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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

Address 21 Washington Street

Historic Name Jacob Stanton House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1840

Source Stylistic analysis;
Chapman's History of Wincheste

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage/nc

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Condition Excellent

Moved back from Washington Street Date 1887

Acreage .33 acre

Setting Along major thoroughfare

near town center. Mixed residential
and institutional use.

Recorded by Carol Ely

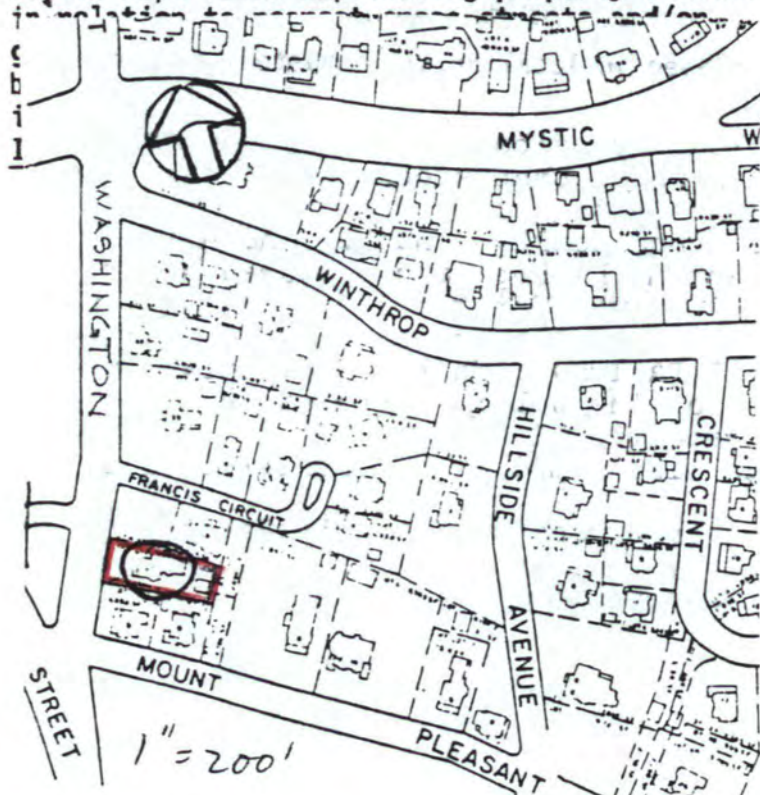
Organization Winchester Historical Com

Date 1978; revised by H. White 10/87

Formerly 1 Washington St (pre190.

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.



UTM REFERENCE 19, 324480, 47 01720

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Stanton House is notable as the only local example of a high-styled temple front Greek Revival house. The Stanton House is also significant for its associations with Deacon Nathan Johnson, a local blacksmith, whose shop furnished large amounts of iron for the Boston and Lowell Railroad construction during the 1830s. Therefore the Stanton 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.

The Stanton House is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a temple-front type of Greek Revival house, and Winchester's only example of this style. The Stanton House is a two-and-one-half story structure sited with its gable end to the street. The most prominent feature of the house is the two-story classical portico, with columns of a composite order. The tympanum and facade are flush-boarded in an attempt to simulate the ashlar masonry of the Greek temple prototype. The entrance is offset to the left with transom and sidelights. First and second story windows on the facade are full-length with a six-over-nine sash configuration. Other noteworthy features are the shaped window lintels and the elaborate iron grillwork of the portico, possibly fabricated in Nathan Johnson's blacksmith shop. A two-and-one-half story gable roofed ell is attached to the north west corner of 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.

The Stanton House was built circa 1840 by Deacon Nathan Brooks Johnson (1792-1871) a successful local blacksmith whose shop stood beside the house. The Johnson family owned considerable land in the immediate vicinity, and the houses of five of Nathan's brothers stood nearby. Nathan and his brother Francis were partners in the blacksmith shop, and produced a variety of articles in iron, including the forged knives for the leather splitting machines in the Cutter mill. The furnished great amounts of hardware, iron and tie bolts for the new Boston & Lowell Railway. Nathan was active in town and church affairs. He was a deacon of the Woburn Congregational Church, and later of the Winchester Congregational Church when it split off from the Woburn church. Johnson was also named to Winchester's first Board of Selectmen in 1850.

After Johnson's death in 1871, the house was purchased by Jacob Stanton in 1880, a local grocer who built the large commercial block in the town center known as the "Brown & Stanton Block".

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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
41. Remick, Joseph, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
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49. Stanton, Jacob, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> 7/5/89 Attest _____
50. Sullivan, Edward, House Substantive Review	Keeper <u><i>John F. Savage</i></u> 7-5-89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Stanton, Jacob, 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: 89000614

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Deacon Johnson / Stanton House
21 Washington St. 1/88
Winchester, Ma. MRA
Stanton, Jacob, Huse

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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