

FORM B - BUILDING

ref no. 80000517

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

63-B

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Roll 21

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town WorcesterAddress 525 Salisbury StreetName William McFarland HousePresent use residencePresent owner J. Carlisle Smith and
Nancy Smith

3. Description:

Date ca. 1743-1759 (or ca. 1800?)Source see reverse #9 and 10
timber-frame vernacular -Style Cape Cod typeArchitect probably noneExterior wall fabric clapboardOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features central chimney, center
entrance facade with one window on
each side of entry, 6/9 sashAltered entry frame Date 20th cent.Moved no Date _____5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 25, p. 42
Lot 1 50,997 sq.ft.One acre or less _____ Over one acre xApproximate frontage 600'Approximate distance of building from street
40'R. Moore6. Recorded by ed. B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date December 1977

(over)

UTM:
19/266550/4685660

7. Original owner (if known) William McFarland
 Original use residence (farmhouse)
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☒	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☐				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The William McFarland House, one of Worcester's finest eighteenth-century "Cape Cod" type houses, may have been constructed between 1743 and 1759 for William McFarland (1722-1805) on land given to him by his father, Andrew. As several McFarland houses existed in the area, it is difficult to be certain that this house and not one of the others was the home of William McFarland, Sr., who later became a lieutenant in the Revolution. The house was certainly owned by William McFarland, Jr. (1758-1839) who served as a soldier in Captain David Chadwick's company in 1777. In the early nineteenth century McFarland, Jr. married Anna Davis; some time in the 1830s the McFarlands deeded the house to their daughter, Sarah Gale, wife of Cyrus Gale, retaining life estate for themselves. After the death of Anna McFarland and of Sarah Gale, the property was sold in 1858 to George T. Foster, a farmer, who occupied it through the remainder of the century. Part of the uncertainty in determining the origins of the house comes from varying references as to whether the home of William McFarland, Sr. was on the east side of Salisbury Street or not. Whether or not 525 Salisbury Street was constructed at the earlier or later range of dates given, it is a rare survivor from Worcester's earlier, rural development. Characteristic of vernacular architecture in the vicinity of Worcester, the McFarland House is a rectangular plan building with a central chimney and rear ell. The house is set on a rubble-stone foundation and is enclosed by a pitched roof. The wide spacing of the facade's three openings (two windows and central entry) has strong associations with buildings dating from the early eighteenth century settlement of Worcester County.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Letter from Mr. William Elander to Mr. Rae Spencer, dated January 21, 1955; letter from Mr. Rae Spencer to Mr. William B. Knowlton, President Worcester Heritage Society, dated November 21, 1969. Both letters on file at the Worcester Heritage Preservation Society.

Wall, C. "Map of Earliest Settlers" (1877), house marked "McFarland", no date given.

Nutt, C. History of Worcester vol. I, pp. 184-185 (McFarland genealogy)

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

ACCEPT
MURPHY
2/28/80

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

KEEPER

BRANCH CHIEF

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description & statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). ^{Down} opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. ^{DOUBLE}

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bps need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ ^{both} technically and to determine significance. Although some of the forms did not contain strong statements of significance the resource categories were thoroughly discussed in the body of the nomination; therefore significance was established. VBDs were not necessary because

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. ^{ALREADY} ~~ALREADY~~ was missing

on some properties but ~~is~~ ^{is} now included after the 2/11/80 corrections.

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are
✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 116 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ ^{am} not convinced about boundaries BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend ^{now} listing all properties ~~except~~ ^{except} these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State

(not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further} w/NR staff + State. ^{DOUBLE}

Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & claims from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from State)

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____

SEE 3/3/80 REPORT

United States Department of the Interior - Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service



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Prestige Prints

McFarland, William, House

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~~Worcester MA~~ MA

525 Salisbury St

north + west elevations

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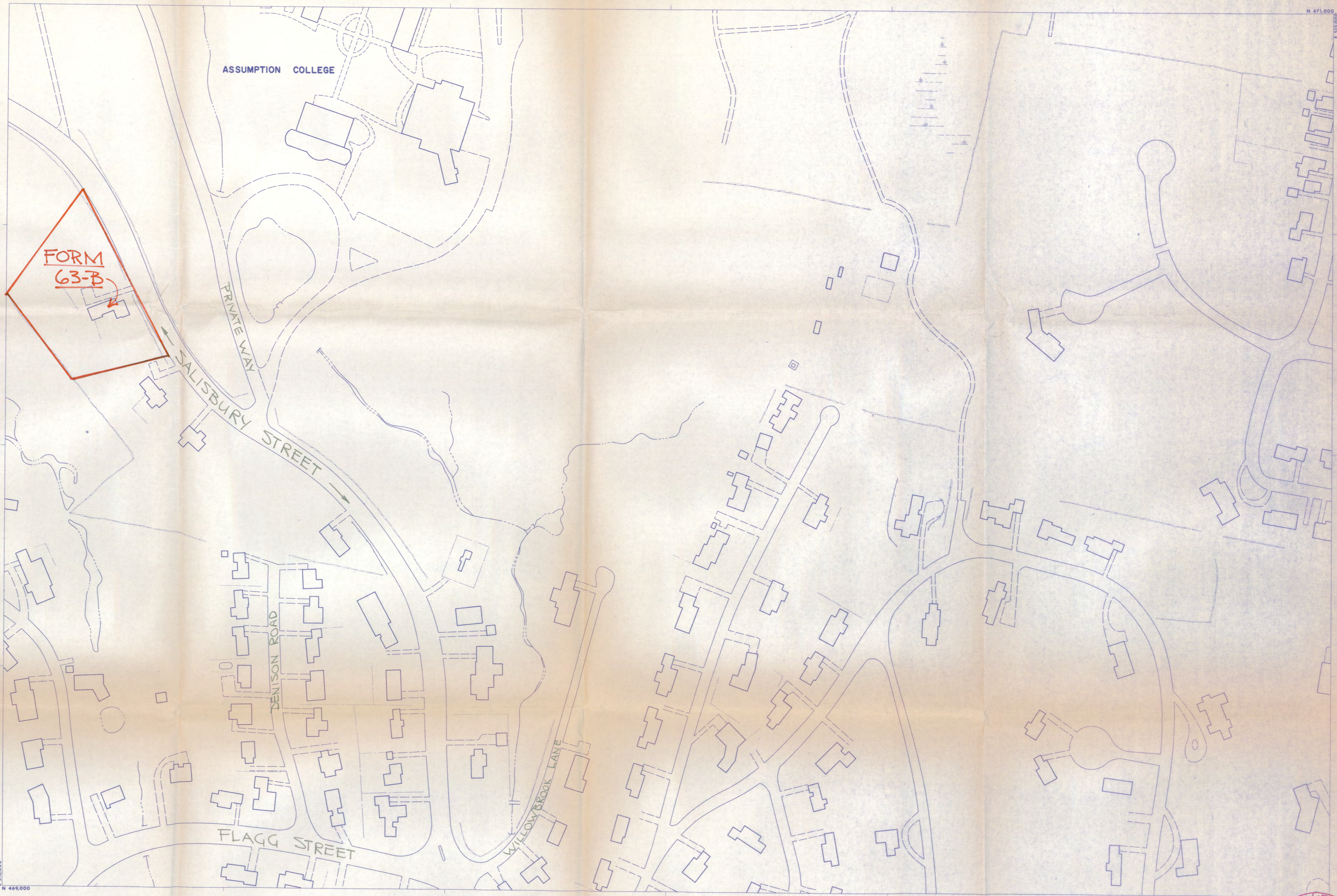
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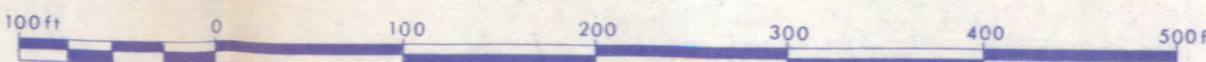
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UPDATED BY _____, DATE: _____

THIS MAP REPRODUCED
FROM MAPPING MEETING
NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY
STANDARDS AT A SCALE
OF 1"=200'



500 FOOT GRID BASED ON
MASS. RECTANGULAR COORDINATE SYSTEM

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CITY OF WORCESTER
MASSACHUSETTS

PLANIMETRIC BASE MAP

PROJECT: M.S.M. 2517

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY: 4-22-75
SHEET 63 OF 220 SHEETS



