unlike "suburban" style subdividers of his day, he did not divide the land into irregularly sized lots with winding street, nor did he give the small subdivision a picturesque name. Approximately one dozen lots were divided in his plan.

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

Illustrated, p. 44, in Stevens, History of Stoneham.

Walter Keene biography, p. 251, Stevens, History of Stoneham.

Plat map of High Street in Stoneham Public Works Department.

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

41. House at 107 William Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

Attest

42. Jenkins, Franklin B., House
2 Middle St.)
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

Attest

43. Jenkins, Franklin B., House
(35 Chestnut St.)
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

Attest

44. Jones, John, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

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45. Jones, Thomas W., House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

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46. Keene, Walter, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

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47. Kenney, David, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

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48. Lamson, Newton, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Silvana Byers 4/13/84

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49. Locke-Baldwin-Kinsley
House
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National Register

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50. Lyon, T. U., House
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National Register

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Keene, Walter, 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
Entered in the National Register ☐ REJECT
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	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 | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ 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

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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

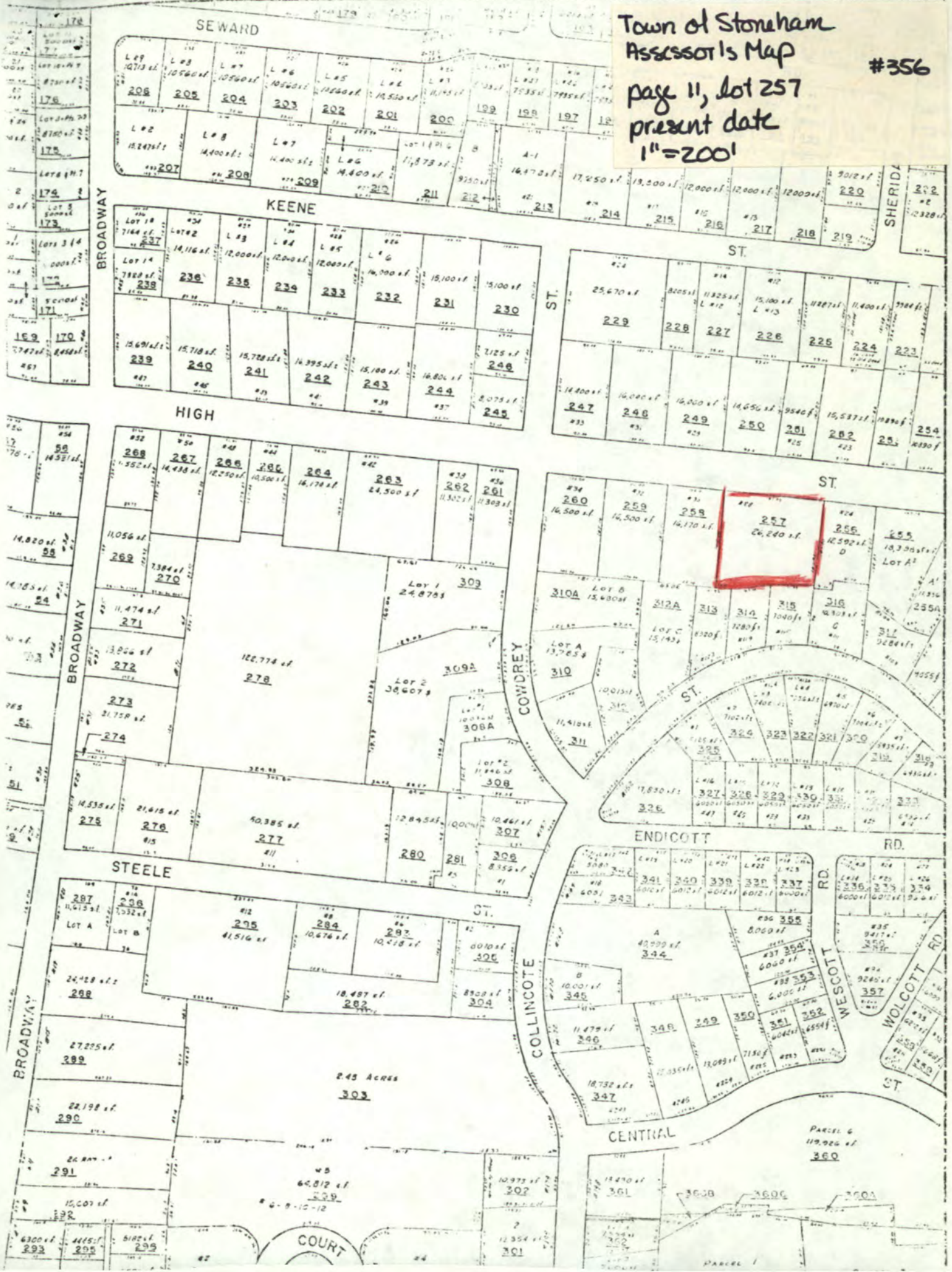


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Stonham MRA, Ma

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Town of Stoneham
Assessor's Map
page 11, lot 257
present date
1"=200'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295