

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA FORM NO.

324

Winchester, Mass. MRA

Town WINCHESTER

Address 39 Oak Knoll

Historic Name Oak Knoll

Lewis Parkhurst House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1893

Source deeds

Style Queen Anne/Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings carriage house - C

shed - N/C

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 3.24 A. 07-0071

Setting sited on a knoll on an excep-

tionally large lot that is sur-

rounded by houses of 19th and 20th

century date

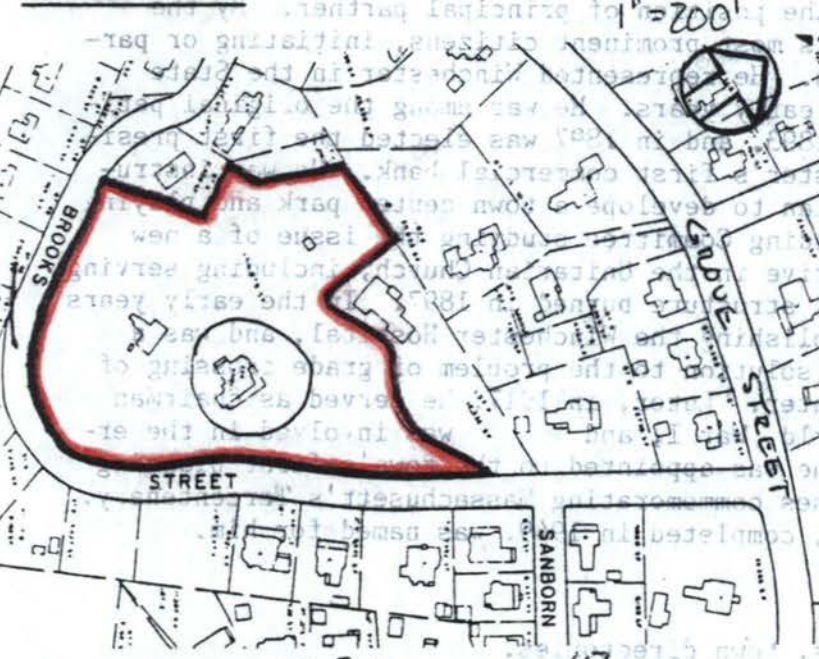
Recorded by Marcia Wood, Allen Hill

Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 11/78; 10/87 revised by C. Jenkins

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: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE 19.324060, 47.00660

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Oak Knoll, also known as the Lewis Parkhurst House, possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling and associations. It is significant as an estate quality example of the transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival style characterized by irregular massing and classical details. Importantly it retains its secluded four acre setting and its large carriage house. It is also significant for its associations with Lewis Parkhurst, who served as treasurer and principal partner of the Ginn publishing company, while taking a very active role in community affairs. Upon his retirement from the Ginn Company, Parkhurst was described as "the town's foremost citizen". The house meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Oak Knoll, which is greatly enhanced by its hilltop setting and exceptionally large lot, is Winchester's finest remaining late 19th century estate. Incorporating elements of the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles, it is a 2½ story house that is clapboard clad and enclosed by a steep slate hip roof. Its irregular massing and four tall asymmetrically placed chimneys with corbelled tops directly reflect the Queen Anne style while many of its details like the entry with fan and sidelights, and balustrades are taken from the Colonial Revival style. The facade is dominated by two prominent cross gables, the westernmost of which projects by several feet; one of the chimneys rises through the eastern gable. The entry is centered on the facade between the two cross gables, and is protected by a balustraded porch that extends eastward; the porch is continued around the east elevation as a balustraded terrace. This elevation is dominated by paired, two story, polygonal bays headed by balustrades; dormers with arched windows are located above. The terrace terminates in a glazed sunporch with fluted Doric columns and a pergola roof. Windows contain 1/1 sash. A large carriage house with cupola and living space stands behind the house.

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

Oak Knoll was built in 1891-92 by Lewis Parkhurst on land formerly owned by the Symmes family. Parkhurst came to Winchester in 1881 as a young Dartmouth graduate, and became principal of the High School in 1886. After five years he left the school to join Edwin Ginn's publishing company where he rose to the position of principal partner. By the 1890s, Parkhurst had become one of the town's most prominent citizens, initiating or participating in most civic betterment projects. He represented Winchester in the State Senate and served on the Water Board in its early years. He was among the original petitioners to establish a Cooperative Bank in 1893, and in 1897 was elected the first president of the Middlesex National Bank, Winchester's first commercial bank. He was instrumental in supporting Forrest Manchester's plan to develop a town center park and playing field, and in 1902 was appointed to the Building Committee studying the issue of a new High School. Throughout his life he was active in the Unitarian Church, including serving on the building committee after the original structure burned in 1897. In the early years of the 20th century he was involved in establishing the Winchester Hospital, and was a member of the committee appointed to find a solution to the problem of grade crossing of the Boston & Lowell Railroad in the town center. Later, in 1917, he served as chairman of the Committee on Public Safety during World War I, and was involved in the erection of a memorial to veterans. In 1915 he was appointed to the town's first planning board. In 1930 he presided over the exercises commemorating Massachusetts's Tercentenary. Just before his death, the Parkhurst School, completed in 1949, was named for him.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Winchester Archival Center resources: deeds, town directories.
Chapman Henry Smith. History of Winchester, Mass. 1936. Vol. I pp. 218, 221, 222, 233, 253-54, 256, 268, 271, 274-75, 309, 319, 322, 329-31, 335, 337.

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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>Melrose Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
32. Maxwell, Louis N., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
33. McCall, Samuel W., House Multiple Resource Review	Keeper <u>Boyd L. Savage</u> 7-5-89 Attest _____
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35. Moore House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
36. Oak Knoll Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
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Parkhurst House

39 Oak Knoll 1/89

Winchester MA MRH

Oak Knoll (House)

MHC INV # 324

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303

National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2014

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Oak Knoll
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 11/19/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/05/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000648

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 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 1-3-14

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

September 10, 2013

J. Paul Loether
National Park Service 2280, 8th Floor
National Register of Historic Places
1201 I (eye) Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Re: Address changes for properties listed on the NRHP

As we digitize our inventory of historic resources, we are discovering discrepancies in property addresses due to renumbering, changing the address to a side street that abuts the parcel, or assigning a precise address where none had existed. In some cases, property owners have notified us of an incorrect address. We are, therefore, writing to request technical corrections in the National Register records for the following properties in

Winchester (Middlesex County)

- Sanborn House (Aigremont) (NRIND 12/14/1981)—new address is **21 High Street** (formerly 15 High Street) 81000286 ✓
- Winchester Town Hall (NRIND 3/31/1983; NRDIS 11/21/1986)—new address is **71 Mount Vernon Street** (formerly 71 Mount Auburn Street, which was a typo) 83000837 ✓

The following were listed on 7/5/1989 as NRIND in the Winchester MRA

- Ayer, Thomas Prentiss House—new address is **10 Grove Street** (formerly 8-10 Grove Street) 84000630 ✓
- Childs, Webster House—new address is **9 Meadowcroft Road** (formerly 16A Ginn Road) 89000644 ✓
- Gardner, Edward House—new address is **0 Gardner Place** (formerly 89 Cambridge Street) 89000605 ✓
- Mason, John C. House—new address is **10 Hillside Avenue** (formerly 8-10 Hillside Avenue) 89000634 ✓
- Oak Knoll—new address is **17 Brooks Street** (formerly 39 Oak Knoll) 89000648 ✓

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

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MULTIPLE Winchester MRA
NAME:

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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:

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NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____