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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Wakefield

Address 30 Converse Street

Historic Name H.M. Warren School

Use: Present Closed

Original School

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 c. 1895-1897

Source History of Wakefield

Style Renaissance Revival

Architect Charles E. Park

Exterior Wall Fabric Brick & Limestone

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) None

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under 1 acre

Setting Faces North on corner lot set back from street.

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 19/328700/4707100

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates  
Organization Wakefield Historical Commission  
Date March 1985

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

One of the finest of an unusually well designed group of schools in Wakefield, this Renaissance Revival structure is an excellent example of the style and represents the heyday of Wakefield's suburban development (1870-1910). The Warren School retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets Criteria A and 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 is a Renaissance Revival style, two story brick school beneath a hipped slate roof. The school's north facade has two projecting end pavilions of 5 bays flanking a central section entered through a triple arched portico on the first story. Windows on the first floor have modest flared brick lintels while those on the second floor have arched limestone surrounds. There are 3 hipped roof dormers on the roof. Wakefield's school architecture is of outstanding design quality and this school ranks among the finest.

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

This school was named after Major Horace M. Warren, a Civil War soldier from Wakefield, who took part in the battles of Bull Run, Ball's Bluff, the seige of Port Hudson, and battles of Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Weldon Railroad where he was killed. He was a member of the Richardson Light Guard in all but the last 3 battles.

The school was built at the turn of the century to educate the large number of children who had arrived in the town during its period of most active suburbanization in the 1870s-1910s. The ease of commute to Boston, clean air and water, and the beauty of the town's two lakes were cited by local businessmen as its major attractions and during this period industry's growth stablized and eventually began to decline while the town expanded as a residential community.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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- Eaton, Wm. & HHistory Committee. History of Wakefield, Wakefield, 1944. Wakefield Historical Society, Vertical File, "Schools".

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
81. Wakefield Park <i>H.D.</i> <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage 3/2/90</u> Attest _____
82. Wakefield Rattan Company <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
83. Wakefield Savings Bank Clock <u>Substantive Review</u> <b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b>	Keeper _____ R Attest _____
84. Wakefield Trust Company Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
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86. Warren, H.M., School Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Arlene Byer 7/6/89</u> Attest _____
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88. Winn Street Railroad Bridge <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper _____ R Attest _____
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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 NAME: Warren, H. M., School

MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

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: 89000750

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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30 Converse St.

Warren, H. M., School

Wakefield MRA, Ma

# 30 CONVERSE STREET



SCALE: 1" = 80"

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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