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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 11. | Cole House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 | Attest _____ |
| 12. | DeRochmont House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 | Attest _____ |
| 13. | Dike--Orne House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 | Attest _____ |
| 14. | Dwight, Edmund, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 | Attest _____ |
| 15. | Elder, Samuel, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 9/5/89 | Attest _____ |
| 16. | Everett Avenue--Sheffield
Road Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Beth J. Sarge</u> 7-5-89 | Attest _____ |
| 17. | Firth--Glengarry Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 | Attest _____ |
| 18. | Gardner, Edward, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Beth J. Sarge</u> 7-5-89 | Attest _____ |
| 19. | Gardner, Patience and Sarah, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelton Byers</u> 7/5/89 | Attest _____ |
| 20. | Ginn Carriage House | Entered in the
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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 DeRochmont 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: 89000642

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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Winchester MRA

MASSACHUSETTS

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL:

DeRochmont House 89000642

Elder, Samuel, House 89000643

Childs, Webster, House 89000644

Skillings Estate House 89000645

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY DeRochmont House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 2/05/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/22/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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COMMENT WAIVER: N

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1990

2-4 Rangeley Road

Rangeley Place

Winchester *NRH, Ma*

Aug. 1990

Neg. in Winchester Archival Center

De Roumont House

AUG
1990



DeRochmont House
2-4 Rangelay Rd. 1/88
Winchester MA MHA

MHC Inv #387

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

387

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

Town WinchesterAddress 2-4 Rangeley RoadHistoric Name Skillings-Webb HouseUse: Present dwellingOriginal dwelling

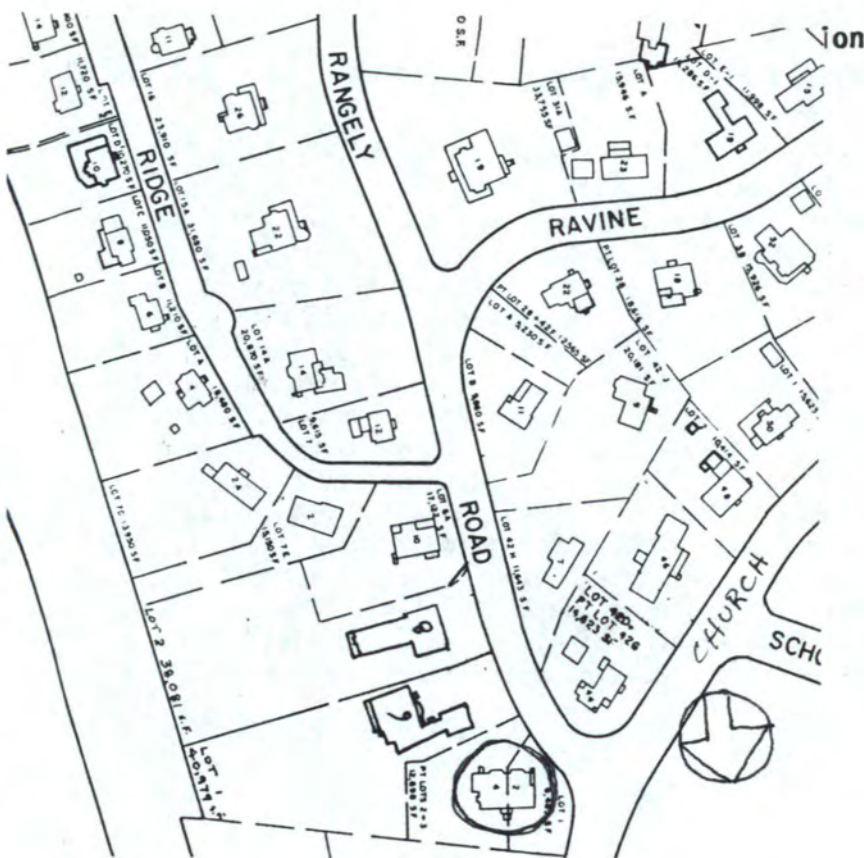
DESCRIPTION

Date 1876-77Source Woburn Journal, Oct. 7, 1876,
June 9, 1877Style Panel BrickArchitect George D. RandExterior Wall Fabric brickOutbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Condition excellentMoved no Date n/a

160001-6,485 sq. ft.

Acreage 160002-12,698 sq. ft.Setting residential area formerlyknown as Rangeley PlaceRecorded by Carl Magge, Carol ElyOrganization Winchester Historical Comm.Date 12/78; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins;
8/90 revised by M. Meister

UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE _____

SCALE _____

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Skillings-Webb House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as one of Winchester's Panel Brick style houses, all designed in the mid-1870s by George D. Rand. It features red and tar-dipped black brick to produce a polychromatic wall surface, carved vergeboards, and a complex massing of gables and dormers. It also represents the finer homes that began to be built in Winchester in the 1870s as suburban living was becoming more popular. 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 Skillings-Webb House is a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story brick structure enclosed by a complex slate hip roof with numerous cross gables and exposed rafter ends. Vergeboards with an overlapping circular motif trim all of the gables. The house also is trimmed with a sandstone watertable, lintels and sills. At the first story, the lintels are carved with a floral motif, while at the second story they are executed with a sawtooth pattern. Eastlake posts divide windows in the gables and frame the dormers on the north elevation. The house was built as a duplex, and each of its two halves is defined by a large gable. Each half was entered through a side porch. The angled siting of the house acknowledges Church Street, yet requires guests to approach it from Rangeley Road, which it faces.

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

This Panel Brick house was the fifth rental property to be built by David N. Skillings on the grounds of his estate, called Rangeley Place. A fourth house, of brick and stone, was built at the same time, but has since been torn down. (See the American Architect, June 23, 1877, for an illustration.) Skillings reported in the June 9, 1877, Woburn Journal that he had leased one side of the two-family house to a Mr. Webb, and it was noted that a Skillings son lived in the other side. William Webb was a salesman in Boston with Carter, Harris & Hawley. His wife Martha was a member of the Art Committee of the Fortnightly Club, a town women's organization. Mrs. George Rand, wife of the architect, was on the same committee. Years later, in 1901, the widowed George Rand married the widowed Martha Webb. They spent ten years of marriage together in Auburndale, Newton, until Rand's death in 1910. The other half of this house was occupied by James Skillings and his family. Skillings worked at his father's lumber business in Boston. In the late 1880s, probably 1889, the Skillings family moved to 38 Rangeley Road, which they leased through 1920. In 1921, James and his wife bought 4 Rangeley Road. Skillings died on August 1, 1930, and his widow Lucy remained in the house until her death on August 14, 1942. The Webb house was later occupied by another prominent Winchester couple, Benjamin and Adeline Church, both physicians. They moved to this house by 1887 and spent many years in it.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Woburn Journal, Oct. 7, 1876, and June 9, 1877
Winchester Archival Center resources: maps, town directories
National Census of 1880, p. 64
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"Suburban Homes," Boston Herald, March 30, 1881

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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Winchester, Mass., MRA

Town WINCHESTERAddress 2-4 Rangeley RoadHistoric Name DeRochmont House

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

Use: Present dwelling (two family)Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c1876Source History of Winchester (Chapman)Style Panel Brick (Queen Anne)Architect unknownExterior Wall Fabric brickOutbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates)

converted to two-family useCondition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage 16-0001 16-0002 .44A 6,485 12,698Setting residential area formerly knownas the Rangeley EstatesRecorded by Carl Hagge, Carol ElyOrganization Winchester Historical Comm.Date 12/78; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins

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 19.24040. 01840USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASSSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The DeRochmont House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as one of three Panel Brick houses in Winchester, all located in the Rangeley area. It features red and tar-dipped black patterned brick to produce a polychromatic wall surface, carved vergeboards, and a complex massing of gables and dormers. It also illustrates Winchester's growing popularity as a fashionable suburb, in this case, the exclusive Rangeley Estates. 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 DeRochmont House is a 2½ story brick structure enclosed by a complex slate hip roof with numerous cross gables and exposed rafter ends. Vergeboards with an overlapping circular motif trim all of the gables. The house is further trimmed with a sandstone water-table, lintels, and sills. At the first story the lintels are carved with a floral motif, while at the second story they are executed with a sawtooth pattern. Eastlake type posts divide windows in the gables and frame the dormers on the north elevation. The house lacks a major elevation, perhaps because of its corner location, and the entry occupies an inconspicuous location on the west elevation beneath a simple wood-frame porch with Eastlake type posts. A secondary entry is located in a one story brick ell.

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

This fine Panel Brick style house, was built by David Skillings on the grounds of his Estate Rangeley. It is one of three similiar houses. Skillings, a lumber entrepreneur from Maine, came to Winchester in the late 19th century, bought a large parcel of land west of the railroad tracks near the town center, and developed it into a walled residential park. A handsome stone retaining wall with granite piers still marks the perimeter of the Rangeley Estates along Church Street. Skillings built a house for himself as well as five others which he sold to people of his selection. Nothing is known about its original occupant who was named DeRochmont.

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Chapman, Henry Smith. History of Winchester. Vol. II. p.13.
Winchester ARchival Center resources: files.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303



NATIONAL
REGISTER

January 30, 1991

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

RE: Winchester Multiple Resource Area

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find additional information on the following properties, which were listed on the National Register as individual properties in the Winchester Multiple Resource Area Nomination, Winchester MA, in 1989.

✓ Skillings-Webb House
✓ (a.k.a. DeRochmont House) ✓
2-4 Rangeley Road

Skillings-Manny House
(a.k.a. Samuel-Elder House)
38 Rangeley Road

Skillings Estate House
37 Rangeley Road

Skillings-Cutter House
(a.k.a. Webster-Childs House)
9 Meadowcroft
(a.k.a. 16A Ginn Road)

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Please add this further information to your files. Feel free to contact Doug Kelleher, National Register Assistant at this office, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosures

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80 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 (617) 727-8470

Office of the Secretary of State, Michael J. Connolly, *Secretary*