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FORM B - BUILDINGMASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	168

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

See attached map.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg
Organization Mass. Historical Commission
Date May 1985

Town Sherborn
Address 266 Western Avenue
Historic Name Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House

Use: Present Residence
Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1700
Source "Sherborn Past and Present, 1674-1924"

Style Georgian/Federal
Architect N/A
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings Attached shed

Major alterations (with dates) ca. 1770
alterations to main facade; barn located
to northwest of the house is no longer extant
(burned ca. 1950) No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 2 acres

Setting This structure is located very close to the road at the front of a large lot.

UTM reference: 19 301860 4677150
scale 1:25,000 Holliston Quadrangle

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

The Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House represents a vernacular expression of 18th century architectural forms. Composed of a 2 1/2-story main block and single-story rear wing, the building is four bays wide and is unusual for its asymmetrically placed fenestration, as well as its asymmetrical chimney placement. It is possible that the building's southern side, now four bays wide and including a lean-to, may once have been the structure's original main facade constructed in the early 18th century. The building clearly was altered at some point in the 18th or early 19th century.

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

The Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House was built circa 1700 by James Morse (born 1686), son of Capt. Joseph Morse, on land that his father drew in division of "common land" in western Sherborn. The original building, probably a small, unadorned half house with lean-to, may have grown to its present size through the adaption and addition of components of other structures later in the 18th century.

In the 1770s, the house was purchased by Dr. Jonathan Tay, a physician who came to Sherborn from Salem and maintained an extensive practice in western Sherborn for the rest of the 18th century. Presumably, Dr. Tay served citizens of nearby Holliston as well, since Western Avenue is located only a short distance from the town line. It is interesting to note that Brook Street, located to the north of this house, was long known as Dr. Tay's Lane. The building passed by marriage to the Leland family in the late 19th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

- "Sherborn Past and Present 1674-1924" - Sherborn Historical Society.
Research by Margaret Dowse Buntin.
- Anne C. Shaughnessy, A Guide to Sherborn, 1974.
- Frances Bardwell, "Historical Sketches, Sherborn Tercentenary 1652-1952."
Maps of 1788, 1857, 1875 and 1889.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No:
Sherborn	168
Property Name: Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Cont'd)

century and its earliest portion has been incorporated into the larger building as it appears today. New surface treatments reflective of current popular styles were added after the Revolutionary War.

The present main facade of the building faces east. It features three closely set bays (one of which holds a fine late Georgian-style entryway) and a fourth bay at the building's northern end. The graceful door surround includes narrow Doric pilasters and a dentilated broken pediment crowning a large keystone-capped fanlight with Gothicized tracery. A dentilated cornice tops the 12/8 upper-story windows.

The building's southern facade, which incorporates a lean-to, also includes an entranceway. This facade is somewhat less elegant. Fenestration, again asymmetrical, is 6/6. Shallow pediments, a Federal-period addition, crown the windows. The doorway is simply enframed, surmounted by a multipane transom and unadorned pediment.

The single-story rear addition, simple in form and devoid of ornamentation, was probably added in the mid to late 19th century. It extends behind the main block's lean-to.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House retains integrity of setting, design, materials, location, workmanship, and feeling. As a well-preserved, finely detailed example of an 18th century house displaying both Georgian and Federal detailing, the building fulfils Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places. The building holds associations with Sherborn's early development and subsequent growth, thus fulfilling Criterion A. As a structure that is presumed to have undergone significant alterations in its first century of existence and that may hold information for scholars of early building practices, the Morse-Tay-Leland House also fulfils Criterion D of the National Register.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Sherborn Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Cleale, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 1/3/86

12. Dowse, Rev. Edmund, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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Melvin Byers 1/3/86

13. Fleming, Thomas, House

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvin Byers 1/3/86

14. Goulding, Eleazer, House

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15. Holbrook, Charles, House

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16. Leland, Deacon, William,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

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17. Lewis, Charles D., House

Entered in the
National Register

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18. Morse, Daniel, III, House

Entered in the
National Register

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19. Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvin Byers 1/3/86

20. Sanger, Asa, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Morse--Tay--Leland--Hawes House (Sherborn
MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. NOV 20 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 12/19/85 - 1/4/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-3-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Internal to NPS
National Register

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



266 WESTERN AVE

Mrs. S

JUN.

1976

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

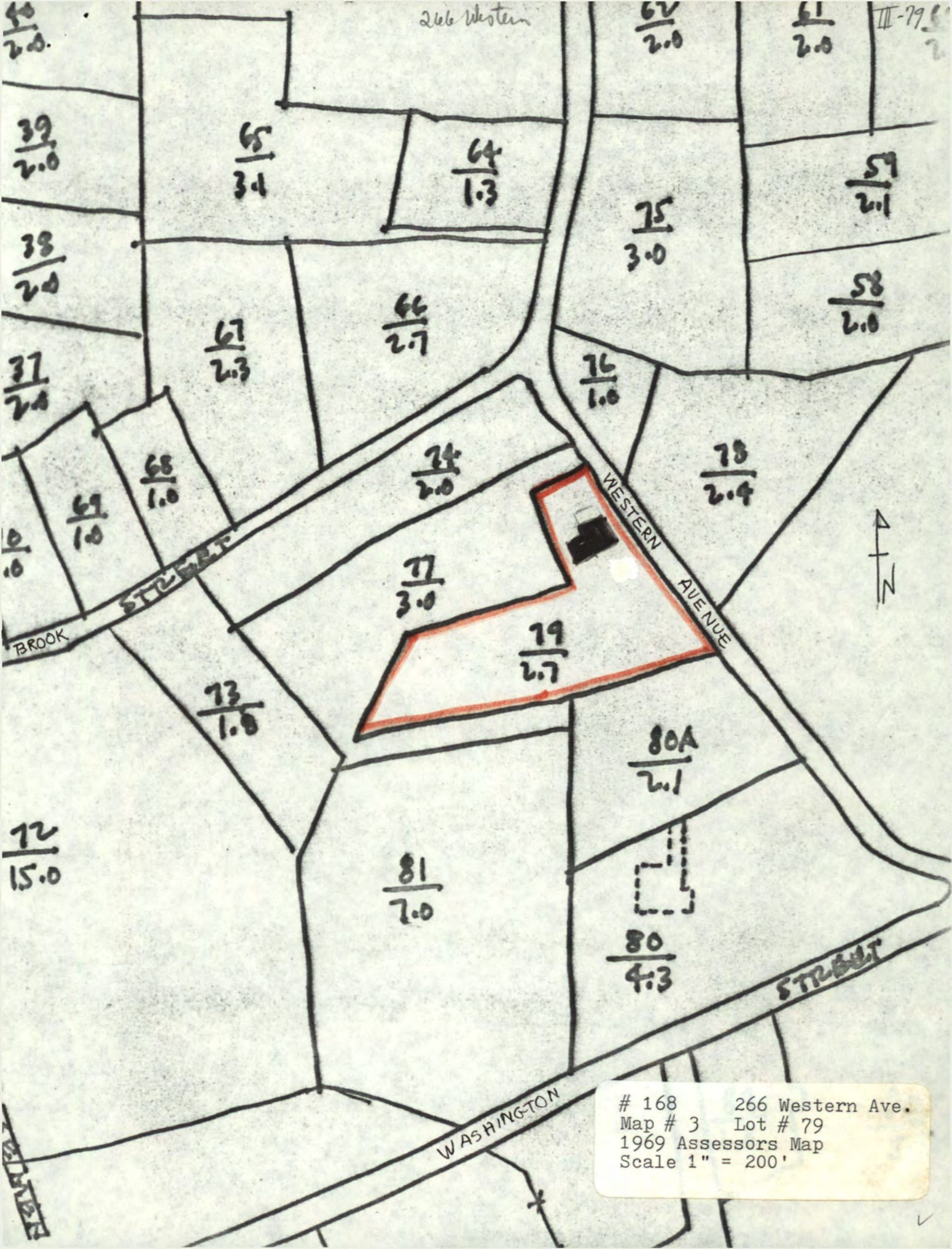
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Mrs. S - Jay Leland - photos here

Sharon MRA, Ma



168 266 Western Ave.
Map # 3 Lot # 79
1969 Assessors Map
Scale 1" = 200'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000293

266 Western Avenue
Sherborn, Massachusetts 01770
February 26, 1985

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Ms. Betsy Friedberg
Preservation Planner
Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Dear Betsy,

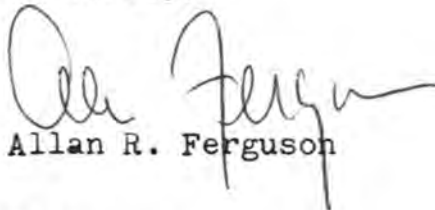
Thank you for the information on our home and the Sherborn area.

We will attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 28 at the Town Hall. If there is anything we can do to help the process please let us know.

I have enclosed some additional information which we have found relative to our house.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,



Allan R. Ferguson

Enclosure