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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA _____ FORM NO. _____

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Winchester, Mass. MRA

Town WINCHESTER

Address 10 Mt. Pleasant Street

Historic Name Arthur H. Russell House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION _____

Date 1899

Source Simond's List, historic maps

Style Medieval Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage .5A / 21,857 sq. ft. / 04-0128

Setting tightly developed residential

neighborhood adjacent to the

downtown

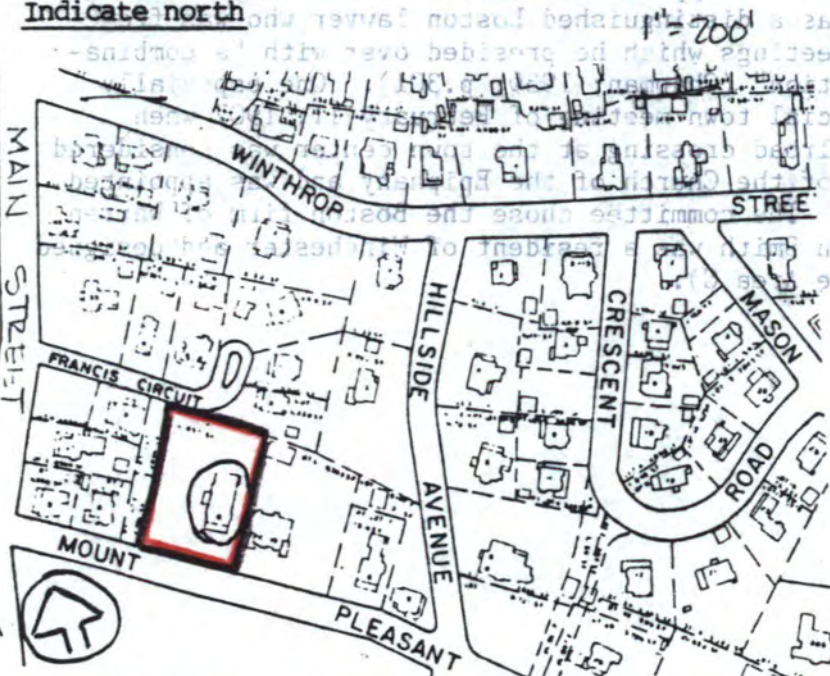
Recorded by Carol Ely

Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 2/79; 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 19.323890, 47.01540

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

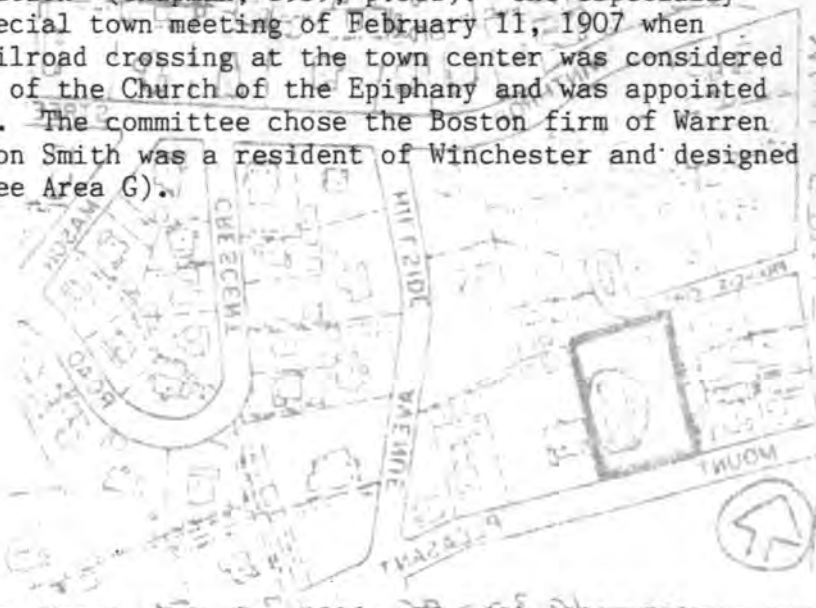
The Arthur H. Russell House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as an unusual and exceptionally well detailed example of the Medieval Revival style which eschews the half-timbering typical of most examples. Among its fine features are overhanging gables with pendant drops, oriels, banked windows, and a vergeboard over the entry detailed with sinuous carving. The house meets criterion 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 Russell House is a 2 1/2 story shingled structure enclosed by a gable roof extended on carved brackets. The gable end, which faces the street, is fronted by a verandah supported on posts with diagonal braces and a central gable with a handsome vergeboard detailed with sinuous carving. The entry is paneled and glazed and windows which are sometimes banked, contain a variety of multi-pane/single pane sash, or sometimes, diamond pane sash. The west elevation which faces toward the downtown over an exceptionally wide (for the area) side lawn, has two major projecting cross gables with finials and oriels. Shingled brackets support the attic portion and embrace the oriels. The overhanging second stories of these cross gables are detailed with pendant drops and have oriels beneath them at the first story. A secondary entry with porch is located between the cross gables. The closest stylistic counterpart to this house is the Mitchell House (#423)

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

Arthur H. Russell may be seen as an example of the type of suburban resident Winchester was attracting at the turn-of-the-century. He was a distinguished Boston lawyer who was frequently chosen to moderate Winchester town meetings which he presided over with "a combination of gracious courtesy and firm determination" (Chapman; 1936; p.301). One especially acrimonious meeting he moderated was the special town meeting of February 11, 1907 when the controversial issue of the dangerous railroad crossing at the town center was considered (see form #279). Russell was also a member of the Church of the Epiphany and was appointed to the building committee on August 4, 1904. The committee chose the Boston firm of Warren & Smith as architects. Partner, F. Patterson Smith was a resident of Winchester and designed numerous high quality houses in the town (see Area G).



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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
42. Richardson, Zachariah, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
43. Russell, Charles, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
44. Russell, Arthur H., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
45. Sharon House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
46. Simonds, William, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
47. Skillings Estate House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
48. St. Mary's Catholic Church Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
49. Stanton, Jacob, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
50. Sullivan, Edward, House Submitted for Review	Keeper <u>John F. Savage 7-5-89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Russell, Arthur H., 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: 89000652

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 _____



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Russell House

10 Mt. Pleasant St 1/88

Winchester MA MAIA

MHC Inv # 253

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303