

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
83	4520

Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Newton/Auburndale

Address 1832 Washington St

Historic Name Old Shephard Farm

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 dwelling

Original farmstead

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1740

Source Jackson Homestead Publication
also 1700 Map of Newton

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings barn and shed

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

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Major Alterations (with dates) 2-story

wing added to south elevation,

Condition Very good

Moved from 1828 Date 1953
Washington St 23,740 sq. ft.
Acreage (less than 1 acre)
situated along a main
Setting suburban thoroughfare

UTM REFERENCE 19, 315360.46 89330

USGS QUADRANGLE Newton, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Jackson
Recorded by Dorothy S. Bates/H'stead

Organization Bruce Fernald--N.H.C.

Date 1977, 1980

Rev. by H. White 3/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable) Criteria B & C

1832 Washington St meets Criterion B because of its associations with Alexander Sheperd, a prominent early resident of Auburndale. Criterion C is met because this structure is one of few remaining eighteenth structures in Auburndale, which relate to the early agricultural economy of the village.

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

According to local tradition, this house was built c. 1740 and was part of the "Old Sheperd Farm" originally built by Alexander Sheperd, Senior, a prominent local citizen who is known to have fought at the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775. The farmhouse is a two and one-half story rectangular plan structure with a gable roof of low pitch. A two-story addition one bay wide and two bays deep was added to the south elevation, with the gable roof of the main block extended to incorporate the new section.

The house exhibits the five-bay facade organization common to houses of the mid-eighteenth century. The narrow, center entrance supports a flat entablature. A rear wing of the house was detached and moved to the site of the old barn in 1953. The wing is thought to be the oldest section of the house. The barn was moved toward Stanton Ave.

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

In 1770 Alexander Sheperd sold his farmland to John Pigeon. The property was described at that time as "a lot of 60 acres with a dwelling house and barn and orchard."

In 1804 the farm was owned by Jeremiah Allen, and included a large part of the present-day Brae Burn Country Club. Members of the Allen family owned the house for over 100 years.

In 1953 the house was moved to its present site from 1828 Washington Street and given a one-quarter turn.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. Needham Street Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

92. Newton Street Railway
CarbarnEntered in the
National Register

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93. Nichols House

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94. Old Shepard Farm

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95. Page, H.P., House

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96. Parsons, Edward, House

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97. Peabody--Williams House

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98. Potter Estate

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99. Prescott Estate

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100. Railroad Hotel

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Shepard Farm (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-4-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register

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

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		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

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 _____

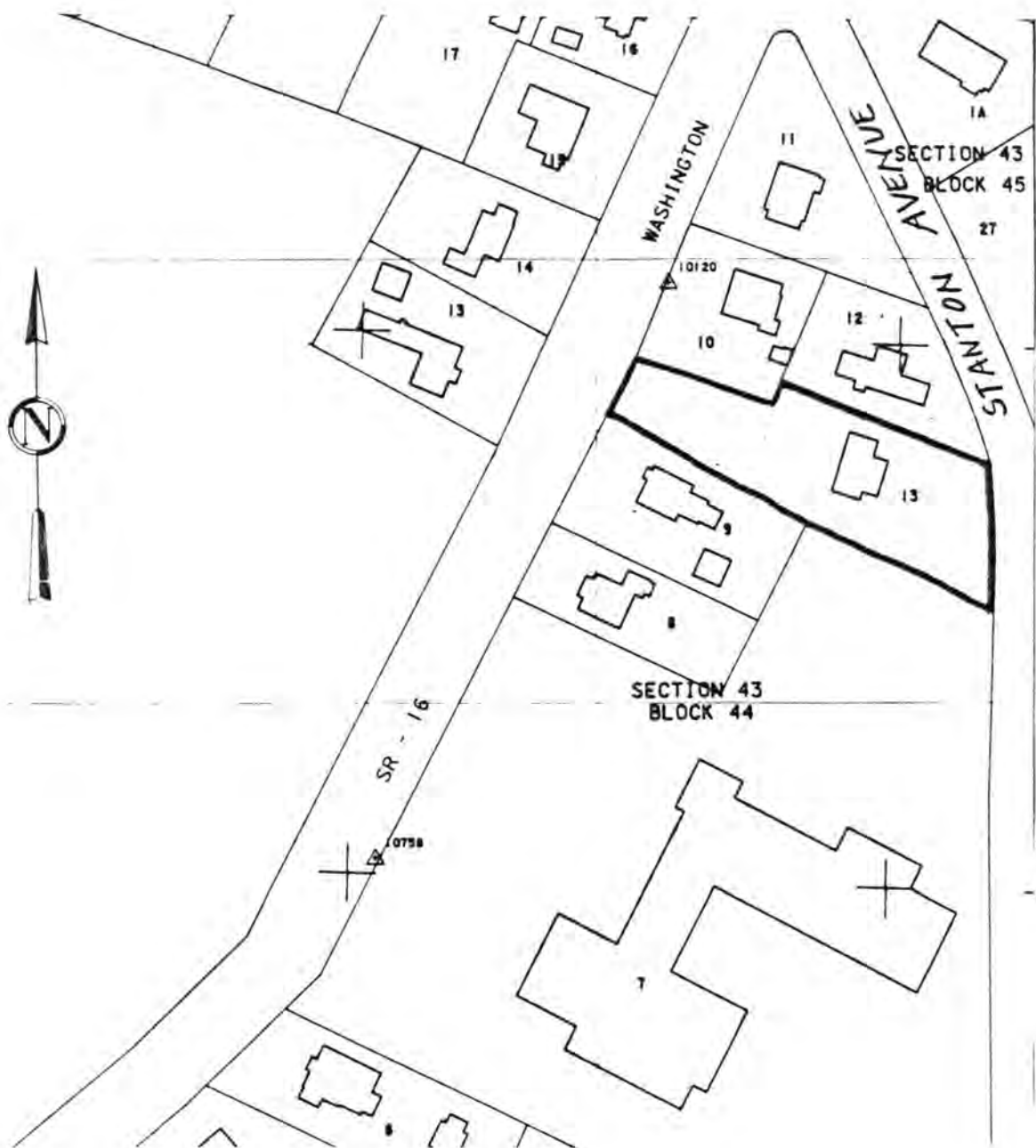
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Old Shepard Farm

Newton, Mass: MRA

- 1832 Washington St, Auburndale -
79-D-25 (3)



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **67**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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 Old Shepard Farm
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