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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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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

Town Wakefield

Address 52 Oak Street

Historic Name NA

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1890-1900 pre-1896

Source map 1889

Style Colonial Revival

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings carriage barn

contributing

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition Excellent

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting faces south - driveway leads

through porte-cochere

UTM REFERENCE 19/330400/4706580

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation

Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical

Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

This property, one of the purest and best preserved examples of high style Colonial Revival domestic building in the Greenwood Section of Wakefield, retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It meets Criterion C of the NRHP on the local level.

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

This is one of the best and purest examples of high style Colonial Revival domestic building in Greenwood, and one of few on the east side of Main Street. The 2½ story house displays the expanded proportions and asymmetrical massing of Queen Anne building in the turreted tower, corner oriel, wide rounded bay windows, fish scale shingle, and expansive front porch. Colonial Revival details are found in the hip roof dormers, which are paired on the front elevation, balustraded hip roof, and porch with paired columns on high plinths, which extend to form an elegant porte cochere.

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

Henry H. Savage, who built this house, was a broker in Boston, and later a developer, who planned the subdivision of his acres north of Oak Street. The grandiose scheme, never exactly realized, was shown as paper streets on the atlas of 1889. Actual development came more slowly, and Gerard Street was not laid out until 1925. Suburban settlement of his development was dependent on car transportation, rather than rail, as in Wakefield Park, or street car, as in Greenwood Park just to the south.

78 in 1918 a Broker.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps 1874
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. House at 39 Converse Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

52. House at 40 Crescent Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

53. House at 42 Hopkins Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

54. House at 5 Bennett Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

55. House at 509 North Avenue
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

~~56. House at 52 Oak Street~~ Substantive Review

for Keeper Beth L. Savage 7/6/89
Attest _____

57. House at 54 Spring Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

58. House at 556 Lowell Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

59. House at 6 Adams Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

60. House at 7 Salem Street
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7/6/89
Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY House at 52 Oak Street
NAME:

MULTIPLE Wakefield MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/23/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/07/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000700

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: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 7/6/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Well preserved locally significant
Colonial Revival residence.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 7/6/89

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 _____

Date _____



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52 Oak St.

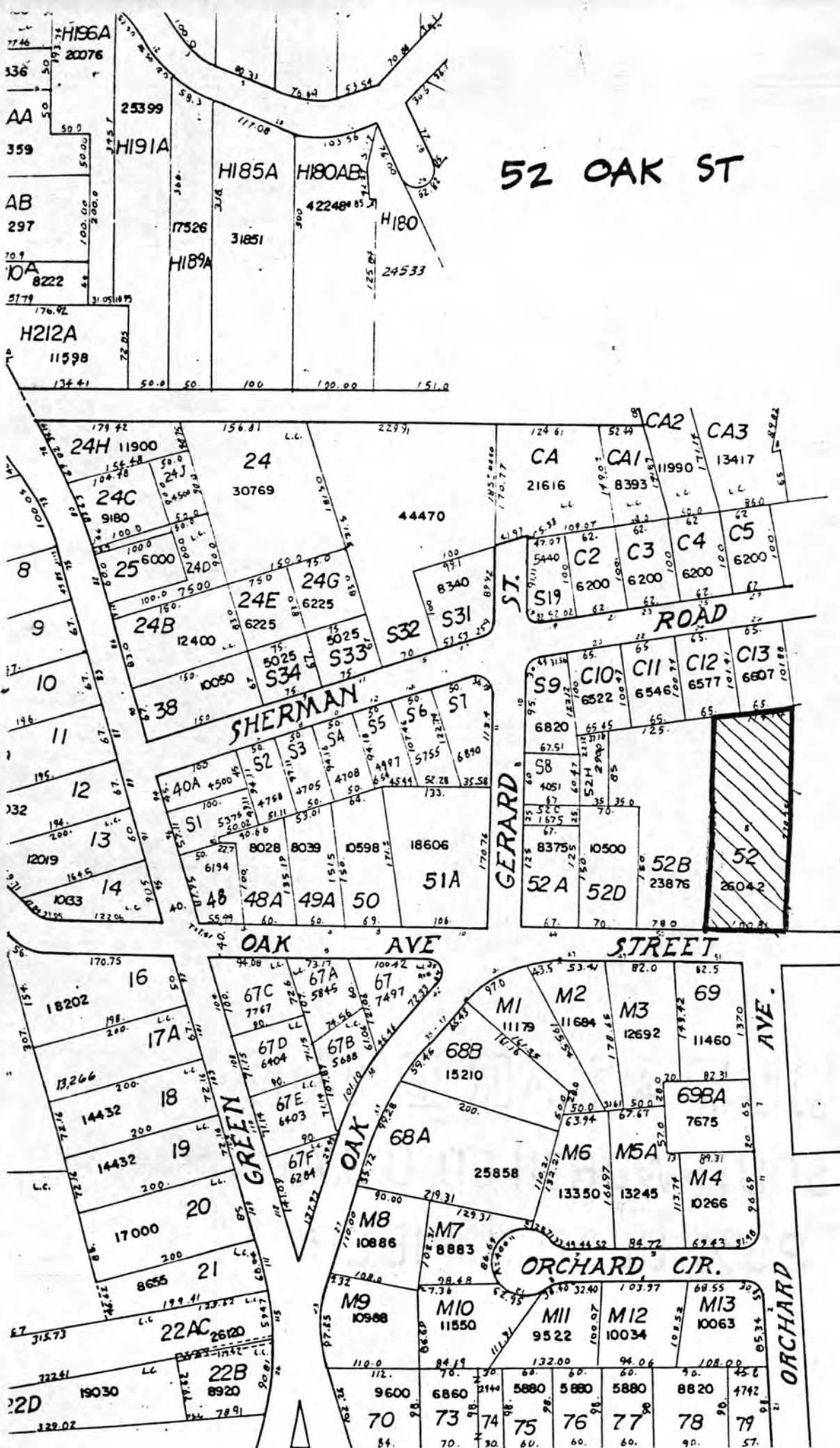
House at

Wakfield, MA, Ma

52 OAK ST



SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300