

FORM B - BUILDING

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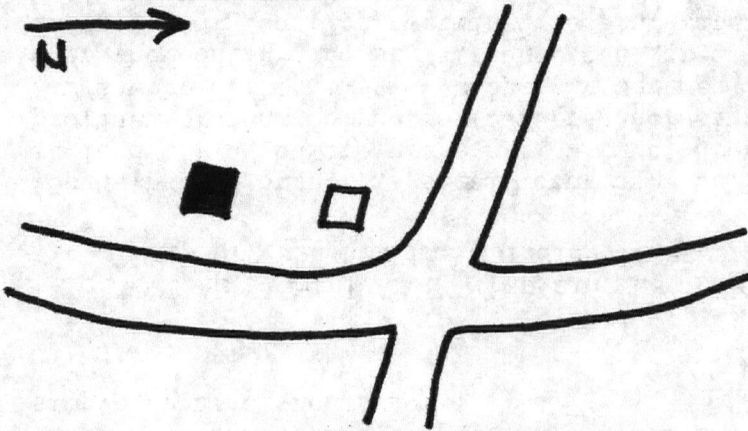
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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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 70, Lot 14

Town Methuen ✓

Address 136 Hampstead Street

Historic Name House at 136 Hampstead Street

Present Owner: Adolph DeCauwer

Use: Present private residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca.1840

Source v/a and map research

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings gable roof clapboard barn

Major alterations (with dates) enclosed porch main (south) entrance

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage over one acre 12.7A

Setting located at major intersection in rural northeast corner of town.

UTM Reference: Salem Depot 1:25,000

(Staple additional sheets here) A 19/322120/4738080

B 19/322120/4738040

C 19/322040/4738040

D 19/322060/4738080

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

136 Hampstead Street is an excellent example of the broad-gabled Greek Revival house built in the rural areas of Methuen in the early 19th century. The five-bay main facade and four-bay eastern facade have well detailed central entries. The east facade retains the glazed transom and narrow pilasters of the original design. The clapboard-clad building rests on a granite foundation. The triangular pediment and simple cornice are of note.

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

136 Hampstead Street is significant as a well preserved example of a Greek Revival style dwelling built in the agricultural areas of outlying Methuen. Farms such as this provided produce for nearby markets including Lawrence and Lowell, and indicate that farms were still being developed in Methuen in early to mid 19th century, a period when the central industrial/commercial area began its growth. 136 Hampstead possesses integrity of location, setting, design, materials and workmanship and meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

James K. Barker. Map of Methuen, Mass. 1846.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 136 Hampstead Street  
(Methuen MRA)  
Essex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

DEC - 7 1983

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 1/20/84

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

House at 130 Fenwick Street  
 (Museum #11)  
 Essex County  
 MASSACHUSETTS

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**X 10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

X UTM References *Please provide 3 or more UTM reference points*

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 *Melvin Byer* \_\_\_\_\_ Date *1/20/84* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 12/1/83  
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 2 of 5

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area  
State ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

32 11. House at 10 Park Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

12. House at 113-115 Center Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

13. House at 13 Annis Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

14. House at 136 Hampstead Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 6/20/84

Attest

15. House at 15-19 Park Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

16. House at 23 East Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

17. House at 262-264 Pelham Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

18. House at 306 Broadway

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

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19. House at 4 Birch Avenue

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

41 20. House at 491 Prospect Street

Multiple Resource Area Review

Keeper

Thomas Dwyer 1-20-84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 136 Hampstead Street (Methuen MRA)  
Essex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 12/7/83

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

Date Due: 6/22/84

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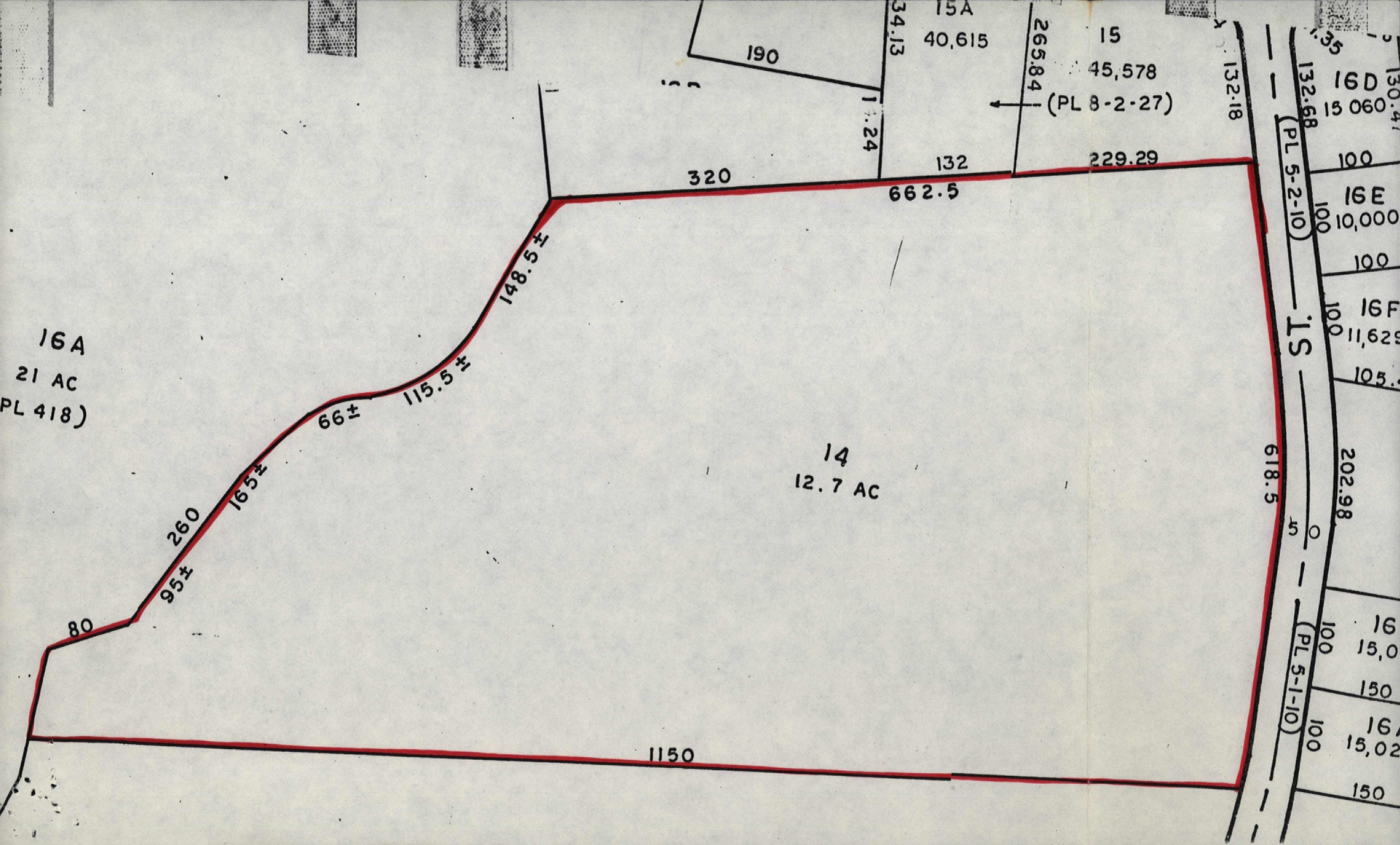
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Methuen MRA, New

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284

July 11, 1983

Form #162

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108  
Attention: Valerie A. Talmadge  
V.T. Executive Director

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

re: National and State Registers of Historical Places

Dear Ms. Talmadge:

We are in receipt of your letter and information regarding our property and listing in the National Register. We are very interested in having the property listed and certainly have no objection. We would, however, be interested in any further information which might be available.

As for any further information in reference to our property, we would be happy to provide or answer any questions. As we have been told, the property was built by a Captain Harris circa 1836. We have also been told the property was involved in the "Underground Railway" during the Civil War. There is also a large flat stone on the property with stars and anchors and dates carved into it.

At the present time, my father, Adolphe De Cauwer, and I, Ruthe Bruce are the joint owners.

Thank you in advance for any further information your office might forward.

Sincerely,



Ruthe BRuce  
136 Hampstead Street  
Methuen, Mass 01844

Tel: 617-683-2879

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