

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

220

(Winchester, Mass. M.R.A.)

Town WINCHESTER

Address 180 Mystic Valley Parkway

Historic Name Parker House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1850

Source stylistic analysis, Simond's

Style Italianate (Tuscan) List

Architect Kenelum Baker, builder

Exterior Wall Fabric flushboard, scored

Outbuildings two single-bay garages/W

Major Alterations (with dates) balustrade  
of veranda replaced; date unknown

Condition Very Good

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage .17 acre 04-0148

Setting Suburban residential outside  
town center.

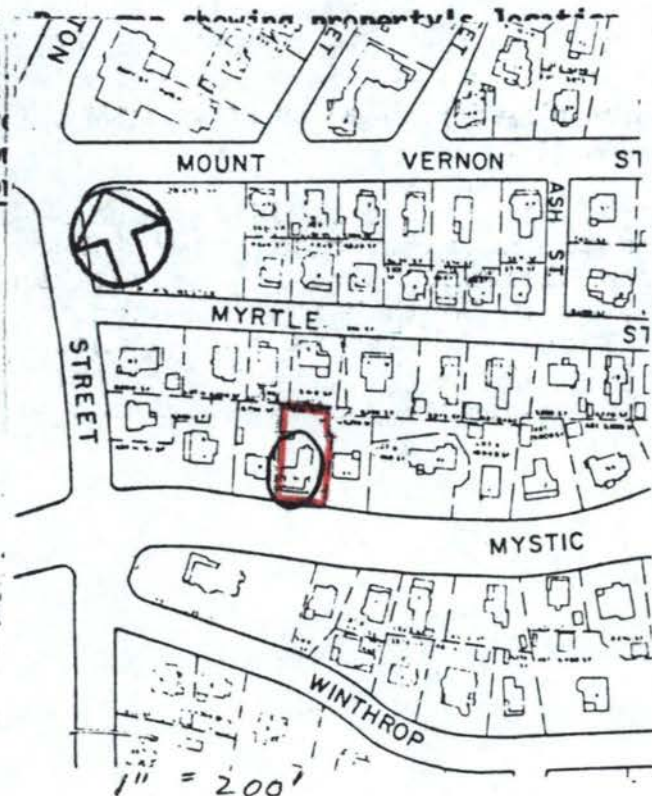
Recorded by Carol Ely, Frank Curtis

Organization Winchester Historical Com

Date 1/79; rev. by H. White 10/87

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: in relation geographical between inv intersection Indicate no



UTM REFERENCE 19,324580.47 01620

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

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

The Parker House is a rare local example of the Italian villa style as it was miniaturized for smaller dwellings. Therefore the Parker House meets Criterion 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 Parker House is a T-plan Italianate residence designed in the "Tuscan villa" mode of the mid-nineteenth century. It is a type usually associated with more elaborate examples than this modest residence. The "Tuscan villa" mode was popularized by the publications of A.J. Downing, and was considered appropriate for the scenic rural landscape. The Parker House stands on higher ground just west of the town center; its early occupants no doubt enjoyed picturesque views from the house's cupola.

The Parker house is flushboarded and scored in an attempt to simulate ashlar masonry. Windows are six-over-six throughout, with those on the lower story of the facade being full-length. The entrance is offset to the right of the three-bay facade. A three-sided veranda with curvilinear posts encircles the lower story. The porch frieze, eaves, and cupola are

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

The first owner of the house was L. Baker, who resided there from 1854 to 1864, and may have been related to the builder, Kenelum Baker. The second owner of the house was Andrew Allison, a Boston businessman employed at Chaffee, Allison & Company, at 10 South Market, Boston. Allison lived in the Parker House from 1865-1900. The next occupant, Dr. John French, resided in the house from 1901 - 1918, and used the ground floor as his medical offices. The Parker family assumed ownership in 1919.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Maps  
Winchester Town Directories

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Winchester	Form No: 220
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE continued,

embellished with a simple scalloped moulding. The windows and entrance door are set beneath label mouldings, which consist of simple applied wooden ornament. There are paired scroll brackets at the eaves. A square cupola with round-headed window openings and smaller scale paired brackets sits atop the house.

The Parker House stands on a site elevated somewhat from the street; the property is delineated by a fieldstone retaining wall with a granite capstone.

The builder of the Parker House was Kenelum Baker, a local builder whose own house is located at 4 Norwood Street (1856, #386). Baker also did the plans and specifications for the Adams School, (1857, demolished) which stood on Swanton Street, near the corner of Washington Street.

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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 Winchester MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
31. Hatch, Horace, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
32. Maxwell, Louis N., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byers</i></u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
33. <sup>see 12-D</sup> McCall, Samuel W., House <del>Entered in the National Register</del>	Keeper <u><i>Boyd L. Savage</i></u> 7-5-89 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 Parker 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: 89000628

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



Parker House

180 Mystic Valley PKwy. 1/88

Winchester, Ma. MRA

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

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