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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 an 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 Wilbur Fiske Haven House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 339 Pleasant Street

N/A not for publication

city or town Malden

N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts

code MA

county Middlesex

code 017

zip code 02148

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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.)

Judith B. McDonough 10/23/92
Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough Date Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer
State of 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 the 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

Date of Action

Beth A. Sarge 12/17/92

Wilbur Fiske Haven House

Name of Property

Middlesex County, MA

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

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

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

HEALTH CARE: medical office

FUNERARY: funeral home

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: professional office

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Second Empire

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: granite

walls WOOD: flush board

roof STONE: slate

other TRIM: wood

Narrative Description

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

The Wilbur Fiske Haven House at 339 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA, is a substantial, wood-constructed and trimmed Italianate/Mansard residence. It was built ca. 1866-1867 by Malden carpenter/contractor George Hanson Fall for well-to-do Boston hardware merchant Wilbur Fiske Haven. Over time it has housed upper middle class households, doctors offices, and two funeral homes (1929-1988). Currently, it serves as the corporate headquarters for A.J. Martini, Inc., general contractors.

The house stands on a relatively ample, granite block bordered and Victorian-style picket fence enclosed lot. It is two blocks west of the Malden Center Boston and Maine Railroad/Orange Line Subway Station. The lot is bound by Cedar Street on the east, Pleasant Street on the west, and a house lot contained number 12 Cedar Street on the north.

Although 339 Pleasant Street is surrounded on three sides by undistinguished modern structures, it is contiguous on the north with an area of architecturally distinguished Victorian era residences. Visually it serves, by virtue of its setting, form, materials, coloration and design, as a "gateway" structure, providing a fine introduction to the aforementioned residential area. This neighborhood's development was precipitated by the coming of the railroad to Malden in 1849, encouraged by a booming, post civil war economy and curtailed by the panic or recession of 1873. This house is a remnant of a Victorian streetscape of stylish and substantial homes and hotels. By the early 1900s the segment of Pleasant Street between the railroad depot and Elm Street, including 339 Pleasant Street, was known as "Doctor's Row" because of the large concentration of physicians in this area.

The Wilbur Fiske Haven House's main facade is set back approximately 20 feet from Pleasant Street. Its lot contains approximately 10,800 square feet. The House is surrounded on three sides by modern structures, a gas station to the east, fire house to the south, and a long, one story commercial block to the west. Diagonally to the northeast, across Cedar Street is an architecturally distinguished Greek Revival house with a south porch noteworthy for its handsome fluted, Ionic columns. To the north, behind this house, is a mid-19th century Italianate house.

339 Pleasant Street's lot is enclosed by low, granite block borders along Pleasant Street and Pleasant Street Park. Victorian style picket fences partially enclose its eastern (Cedar Street) and northern edges. Centrally

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located granite posts with rock faced centers and hammered borders mark the entrance to the property on the Pleasant Street side. To the east of these posts is a tall tulip tree of considerable age. Asphalt paved parking areas are located on the Pleasant and Cedar Street sides of buildings, areas which have been used for automobile parking since this house's 1929 conversion into a funeral home. Between the landscaped border which is enclosed by granite curbing. To the rear of this house is a small, grass covered "back-yard".

Constructed of wood, 339 Pleasant Street rises two-and-a-half stories from a heavy, granite block basement to a slate shingle covered hip-on-mansard roof. Possessing a center hall plan, this house was originally rectangular in form with bays, porches and a porte-cochere projecting from its boxy main block. During the 1989 restoration a new ell, meticulously crafted to match the ca. 1866-1867 main block was added to the main blocks rear wall, resulting in a more L-shaped form. Enlivened by historically appropriate paint colors, the main block's flush board sheathing is coffee-colored with buff trimmings. Porch posts are painted a darker shade of brown while windows are outlined in pink with bright red sash. Architectural ornamentation such as key stones, dentils, apron panels and brackets are accented in green.

In a manner typical of the Second Empire or Mansard style, the main facade is treated as a tripartite design with "center pavillion" and "wings" suggested by a two-story projecting porch flanked by one-story octagonal bays. Access to the enclosed, multi-pane entrance porch is gained via a broad flight of six granite steps flanked by shoulder blocks with wrought iron railings. Presently enclosed with multi-pane sash and transoms, the five-bay by two-bay entrance porch may have originally been open. According to Mrs. Leota Reed Sprague, former owner of 339 Pleasant Street and "resident of Malden on and off, for seventy years", this porch was enclosed at some point during the ownership of Dr. and Mrs. Staples (1908-1929) as a sunporch for infants. The entrance porch is characterized by a pleasing "cross-hatch" effect created by wooden vertical and horizontal components and multi-pane sash. The transom above the front door exhibits gold numbering which reads 339 and is surmounted by a center key stone. The entrance porch's cornice features sawcut brackets interspersed with dentils. The upper portion of 339 Pleasant Street's "center pavillion" is characterized by a band of five windows across the front and two windows at the sides. The center window contains twelve-over-twelve wood sash while the narrower windows are plain pilasters. Beneath the windows and pilasters are square and rectangular apron panels. Like the first floor entrance porch, the upper level's cornice features dentils and brackets.

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Returning to the first floor of the main elevation, two-bay by one-bay octagonal bays flank the entrance porch. The windows of the bays possess distinctive enframements. Here, square headed windows containing one-over-one wood sash are set within raised and narrow moldings with flattened arches. This is the predominant type of enframement for most of the house's windows. Flanking the entrance bay's second level are similarly rendered windows containing two-over-two wood sash. This house's edges are boldly accented by quoins. Beneath this house's deep eaves are wide fascia (main elevation) and side boards, paired brackets and a dentil course. The main facade's mansard features a center, double dormer containing arched windows. Rising from the center of this dormer is a picturesque finial topped key stone. Flanking the center dormer are single dormers with arched windows and roof hoods. In general, the slopes of the straight sided mansard are characterized by narrow upper and lower bands of rectangular shingles which run parallel to a wide center band of scalloped shingles.

Like the main facade, surface plasticity, if not symmetry, is the hallmark of the east (Cedar Street) facade. Here, a porte-cochere extends eastward from the side porch across a driveway to a pair of champfered porch posts which rest on an approximately three feet high brick wall. The side porch is nestled into a corner formed by the main block and a projecting one-bay by one double-bay component. The porch's floor is paved with modern bricks. Its sides are enclosed by a low railing with well-turned balusters. The porch roof is supported by champfered posts. The deep cornices of the porch and porte-cochere exhibits dentils and single brackets. The Cedar Street elevation's second floor features sheathing, window enframements and other trimmings which are identical to those of the main facade. Three dormers with arched windows and hood roofs are ranged across the Cedar Street roof slopes.

The rear of north facade has sustained the most significant alterations overtime. Here, a two-story, mansard roof enclosed rear-ell has been constructed to house a code mandated second egress (as well as additional rest room facilities). Photographs taken prior to the new ell's construction show a slant roofed, one story shed (ca. 1929) which was surmounted by a small, enclosed porch.

The west elevation, bordering Pleasant Street Park, exhibits a two-story octagonal bay. To the right of this bay is a brick chimney which appears to be an early 20th century addition. Flanking the chimney are raised and dentillated cornice-headed lintels which represent a departure from the usual flattened arch enframed windows of this house. At basement level, on either

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side of the chimney breast are ca. late 1920s garage doors. The short concrete ramp which leads to the garage doors is flanked by rubble stone retaining walls. On the second floor of the west elevation, on either side of the chimney are windows of different size but identical enframements. The elevation's mansard roof slope exhibits a pair of arched dormers with the northern dormer located above the two-story bay while the southern dormer abuts the southern window.

The interior of 339 Pleasant Street, despite 20th century alterations for the purpose of doctors offices, funeral homes and corporate offices, is remarkably intact. In general it is characterized by spacious rooms with ten foot, eight inch ceilings and standard size windows providing ample natural light. The first floor rooms exhibit the most lavish plaster ornamentation and highest concentration of well crafted elements. In general, all of the rooms in this house feature hardwood floors, baseboards and raised window moldings. The center entrance hall measures ten feet, seven inches by twenty-six feet, three inches and rises to a height of ten feet, eight inches. Still intact are its original double mahogany front doors which exhibit solid rectangular panels with raised moldings which are surmounted by arched glass panes. Dominating the center hall is a graceful, curving stairway which leads to the second floors center hall. Still intact are the stairways mahogany elements including curving stair rail, well-turned balusters and newel posts (upper and lower levels) with ball finials. Originally a gas lighting fixture was located on top of the first floor's newel post. Both the first and second floors center halls exhibit elaborate plaster cornice moldings composed of small, acanthus leaf ornamented, scroll brackets interspersed with rosettes. The scroll and rosettes run between heavy and raised plaster moldings. At the center of the first floors center hall ceiling is a circular medallion with high relief foliate detail. At the northern end of the second floor hall is a broad, flattened, wooden arch with a center keystone and tonsil-like pendant. The arch springs from fluted brackets with floral swag decorations carved in high relief. These brackets surmounted pannelled pilasters. On the north wall of the center hall is a large, burl walnut Earthlake mirror which is evidently original to the 1866-1891 Haven family occupancy. On the second floor hall's south wall are double french doors which are surmounted by a double lunette transom with heavy enframements exhibiting raised outer moldings.

Returning to the first floor, the original configuration of the front rooms on either side of the center hall has been subdivided to form spaces containing an office and conference room. The conference room is noteworthy for its ca.

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early 1900s ornate, stylistically eclectic mantle exhibiting glazed, cream colored hearth tiles, metal swag ornamented grate, containing possibly rare surviving examples of cast metal "gas logs". The green/black/pink faux marble fireplace surround is flanked by gold banded, engaged Egyptoid columns. The mantle's mirror is flanked by fluted pilasters. Above the mirror is a long panel with white plaster swags on a Wedgewood blue background. This panel echoes the design that appears on lower panels. This mantle culminates in a handsome Classical Revival cornice. During this house's 1989 restoration project an oval label was discovered on the back of this mantle piece which reads "Paine's Furniture Company, Makers and Importers of Fine Furniture, 48 Canal Street and 141 Friend Street, Boston, Massachusetts".

To the rear of the conference room, at the northeast corner of the house is the company president's office. Particularly noteworthy in this room (originally a library or back parlor) is another ca. early 1900s Paine's Furniture Company mantle piece which consists of a green marble hearth and metal grate surround, metal fireplace enclosure flanked by fluted composite columns on tall walnut plinths. Pairs of well-carved brackets support a mantle edged with dentils. Above the shelf is a mirror panel flanked by smaller, solid panels. Flanking these panels are well turned columns which support a dentillated cornice.

Like the front room to the east of the center hall, the front room on the west side has been subdivided into a reception area and office. The Classical Revival fireplace mantle in this room may represent another early 1900s effort to update the formal first floor rooms or, judging by the brick fireplace surround, may date to the 1929 Cowan Funeral Home conversion. Particularly noteworthy in the front room to the west of the center hall is the ceiling's superbly restored plaster medallion and cornice moldings which exhibit floral motifs.

The west side of 339 Pleasant Street also possesses an office with an octagonal bay at the back of the house which contains another Paines Furniture Company mantle. Designed in the Colonial Revival faux marble surrounds, fluted columns, bead course, scroll brackets above flanking columns and an over mantle mirror with Classical Revival enframements.

The second floor, with the noteworthy exception of the center hall's mahogany stair rail and plaster ornamentation is characterized by plain surface finishes. The office above the reception area does possess a handsome Classical Revival mantelpiece which was installed ca. 1900-1930. A late 19th

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century, wooden Queen Anne mantelpiece is in the room above the president's office. With the exception of simple raised doorway enframements with corner blocks, the attic level is also devoid of elaborate surface treatments.

The Wilbur Fiske Haven House, as the result of a sensitive, painstaking restoration in 1989, is in remarkably good condition considering its intensive use during its years as a funeral home (1929-1988). 339 Pleasant Street is an exuberant, well-crafted example of a mid-1860s mansion-scale, Second Empire style residence. According to the Massachusetts Historical Commission Reconnaissance survey report, the Mansard or Second Empire style first appears in Malden ca. 1865 making 339 Pleasant Street one of the earlier local examples of this stylistic type. The Wilbur Fiske Haven House is also architecturally significant as a late 1980s State-of-the-Art example of adaptive reuse of a historically significant resource.

Archaeological Description

No prehistoric sites are recorded on the property or in the general area (within one mile). In general, the potential for significant prehistoric archaeological remains is low because of small lot size, historic development on the lot and because locational criterion (slope, drainage, distance to water) of the property are not particularly favorable for prehistoric settlement.

A low to moderate potential exists for locating significant historic archaeological remains on the property. Trash deposits including sheet refuse may exist in the area surrounding the house. No historic period resources have been identified which pre-date house construction.

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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 a 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**Bibliography**

(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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

ca. 1866-1942

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

George Hanson Fall

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Wilbur Fiske Haven House
Name of Property

Middlesex County, MA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 10,794.5 square feet

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date October 1992

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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 SHPO or FPO.)

name A. J. Martini, Inc.

street & number 339 Pleasant Street telephone (617) 322-8400

city or town Malden state MA zip code 02148-0002

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1866-1867, the Wilbur Fiske Haven House, 339 Pleasant Street, Malden Massachusetts, retains integrity of design, feeling, workmanship, location, materials, association and setting. The Wilbur Fiske Haven House meets National Register criteria A and C at the local level. The property meets criterion A for its association with the development of the street car railroad in Malden, and criterion C as a well-preserved example of a high style Italianate-Second Empire residence.

This house's first owner was Wilbur Fiske Haven, a well-to-do Boston hardware merchant. Wilbur Fiske Haven, along with several other family members figured prominently in the affairs of Methodism at the local, state, and national levels. For many years 339 Pleasant Street was known as the Bishop Haven House, because of the mistaken notion that Wilbur Fiske Haven's famous brother Bishop Gilbert Haven Jr. lived there. Gilbert Haven Jr., was nationally known abolitionist, champion of women's rights, foreign correspondent, religious newspaper editor and Methodist/Episcopal Bishop. Gilbert Haven Jr. was one of the most learned and charismatic Protestant churchman of the Victorian era in the United States.

Later owners and occupants included men and women whose achievements within and contributions to their respective fields further bolster this house's historical significance. From 1891-1900, the former Haven House was the home of regionally significant electric railway contractor William B. Ferguson. In addition to laying out hundreds of miles of electric railway tracks in Middlesex and Essex Counties, Mr. Ferguson was a major figure within Malden banking circles.

During the early 1900s 339 Pleasant Street became part of Malden's "Doctors Row" with the tenancy of Dr. William Alvan Hitchcock, Jr. a Harvard Medical School educated eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist. At its height in 1910, the segment of Pleasant Street's historical associations with Boston area early 20th century medicine was firmly established during the 1908-1929 ownership of Dr. Clarence H. Staples. He was a highly successful Obstetrician and Surgeon. Dr. Staples was the first physician and director of Malden's Contagious Hospital. Like the Havens, the Staples family was active in the affairs of the local Methodist church. Dr. Staple's wife, Ruth Clark Packard Staples, was a prominent figure within Malden charitable organizations and social clubs.

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339 Pleasant Street also has significant historical associations with the Boston area's early to mid-20th century funeral business. From 1929 until 1988, two funeral homes were located in this building, resulting in the bulk of the alterations that this house has incurred on both its exterior and interior. From 1929 until 1951, 339 Pleasant Street contained the funeral business and home of Andrew J. and Maude A. Cowan. The Cowan's adaptive reuse of 339 Pleasant Street for funeral home purposes involved the installation of modern undertaking equipment (unspecified) which placed the Cowan's business at the far front of the funeral home industry in New England. From 1951 until 1988 the old Haven residence continued to house a funeral business well as funeral directors living quarters under the ownership of Fred E. Sprague. During the 1950s, Mr. Sprague was General Chairman of the National Funeral Directors Association and President of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association. He was active in the affairs of the First Congregational Church and other local charitable organizations. Since 1988, 339 Pleasant Street has served as the corporate headquarters for A. J. Martini, Inc. General Contractors. Between May and December 1989, the Wilbur Fiske Haven House was the beneficiary of a sensitive and historically accurate restoration by A. J. Martini, Inc.

Originally part of Charlestown, Massachusetts, the first houses in Malden were built on the north side of the Mystic River during the 1640s. Malden was incorporated as a separate town in 1649 and was named in honor of Maldon, England. By the mid-18th century a shift of civic focus occurred from Madison Street to a mill site near the Pleasant-Salem Streets axis at Malden Center. For the first two hundred years of its history, Malden's economy was derived primarily from agricultural pursuits until the rise of shoemaking during the 1830s and the coming of the Boston and Maine railroad through the town in 1849. Railway construction, in turn, triggered rapid industrialization and a residential building boom in Malden.

During the second half of the 19th century, Malden became widely known for the manufacturing of quality rubber shoes, chemicals, soap and flint paper. By ca. 1870, Elisha Converse's Boston Rubber Shoe Company was the town's largest manufacturer, employing 150 men and women and an annual product worth \$450,000.00. Presently encompassing 5.1 square miles, Malden's territory was originally much larger having been reduced in size by the incorporation of Melrose and Everett as separate towns in 1850 and 1870, respectively. Between 1850 and 1870, Malden's population more than doubled from 3,320 to 7,367. In January 1867, a local newspaper editorial called for a municipal master plan that would require public rather than private street development, as well as

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the purchase of land for a new cemetery, park and reservoir. Malden, with a population of approximately 16,500 was incorporated as a city in 1881. By 1900, Malden's Boston Rubber Company had become the largest factory in the world for the manufacture of rubber shoes. The city's turn-of-the-century prosperity was also linked with paint and varnish manufacture, Wadsworth, Howland and Company; soap, Robinson Soap Factory, later Potter Drug; and linen fire hose, Charles Nieder's Sons. During the period 1915-1940, Malden experienced industrial decline but the city's population continued to expand, reaching 58,036 by 1930. Although there has been a slight decline since 1950, the figure has remained relatively stable since the Depression. Malden remains what it has long been, a good-sized city of comfortable middle class homes, just minutes away from downtown Boston by automobile or public transportation.

The Wilbur Fiske Haven House was constructed ca. 1866-1867 by George Hanson Fall, a local carpenter/contractor. George Hanson Fall (1815-1880) was born in Lebanon, Maine on June 4, 1815. He settled in nearby Lynn during the 1830s, where "he learned a carpenters trade and began at once to build houses by contract" (Malden Mirror 7/10/1880). By ca. 1840, George H. Fall, along with his carpenter brothers Gershom L. and Sewall W. Fall, were living in Malden. George Hanson Fall is credited with the construction of the Greek Revival Malden Centre Methodist Church or "Second Church". This church was built in 1842 (no longer extant) from designs provided by Boston Architect Edward Shaw. He also built the dining room ell for Malden Center's Old Harvard House (hotel), as well as seemingly numerous residences in Lynn and Malden. Fall, a self-made man, was semi-retired from the building trades by ca. 1850 due to poor health and the inclination to become more involved in local Methodist affairs, Abolitionism and Republican party politics. He was chairman of the Malden Selectmen in 1858-1859 as well as the local bank and board of assessors, earning the sobriquet "watch dog of the treasury". Evidently, George Hanson Fall became acquainted with Wilbur Fiske Haven, 339 Pleasant Street's first owner, while serving on the board of the Second Methodist Church with Wilbur Haven's brother Gilbert Haven. 339 Pleasant Street was apparently one of Fall's few post 1850s construction projects. George Hanson Fall purchased a large lot containing 2,824 square feet on the north side of Pleasant Street, to the west of Malden Center, from the Andover Savings Bank, in July, 1860. Fall followed the local mid-19th century development trend to purchase land for house lots on the west side of Malden Center, near the Boston and Maine railroad depot. By ca. 1865, 339 Pleasant Street's lot containing 9,911 square feet had been carved from Fall's larger parcel. The deed agreement between George H. Fall and Wilbur F. Haven dated March 1, 1866

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does not mention the existence of buildings on the house lot. The low \$2,000.00 purchase price for this property suggests that only the land and not a structure was for sale. 339 Pleasant Street was probably built during the warm weather months of 1866 or possibly during the spring of the following year. The first documentary evidence of this house's existence is a listing in Malden's first business directory published in 1869. The listing reads "Wilbur F. Haven, hardware, 2 Washington Street, house Pleasant, corner Cedar". 339 Pleasant Street was built for well-to-do Boston hardware merchant Wilbur Fiske Haven. The earliest description of this house appears in Haven's obituary dated March 30, 1872 (Malden Messenger). Haven's home is called "a monument to his (W.F. Haven's), artistic, almost aesthetic taste..... Everything about that model house and its furnishings he saw clearly, months before the sound of a hammer was heard". Overtime, other substantial residences were built along and around Pleasant Street, west of the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks. By the mid 1870s, the Haven family's neighbors included Phillip S. Page, railroad supplier at 167 Pleasant Street, business at 24 Beach Street, Boston; Charles G. Fall, Attorney and son of builder George H. Fall and George P. Cox, last boot tree manufacturer who lived nearby at 12 Cox's Court.

Wilbur Fiske Haven was born in Malden, Massachusetts, September 23, 1828. He was the eighth of ten children born to Squire Gilbert Haven and Hannah Burrill Haven. Gilbert Haven Sr. was born at Framingham, Massachusetts in 1791, a sixth generation American whose ancestor, Richard, migrated to Massachusetts from England about 1644. Gilbert Haven, Sr. supported his family as a bookkeeper at a dye house, town clerk, and at an unspecified position at the sub treasury in Boston. During the early 19th Century, Wilbur F. Haven's family lived "in an old-fashioned two-story house" at the foot of Waitt's Mountain near Spot Pond. The Haven family's long association with local Methodism began in 1821 when Gilbert Haven, Sr. left the Congregational Church to become a Methodist convert. Gilbert Haven, Sr. presided over Malden's bicentennial activities in 1849, writing and epic poem in honor of the occasion. Unlike his wife, Hannah Burrill Haven, Gilbert Haven, Sr. was born at East Abington (now Rockland), Massachusetts in 1789. Her father, John Burrill served the army of General George Washington during the terrible winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge, PA. Hannah Haven was an avid reader, interested in permanent fixture within the Haven's Pleasant Street household until her death in 1885 at age 96.

Wilbur F. Haven's career in the hardware trade began in 1850. He was one of Malden's early railway commuters, taking the Boston and Maine Railroad to his

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job as a salesman with the Andrew J. Wilkinson Hardware store. Established in 1842, the Wilkinson store was originally located at 2 Washington Street, near State Street and is still in business at 17 Union Street, Boston. At some point during the 1850s, he became a partner in the A.J. Wilkinson's Company. By 1870, this firm's stock encompassed "lathes, portable forges, anvils, drills, crucibles, wires of all kind" as well as "Railroad Machinery and Manufacturers Supplies". Undoubtedly, the original hardware within 339 Pleasant Street represents A.J. Wilkinson Company stock items.

Wilbur F. Haven married Adeline P. Cox in 1853. Their son Frank Wilbur Haven was born in 1855. At the time of 339 Pleasant Streets completion, Wilbur Fiske Haven was in his mid-thirties. In addition to his work as a hardware dealer, he was Superintendent of Malden's Methodist Sunday Schools (during the 1850s) and was also a talented singer who utilized his vocal abilities in church-related choral groups. Despite Wilbur Fiske Haven's accomplishments -- both vocational and avocational -- his talents were over-shadowed by those of his brother Gilbert.

Gilbert Haven, Jr. was a nationally known champion of racial justice, an early advocate of women's rights, editor of an Episcopal Bishop. Shortly after the passage by Congress of the Compromise of 1850 which included a tough fugitive slave law, Gilbert Haven, Jr. began his career as an outspoken advocate of racial justice, delivering his famous "Higher Law" speech. During the Civil War, Gilbert Haven, Jr. served briefly as Chaplain of the Eight Massachusetts Regiment. During the mid 1860s he was a newspaper correspondent in Europe, Egypt and Palestine for various American newspapers and magazines. In 1867 he secured a forum for his progressive political stands as editor of Zion's Herald, an influential Methodist Episcopal newspaper. In 1872 he was elevated to the Episcopacy, selecting Atlanta as his residence. For many years 339 Pleasant Street was mistakenly called "The Bishop Haven House" in honor of Wilbur F. Haven's nationally known brother, Gilbert Haven. Although Bishop Haven never owned this property he was undoubtedly a frequent guest in his brother's home and was among those present when Wilbur Fiske Haven died in 1872.

From 1872 until 1891, 339 Pleasant Street was owned by Wilbur Fiske Haven's wife, Adeline P. Cox Haven. Like her husband, Mrs. Haven was a member of Malden's Second Methodist Society. The Haven's son, Frank Wilbur Haven did not choose to assume ownership of 339 Pleasant Street, selling it instead to Willard B. Ferguson in 1891.

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Willard B. Ferguson was an electric railroad contractor, real estate speculator and banker. Born at Troy, Maine in 1844, he managed, despite little formal education, to rise from rail greaser to the Superintendency of Salem's old Naumkeag horse car line. By the late 1880s, he was engaged in the contracting for construction of the Lawrence Street Railway, Ferguson was later responsible for hundreds of miles of electric railways in Essex and Middlesex, Massachusetts counties.

Williard B. Ferguson purchased 339 Pleasant Street at the height of his wealth and power. On June 1, 1891, Williard B. Ferguson and his wife, Etta Jeanette Coffin Ferguson purchased 339 Pleasant Street from the heirs of Adeline P. Haven for \$15,000.00. During the 1890s, 339 Pleasant Street, under Ferguson ownership was described as "the elegant estate at the corner of Cedar and Pleasant Streets". In addition to electric railway contracting, Mr. Ferguson also served as president of the Malden Trust Company during the 1890s. Undoubtedly, 339 Pleasant Street's commodious halls and spacious, well-detailed parlors provided impressive settings for entertainments involving Ferguson's friends and associates affiliated with banking, contracting and the Republican Party. Unfortunately by 1900, the Ferguson's fell deeply into debt and were forced to sell the former Haven residence to the Athol Savings Bank, Athol, Massachusetts for \$9,000.00. The Athol Savings Bank, in turn, evidently rented or leased the premises to Dr. William Alvan Hitchcock, Jr. of Malden, beginning in 1901 or 1902.

The occupancy of Dr. William Alvan Hitchcock, Jr. at 339 Pleasant Street marked the beginning of nearly 30 years of historical associations with the early 20th Century Boston area medical community. Dr. Hitchcock's occupancy (1901 or 1902 until 1908) was followed by the twenty-one year ownership of prominent obstetrician and surgeon Dr. Clarence H. Staples (1908-1929).

Indeed, Pleasant Street beginning ca. 1890 was well on its way to being called "Doctors Row". In that year, three doctors maintained office/residence along Pleasant Street, between the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks and Elm Street. By 1900, the number of physicians had grown to five. By 1910 the afore-mentioned segment of Pleasant Street, west of the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks had truly become a "Doctors Row" with no less than nine physicians located along this stretch of Pleasant Street, including Drs. Arthur G. Griffin at #195, Elmer Barron at #300, Godfrey Ryder at #321, Louis F. McCarthy at #322, Wilson E. Hunt at #332, George L. Farrell at #440, William H. McBain at #456 and Richard J.P. Goodwin at #481 as well as Clarence H. Staples at 339 Pleasant Street. By 1920, the number of physicians

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along this stretch of Pleasant Street had decreased from nine to six. Evidently, proximity to the Boston and Maine Railroad depot at Malden Center was the major reason for such a dense concentration of doctors offices during the years before widespread automobile ownership.

Dr. Hitchcock was at the beginning of a brilliant medical career when he moved into the old Haven House. His father, Dr. William A. Hitchcock, was a veterinarian. William Alvan Hitchcock, Jr. received his early education in the public schools of Boston and Malden, at Burdette Business College, Boston, and the Highland Military Academy in Worcester, where he prepared for college. He attended Harvard University and Harvard Medical School. It was noted in Malden Post and Present (1899) that Dr. Hitchcock was "one of the first local physicians to specialize", and that "he has had a very wide and extensive experience in all of the branches of medicine, but does not practice any of them except the specialties of eye, nose, and throat". He developed his medical specialty at the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital in London, England during the mid-to-late 1890s. He had medical offices in Boston in the Warren Chambers Building, 419 Boylston Street, and 34 Florence Street in Malden. In 1896, he married Jennie Alger Marsh. By 1910, Dr. Hitchcock's residence and office was located at 71 Summer Street, Boston.

From 1908 until 1929, 339 Pleasant Street's historical associations with the Boston area's early 20th Century medical community was re-enforced by Dr. Clarence H. Staples ownership of the old Haven house. Dr. Staples and his wife, Lizzie Ruth Packard Clark, also provided a second chapter in this house's history of ties to Methodism in Malden.

Dr. Clarence H. Staples was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, the son of Reverend Levi White and Emily Hathorne Staples. Dr. Staples father was a Methodist pastor, and like Wilbur F. Haven's brother Bishop Gilbert Haven, graduated from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. For many years, Dr. Staples was a trustee of Centre Methodist Church. After graduation from Wesleyan in 1900, Dr. Staples attended Harvard Medical School (Class of 1904). Dr. Staples initially established an office at 43 Washington Street, Boston. In 1906 he married Lizzie Ruth Packard Clarke of Topsfield, Massachusetts. Shortly after the Staples purchase of 339 Pleasant Street in 1908, he became the first physician and director of Malden's Contagious Hospital. Dr. Staples had a medical practice in Malden for thirty years and is credited with bringing more than 5,000 babies into the world.

In 1929, with the purchase of 339 Pleasant Street by Andrew J. Cowan from Dr.

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Clarence H. Staples, the era of occupancy by distinguished physicians drew to a close and a new era of use as a funeral home/funeral director's residence ensued. Evidently the Cowan family's business was at the forefront of the funeral business in New England. According to one newspaper account, 339 Pleasant Street, after its 1929 transformation from private residence to funeral home, contained the latest (but unspecified) undertaking equipment. Its chapel (present reception area) could accommodate up to 200 people (Malden News 10/1/1929). The Cowan's were attracted to the house's Pleasant Street location because of its proximity to a stop on the Medford trolley line and Boston and Maine Railroad Malden Center depot.

From 1951 until 1987, Fred F. Sprague continued to operate 339 Pleasant Street as a funeral home. Since 1988, the Wilbur Fiske Haven House has been the corporate headquarters for A. J. Martini, Inc. General Contractors. A. J. Martini, Inc. was founded in Medford, Massachusetts in 1950. From March 1989 to December 1989, the Italianate/Mansard mansion that had housed the families of a hardware merchant, street railway contractor/banker, doctors and funeral home directors became the beneficiary of a restoration remarkable for its high quality craftsmanship and sensitivity rendered additions and alterations.

Archaeological Significance

Historic archaeological remains described above have the potential for providing limited information on the social, cultural, and economic patterns that characterized inhabitants of the house during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In the event concentrated trash deposits are present, careful analysis of them could contribute detailed information rather than information reflecting generalized patterns of behavior.

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(photographs, engravings, etc.) Annotated listing.

Boston Athaneum: no images of 339 Pleasant Street. ca 1898 photo showing Pleasant Street residence of Bishop Gilbert Haven (photo #69)

S.P.N.E.A.: Photo search conducted by Lorna Condon, no images of 339 Pleasant Street in collection.

Boston Public Library: B.P.L. Print Department staff search did not yield images of 339 Pleasant Street.

Massachusetts Historical Society: Christopher Steele, curator of M.H.S. Print Department did not find images of 339 Pleasant Street.

Malden Public Library: Malden Public Library possesses full range of Malden newspapers from the 1860's to present, several articles make fleeting references to 339 Pleasant Street. No images of this house are contained within the collection.

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Malden Historical Society: According to Barbara Tollstrup of the Malden Historical Commission, the M.H.S. has not catalogued its large collection of Malden photographs.

Massachusetts State House Library and Archival Annex: The state library is an excellent source for books and pamphlets on Malden history. The State House annex contains a full range of Malden maps, atlases and directories (1869 to present), no photographic images of 339 Pleasant Street were located in these collections.

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*Death notice

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Obituary

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News, Oct. 23, 1959, p.2,c.6 (Picture)

"Citizen of the Moment honored at testimonial dinner:
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"Man of the Moment--Head of New Health Committee of Chamber of
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"Man of the Moment, Choice of Alderman for Board of Health"
News, Feb. 14, 1929

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Ruth (Lizzie) Clarke Staples (Mrs. Clarence H.)

"Mrs. Clarence (Ruth C.) Staples for School Committee
News, November 19, 1927, p.7

"Mrs. Ruth Staples, Woman of the Moment, Elected President of Old
and New"
News, April 27, 1931, p.4,c.2

"Contributed article on Malden's Greatest Need"
News, Sept. 14, 1931, p.1,c.5

"Woman of Moment Retires as President of Old and New"
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Richard Serabia, local historian, Malden Victorian Society
Barbara Tolstrup, Malden Historical Commission
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of Cedar Street and Pleasant Streets proceed West 85' along the property line bordering Pleasant Street. At the intersection of Pleasant Street and a narrow way known as Pleasant Street Avenue proceed 126' North along Pleasant Street Avenue to the rear lot line of 339 Pleasant Street. Proceed east 86' falong 339 Pleasant Street's rear lot line to Cedar Street. Proceed 127' South along Cedar Street to the point of origin. As shown as lot #901 on the town of Malden assessors map #22.

Boundary Justification:

339 Pleasant Street's lot was carved from a larger parcel in 1865. This rectangular lot's configuration has not been altered since the mid 1860s.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92001659 Date Listed: 12/17/92

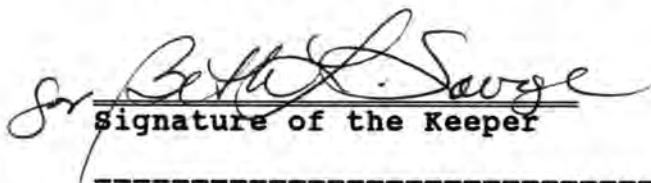
Haven, Wilbur Fiske, House
Property Name

Middlesex
County

MA
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

12/17/92
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

10. Geographical Data: Acreage

The acreage is .25.

This information was discussed with the MASHPO staff.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Haven, Wilbur Fiske, House

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 11/02/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/19/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/05/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/17/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001659

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 12/17/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*One early, well preserved
representative of Second Empire Style
residence in Malden associated
with several prominent owners.*

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

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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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



339 Pleasant St., Malden, Mass

Wayne Soverns

11-5-90

Wayne Soverns, Dorchester, Mass.

View of 339 Pleasant St. looking North

#1 on Assessors Map



339 Pleasant St., Malden, MA

Wayne Sovern

11-5-90

Wayne Sovern - Dorchester, MA

View of 339 Pleasant St. looking Northwest

#2 on Assessors Map



339 Pleasant St., Malden, MA

Wayne Sovern

11-5-90

Wayne Sovern - Dorchester, MA

View of new rarell, 339 Pleasant St., looking Southwest

#3 on Assessors Map



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339 Pleasant St., Malden, MA

Wayne Soverns

11-5-90

Wayne Soverns, Dorchester, MA

Front detail shot looking North

4 on Assessors Map



Cedar Street at the corner of Pleasant Street
Nanette Sorich

3-18-91

A.J. Martini, Inc., Malden, MA

View North Standing on Cedar St.

#5 on Assessors Map



Pleasant Street Park at the corner of Pleasant Street
Nanette Sorich

3-18-91

A.J. Martini, Inc., Malden, MA

View North Standing on Pleasant Street Park

6 on Assessor's Map



339 Pleasant St., Malden, Mass.

Wayne Soverns

11-5-90

Wayne Soverns; Dorchester, Mass

View of Conference Room - View Northeast

#1 on floor map - 1st Floor



339 Pleasant St. , Malden, Mass.

Wayne Soverns

11-5-90

Wayne Soverns; Dorchester, Mass.

View of Front Entrance looking South

#2 on floor map - 1st Floor



339 Pleasant St, Malden, MA

John Swisher

12-02-90

John Swisher, Boston, MA

1st Floor - President's Office - View Southwest

#3 on Floor Map - 1st Floor



339 Pleasant St., Malden, MA

John Swisher

12-02-90

John Swisher, Boston, MA

2nd Floor - View looking South into 2nd Floor

Lunch Room & 1st Floor Main Front Doors.

#4 on Floor Map - 2nd Floor



339 Pleasant St., Malden, MA

John Swisher

12-02-90

John Swisher, Boston, MA

1st Floor - Main Staircase - View North

#5 on Floor Map - 1st Floor

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339 Pleasant St, Malden, MA

John Swisher

12-02-90

John Swisher, Boston, MA

2nd Floor - NW Office - V. president's office

#6 on Floor Map - 2nd Floor - view Northwest

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Boston North

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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

1985

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 1985

Supersedes Boston North and Lexington 1:25,000-scale maps dated 1971

Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS chart 13272 (1982)

This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Projection and 1000-meter grid: Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 19

10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, maintained zone. 1927 North American Datum

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection line 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 1.5 METERS

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS

DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.5 METERS

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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 gauge; narrow gauge

Bridge: drawbridge

Footbridge; overpass; underpass

Buildup area: only selected landmark buildings shown

Houses: barn; church; school; large structure

Boundary:

National, with monument

State

County, parish

Civil township, precinct, district

Incorporated city, village, town

National or State reservation, and 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

Cemetery; grave

Contour: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation

Contours: index, intermediate, supplementary, depression

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Distorted surface: strip mine, levee, sand

Bathymetric contours: index, intermediate

Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream

Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small

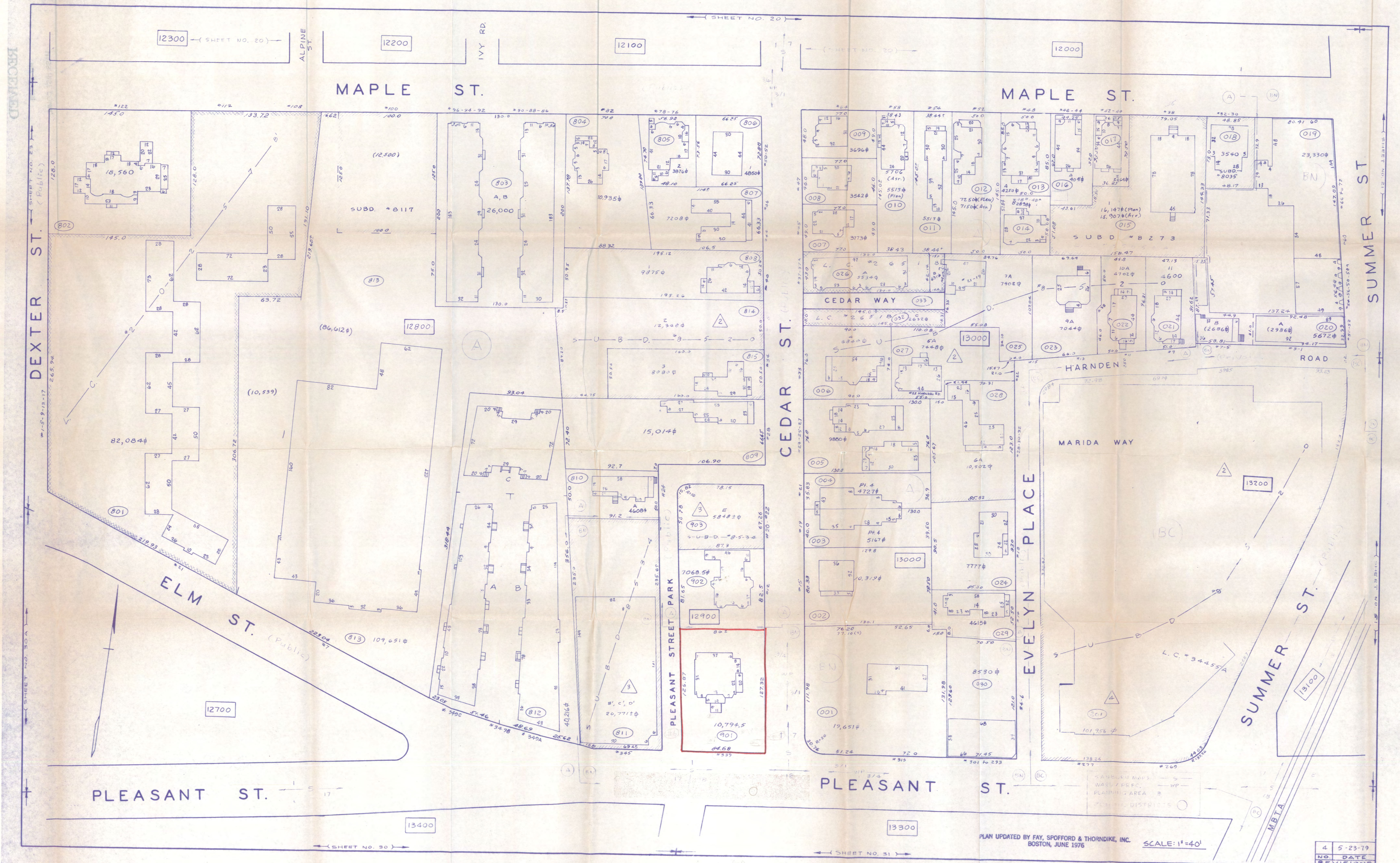
Submerged marsh; marsh, swamp

Land subject to controlled inundation; woodland

Scrub; mangrove

Orchard; vineyard

A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request



VILBUR FISKE HAVEN HOUSE
239 PLEASANT STREET
MALDEN (MIDDLESEX COUNTY)
MASSACHUSETTS
ASSESSORS MAP # 22
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October 28, 1992

Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination form:

Wilbur Fiske Haven House, 339 Pleasant Street. Malden (Middlesex County),
Massachusetts, 02148.

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Nanette Sorich, A.J. Martini, Inc.
Edward Gordan, Preservation Consultant
Barbara Tolstrup, Chairperson, Malden Historical Commission
John A. Froio, Malden City Council