

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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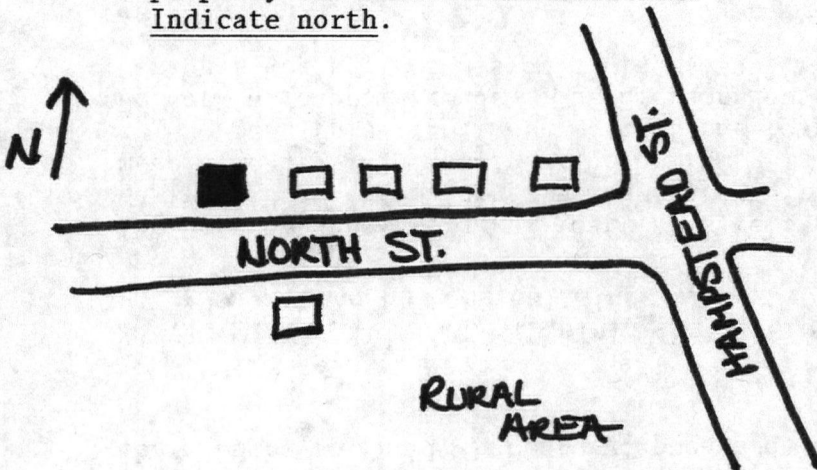
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number 7-26

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.

Date May, 1978/May, 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 71, Lot 3

Town Methuen ✓

Address 133 North Street

Historic Name Captain Oliver Emerson Homestead

Present Owner: Mr. Elton H. True

Use: Present private residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1775

Source Methuen Historical Commission

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings 1-story wood-frame garage

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage over one acre 1.6A

Setting Rural setting in northeast corner of town.

UTM: Salem Depot Quad 1:25,000

19/321620/4738180

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Captain Oliver Emerson House is a well preserved 2½-story farmhouse dating from ca.1775. The five-bay facade with central entry is clapboard-clad, the building rests on a granite rubble foundation. 6/6 double-hung sash is intact at the second story; 9/9 sash in the first story windows may be restorations. The entry door dates from ca.1860 and has double-round arched lights. The central chimney mass is intact and contributes to the 18th century appearance of the building.

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

The Emerson House is significant as a well preserved dwelling along one of Methuen's early roads. The buiding is associated with Oliver Emerson, a locally prominent Revolutionary War Captain. The building is association with Methuen's early development (pre-1850) when most of the town's population was dispersed along its network of country roads. The Emerson House meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Stephen Barker. Facsimile of 1806 Map of Methuen (ca.1854).

Research of the Methuen Historical Commission.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 1 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Cover _____ *OK*

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1. Barker, Stephen, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. Buswell, J. E., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. Daddy Frye's Hill Cemetery | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. Dolan, Terence, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. Double-arch Sandstone Bridge | | Keeper | <u><i>Thomas W. Paul</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. Emerson House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. Emerson, Capt. Oliver,
Homestead | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 8. Emmons, G. B., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. First Baptist Church | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. Hardy, Urias, House | | Keeper | <u><i>Thomas W. Paul</i></u> <u>1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |

Substantive Review

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Emerson, Capt. Oliver, Homestead
(Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/4/84
Action: ACCEPT 1/20/84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

**Entered in the
National Register**

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

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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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

Emerson, Ralph Waldo
 (1803-1882)
 Essex County
 MASSACHUSETTS

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: _____

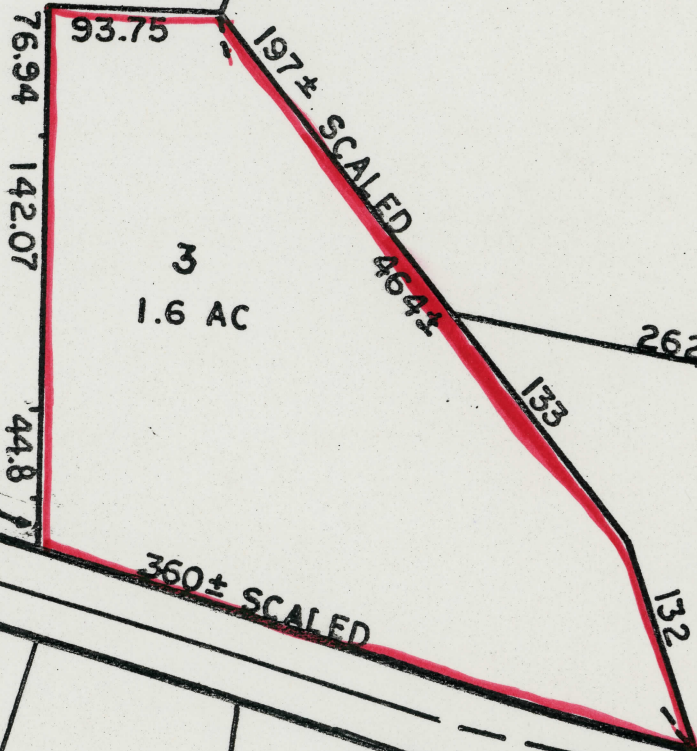


Emerson, Capt. Oliver, Homestead

Metuen MRA, 971a

571A

2
12.32 AC
(PL 8-4-28)



3
1.6 AC

NORTH
150.5

17K
0,072
(2-5A)

17E

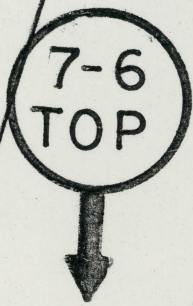
17F

17G

17C

4A
42,020
(PL 3-2)

17B



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284

Methuen MRA YES CJ

RECEIVED

Mrs. H. Elton True

133 North St.

Methuen, Mass. 01844

JUL 12 1983

MASS. HIST. COMM.

July 10, 1983

Valerie A. Salmage, Exec. Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington St.
Boston, Ma.

Capt. Oliver Emerson
H&C

#165

Dear Ms Salmage:

I was pleased to receive your letter stating that the property at 133 North St., Methuen, Ma. is being considered for nomination to the National Registry of Historic Places.

Since the death of my husband I am the sole owner of the property and I feel that it is very worthy of consideration. As the nomination was prepared by the Methuen Planning Dept.

2)
on behalf of the Methuen
Historical Commission I assume
you have all the necessary
information.

I am very proud of the
house built by Capt. Oliver
Emerson in 1775 and my
husband and I have kept it
as nearly as possible in its
original state. I am happy
to show it to interested people.

Very truly yours,
Isabel M. True
(Mrs. H. Elton True)