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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

A

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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

Town Wakefield

Address 15 Lawrence Street

Historic Name NA

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1870-74

Source map 1874

Style Queen Anne

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard & shingle

Outbuildings Carriage Barn

contributing (c.1824)

Major Alterations (with dates) NA

None

Condition Excellent

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting on rise, behind granite retaining wall, granite gate posts and carriage barn at rear.

UTM REFERENCE 19/329890/4708290

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A well preserved example of the complexity of Queen Anne detailing, this is one of the few houses in town whose associated carriage house (at the rear) survives intact, presenting a complete picture of late 19th c. suburban domestic building. The building retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets criterion 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 an interesting contrast to the house at 20 Lawrence Street. Both are Queen Anne, but this house achieves the complexity so valued in the period through elaboration of the surface rather than of massing. It reuses the ræe bay, gable end to the street with a side-hall plan, developed in the Greek Revival stylistic period, and gives it an up to date look with a jerkin head on the gable roof, shallow front porch and two story bay window. The patterned shingles, multi-pane sash, and turned porch posts are standard elements of vernacular Queen Anne style in Wakefield. The well-preserved carriage barn to the rear is one of few remaining in town, and gives a completed picture of domestic building of the period.

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

Lawrence Street, shown on the map of 1857, was not settled until about 1871, when it was accepted by the town. In 1874 both James E. Emerson, of the leading shoe manufacturing concern, and S.O. Richardson, proprietor of the Sherry Wine and Bitters medicine manufacturing company, were partners in the subdivision of the street. The Thomas Emerson homestead, now demolished stood on the north east corner of Lawrence and Main Streets, and the family's first shoe factory was situated on the property. For a long time the center of the shoe trade in South Reading, the actual manufacturing of shoes was done in samll shoe shops scattered throughout the community.

Frank A. Clapp, who lived here in 1894 when the house was featured in The Wakefield Souvenir, was a real estate salesman with an office on North Main Street. As the town's industry continued to grow and diversify after the opening of the Boston and Maine Railroad in 1844, population climbed to meet the need for a large labor force. Suburban development began in the 1870's and a pressing need for houses continued until the present.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. House at 11 Wave Avenue Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Aelores Byers 7/6/89

Attest _____

22. House at 11 Salem Street Entered in the
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23. House at 118 Greenwood Street Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Aelores Byers 7/6/89

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24. House at 12 West Water Street Entered in the
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25. House at 13 Sheffield Road Entered in the
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26. House at 15 Chestnut Street Entered in the
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29. House at 18 Park Street Entered in the
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30. House at 18A and 20 Aborn Street

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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 House at 15 Lawrence Avenue
NAME:

MULTIPLE Wakefield MRA
NAME:

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: 89000682

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

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 _____



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15 Lawrence St

Horse St

Woburn, MA, Ma

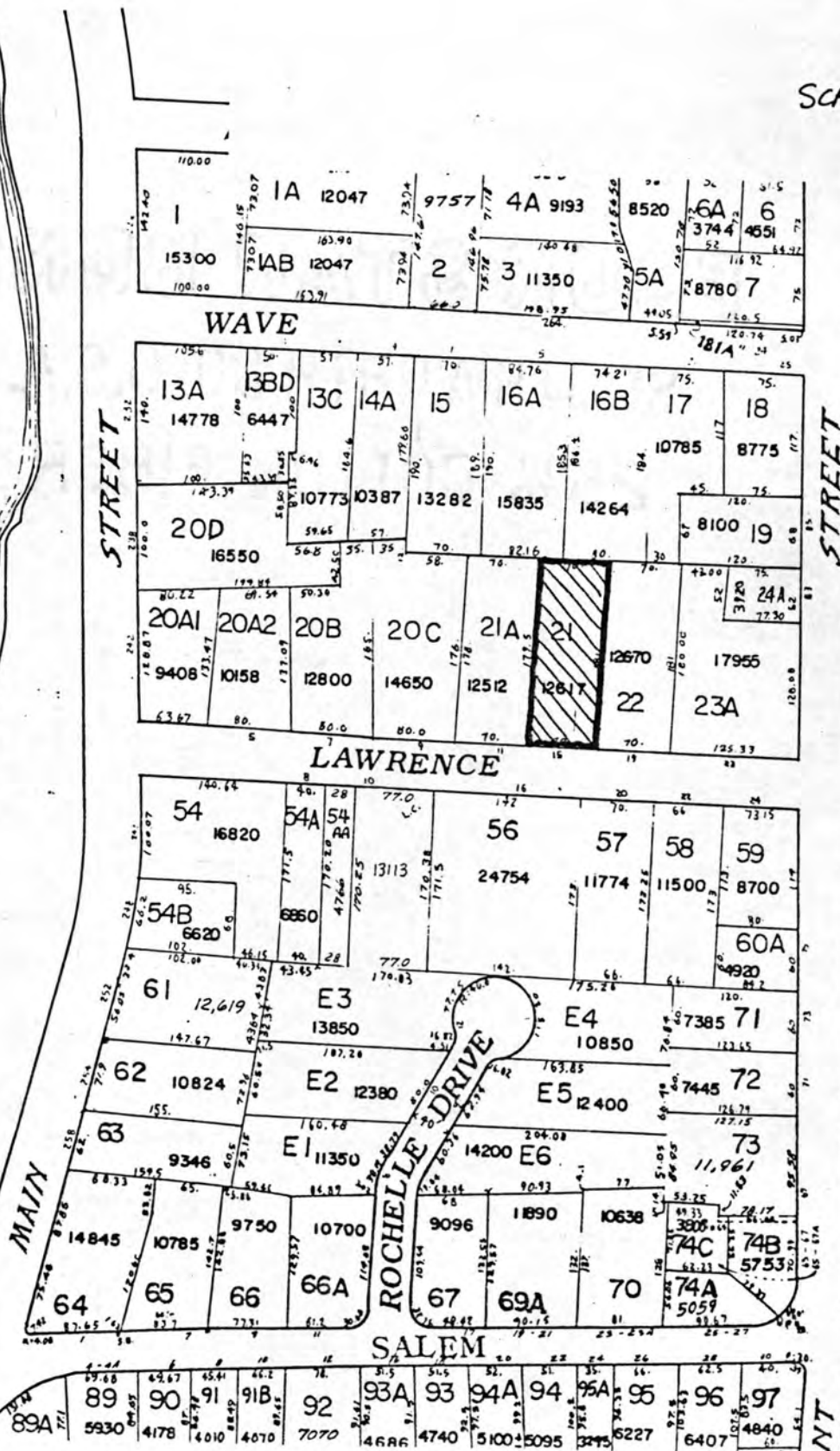
15 LAWRENCE ST



SCALE: 1" = 80'

ANNAPOWITT

53
PARK
675 Acres



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

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