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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

232

Winchester, Mass. MRA

Town WINCHESTERAddress 85 Walnut StreetHistoric Name Moore HouseUse: Present dwellingOriginal dwelling

DESCRIPTION

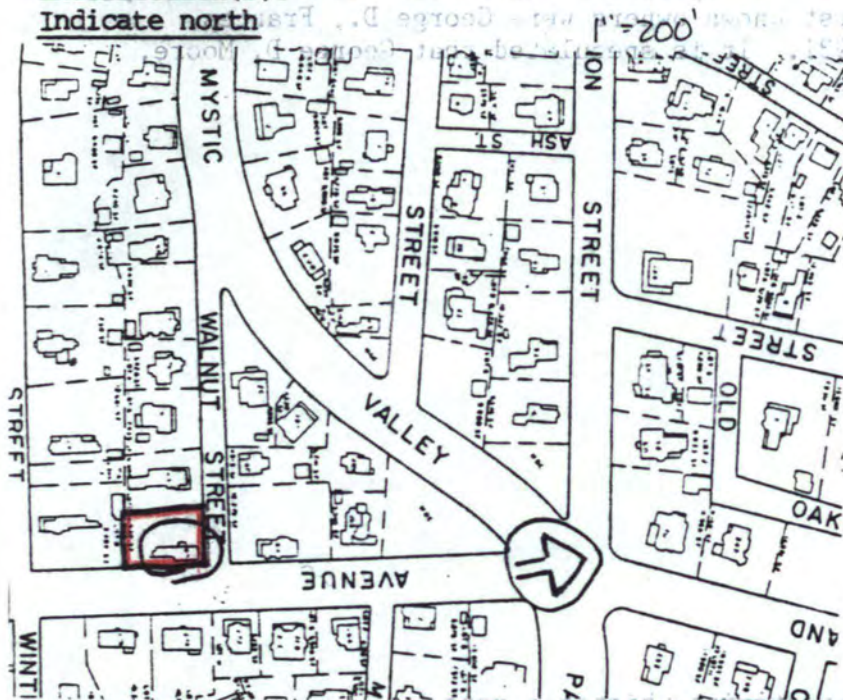
Date 1840sSource styleStyle Gothic RevivalArchitect George D. Moore (?builder)Exterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) mansard

tower and addition at rear- c1870s

Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage .15A / 6838 sq. ft. / 04-0072Setting densely developed residentialarea east of Winchester centerRecorded by Carol ElvOrganization Winchester Historical Comm.Date 1/79; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins

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

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 19.324820, 4701850USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The George Moore House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and associations. It is significant as an unusual example of the Gothic Revival style (see form #230; also Newton, Mass. MRA: Webster Park H.D.) characterized by three steeply pitched gabled wall dormers, vergeboards, and a mansard roofed tower rising from the rear elevation. The Moore House also reflects the early residential development of the area directly east of the town center as the population began to climb rapidly. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Moore House is an unusual example of the Gothic Revival style which bears some resemblance to several period cottages in Newton (Newton, Mass. MRA: Webster Park H.D.; NR: 9/4/86) and to the Abijah Thompson House (#230). It is a 1½ story, clapboard clad structure enclosed by a gable roof. The slightly asymmetrical five bay facade is centered on a double-leaf entry and window set beneath a flat roofed porch with decorative valance. Symmetrically spaced on the roof are three steeply pitched gabled wall dormers. These elements as well as the side gables are highlighted with sawn vergeboards with acorns at the peak. A squat mansard tower and mansard addition rise from the rear elevation.

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

Little is known about the history of this house. It appears to have been built in the 1840s based on stylistic evidence, but its first known owners were George D., Frances, and Abbie Moore who resided there from 1865-1931. It is speculated that George D. Moore, a carpenter and builder, constructed the house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Wincheseter Archival Center resources: town directories, historic maps.



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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Hatch, Horace, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
Attest _____
32. Maxwell, Louis N., House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
Attest _____
33. McCall, Samuel W., House Keeper Boyd L. Savage 7-5-89
Attest _____
34. Mitchell, Amy B., House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
Attest _____
35. Moore House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
Attest _____
36. Oak Knoll Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
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37. Parker House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
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38. Parker, Edmund, Jr., House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
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39. Parker, Harrison, Sr., House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
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40. Pressey--Eustis House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 7/5/89
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Moore House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

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

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000620

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 7/5/89 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 _____



Moore House
85 Walnut Street
Winchester MA MRA 1/88

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303