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FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

Town WINCHESTERAddress 60 Lloyd StreetHistoric Name Harrison Parker, Sr. House

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Use: Present dwellingOriginal dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1843Source DeedsStyle Italian villaArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) porch

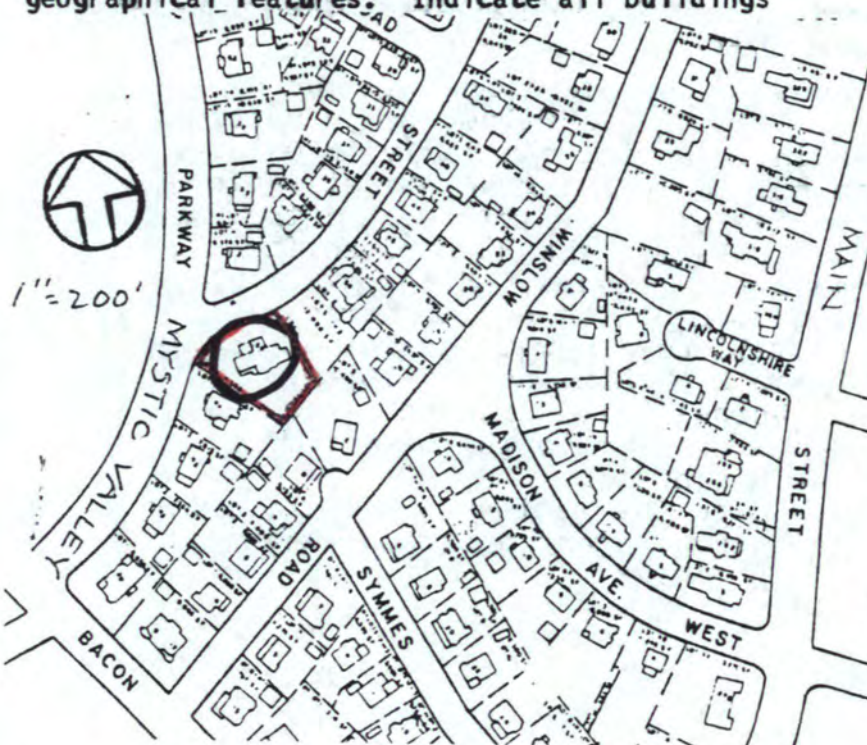
enclosed; upper stage of tower removed
dates unknown.

Condition Excellent

From corner of Main & Mystic Valley P.
Moved yes Date circa 1899

Acreage .27 acre 08-0071Setting Suburban residential along1920s automobile parkway alongAberjona River.Recorded by Carol ElyOrganization Winchester Historical Comm.Date 1978; revised by H. White 10/87

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings

UTM REFERENCE 19.324140.47 51440USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Harrison Parker House is a rare example of an Italian villa in Winchester, and is notable as the residence of Harrison Parker, a prosperous local mill owner during the mid nineteenth century. Therefore the Harrison Parker House meets Criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places. The Harrison Parker House also meets the Criteria Exception B of a moved property.

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

This imposing Italian villa epitomizes the mid nineteenth century taste for picturesque suburban houses, appropriate for the scenic rural landscape. The Parker House is a two-and-one-half story residence, based on a T-plan, with porches on three elevations, and a one-story bay at the rear. The hip roof is of extremely low pitch, giving the appearance of being flat. The widely overhanging cornice is decorated with closely spaced brackets.

The exterior of the Parker House is clad with clapboards, with a string course between the floors. Windows have a six-over-six sash configuration; the upper story windows are round-headed. The attic windows are a rectangular, three-light type, set into the architrave.

The round-headed entrance door has sidelights, and a transom conforming to the contour of the arch. There are corbelled brick chimneys on the main block and the service wing. Continued on continuation sheet.

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

Harrison Parker (1812-1890) played an important role in the nineteenth century industrial life of Winchester. Parker was raised by an uncle who was a cabinetmaker in the town of Reading. During the early 1830s Parker took over the old Jeduthan Richardson mill on Washington Street (site of the present-day Winn-McCord Industries factory, formerly called the Winn Watch Hand Company). Parker married a member of the Richardson family.

In his factory/mill Parker cut mahogany veneers. His brother, Loam Parker, was his partner. In 1841 Parker bought the old Converse mill site and moved his business there. He utilized a new technique of shaving rather than sawing the wood veneers, with a machine he developed.

For years, teams of eight and ten horses which drew the great logs of mahogany and rosewood from the ships at Boston to the Parker mill were a familiar sight along the road to Winchester.

Eventually the Parker business moved to Charlestown where the owner had established large yards for the sale of mahogany and other tropical woods. Parker continued to reside in Winchester.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Deeds

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Unitarian Society Outlook, 1898.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Winchester

Form No:

320

Property Name: Harrison Parker House

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE continued,

There are porches on three elevations, with either segmental or round-arched openings and panelled square posts. The entrance porch has been enclosed. On the rear of the house stands a one-story bay with rounded corners. The house sits on a foundation of random dressed fieldstone. The upper stage of the original tower has been removed, possibly circa 1920.

The interior reflects Harrison Parker's business in fine woods. It includes a variety of elaborate moldings, balusters, and other wood detail.

The first house on the site of the Parker House, was the Horace Hatch House (circa 1835, #332), which was moved to its present location at 26 Grove Street, probably in 1843 when the land was sold to Harrison Parker. Horace Hatch was a well-known local builder, also active in local affairs.

The Harrison Parker, Sr. House (1843) originally stood on the site of the present-day First Unitarian Church (corner of Main Street and Mystic Valley Parkway) on a spot overlooking the owner's mill on the Aberjona River, near the Converse Bridge. When the Unitarian Church was built (circa 1899, #309, NR-1987) the Harrison Parker House was moved to its present site at 60 Lloyd Street.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Hatch, Horace, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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32. Maxwell, Louis N., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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33. McCall, Samuel W., House

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National Register

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Beth L. Savage 7-5-89

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34. Mitchell, Amy B., House

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35. Moore House

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36. Oak Knoll

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37. Parker House

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38. Parker, Edmund, Jr., House

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39. Parker, Harrison, Sr., House

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40. Pressey--Eustis House

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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: Parker, Harrison, Sr., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Winchester MRA

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: 89000627

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

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Harrison Parker House
60 Lloyd St. 1/88
Winchester, Ma. MRA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303