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

AREA	FORM NO.
	165

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

SKETCH MAPShow 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.

Town SherbornAddress 147 Western AvenueHistoric Name Joseph Cleale HouseUse: Present ResidenceOriginal ResidenceDESCRIPTION:Date ca. 1820-1825Source Abner Morse, History of SherbornStyle Greek RevivalArchitect N/AExterior wall fabric ClapboardOutbuildings Barn & Shed attached torear ellMajor alterations (with dates) NoneMoved No Date N/AApprox. acreage 2.00 acresSetting The Cleale House is located in
a rural area of west Sherborn.Recorded by Betsy FriedbergOrganization Mass. Historical CommissionDate May 1985UTM reference: 19 301440 4678940
scale 1:25,000 Holliston Quadrangle

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Joseph Cleale House is one of Sherborn's most stylish farmhouses, and exhibits both Federal and Greek Revival elements. The building's main block, facing west, features symmetrical, recessed entrance porches at the corners of its western gable end. Although this form is not unique to Sherborn, and in fact is common in southeastern Massachusetts, the Cleale House is the oldest house of this type in town. The main block rises 2 1/2 stories to a steeply pitched gable. The long ell extending directly behind the main block is also regionally typical. Though originally sheathed in (cont'd)

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

This house is located on Western Avenue, a north-south thoroughfare that was laid out in the early 18th century. Originally known as "the way to the Sudbury River," it was briefly called "the road to the west" (1822-1825). Little is known about Joseph Cleale, a farmer, except that he built the house shortly after he moved from Ipswich to Sherborn in 1816. The house remained in the Cleale family into the 1930s. Today the two-acre lot is purely residential; an adjoining field is associated with the neighboring Eleazer Goulding House, 137 Western Avenue (#164).

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Joseph Cleale House is a well-preserved example of the Greek Revival style with some fine Gothic Revival elements. In plan, the two-bay house with recessed entry porches and a long rear ell is typical of southeastern Massachusetts. The Cleale House retains integrity of location, design, settings, workmanship, and feeling, and fulfils Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Anne C. Shaugnessy, A Guide to Sherborn and The History-of Sherborn, 1974.
Maps of 1857, 1875, 1889.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Sherborn

Form No:

165

Property Name: Joseph Cleale House

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Cont'd)

clapboard, the building has recently received a shingle surface treatment.

The most unusual feature of the building is its front and side-wall window caps, consisting of large Gothicized fans that culminate in pointed arches. Windows are 12/12.

The hip-roofed rear ell, extending to the east, may be contemporaneous to the main block. The ell at one time served as a carriage house but has been converted to residential use in this century. Projecting from its south wall is a late 19th century porch with turned posts, and abutting the ell's rear wall is a diminutive, shingle-covered shed, an early 20th century addition.

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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

Delores Byers 1/3/86

12. Dowse, Rev. Edmund, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 1/3/86

13. Fleming, Thomas, House

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National Register

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14. Goulding, Eleazer, House

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15. Holbrook, Charles, House

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Delores Byers 1/3/8616. Leland, Deacon, William,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

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17. Lewis, Charles D., House

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Delores Byers 1/3/86

18. Morse, Daniel, III, House

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19. Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House

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20. Sanger, Asa, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

86000498

Cleale, Joseph, 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
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ 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: _____



147 WESTERN AVE

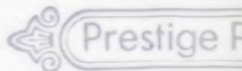
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Shelburne, N.Y. 14637

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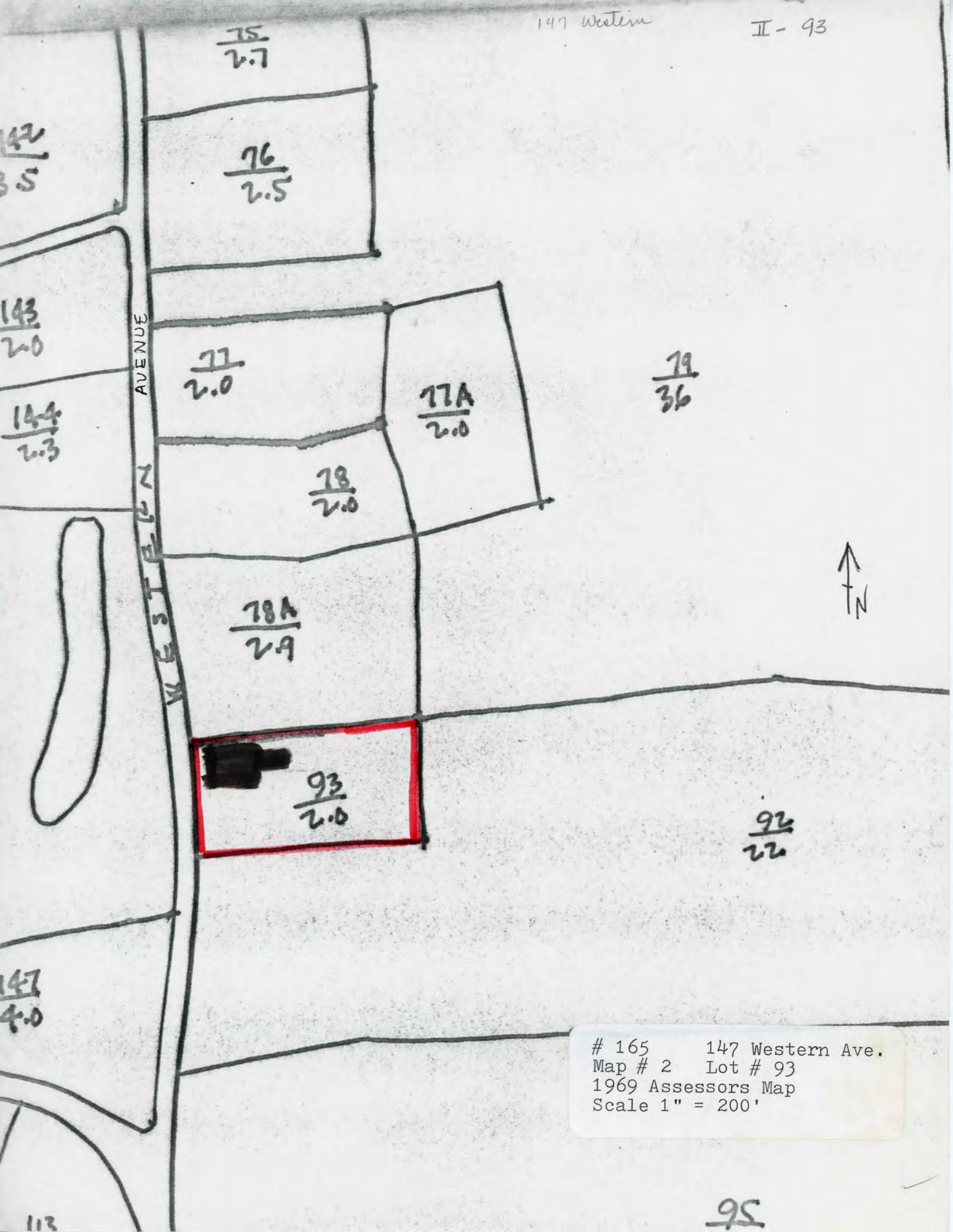
1968



by Berkey



by Berkey



165 147 Western Ave.
Map # 2 Lot # 93
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