

FORM B - BUILDING

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

Town Methuen ✓
Address 526 Prospect Street
Historic Name House at 526 Prospect Street
Present Owner: Frederick O'Brien

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number 6-20

Use: Present private residence
Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca.1840

Source v/a; maps

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

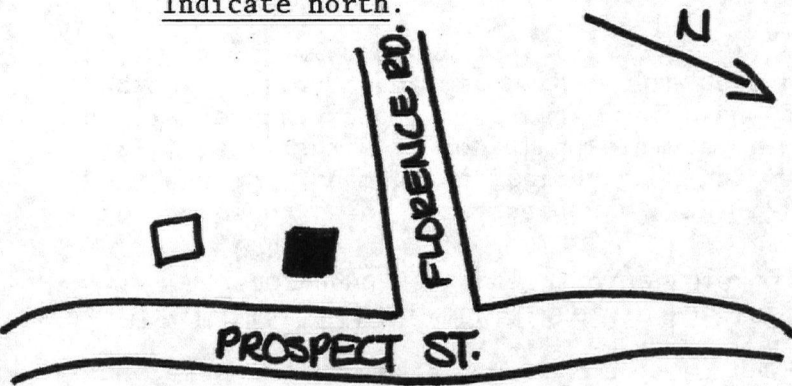
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Approx. acreage one acre or less
14,231 sq. ft.

Setting located southeast of town center
in well developed residential neighborhood.

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 Map 1978/May 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 92, Lot 4

UTM Reference: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
19 323020/4732730

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

526 Prospect Street is a good example of the Greek Revival houses built in Methuen between ca.1830 and 1850. Constructed ca.1840, it is a 2½-story structure with a five-bay, central entry, east facade and similarly treated three-bay, side-entry north facade. Windows have simple enframements and contain 6/6 sash; entries have prominent entablatures and transoms. The larger north entry is also lit by sidelights. Glazed wide cornerboards, and a deep cornice carrying a pedimented gable are original features characteristic of Methuen's 19th century Greek Revival houses. The building is sheathed in clapboard and rests on a granite foundation..

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

526 Prospect Street possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places. It is significant as a well conserved example of a Greek Revival dwelling in one of the earlier settled areas of Methuen, near the site of the first meeting house. Once in agricultural use, the first residents here likely were farmers who supplied produce to Lowell and Lawrence.

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

1874, 1884 Essex County Map of Methuen.

1861, 1882 Methuen Directories.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. House at 50 Pelham Street **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

22. House at 526 Prospect Street **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

23. House at 9 Park Street **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

24. Johnson House **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

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25. Lawrence Street Cemetery **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

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26. Methuen Water Works **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

27. Morse, Moses, House **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

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28. Nevins Memorial Library **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

29. Nevins, Henry C., Home for
Aged and Incurables **Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

30. Pleasant-High Historic
District **Substantive Review**

for Keeper

Bruce van Duzend 6/20/84

Attest

ref # 841002394

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 526 Prospect Street (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84
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

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____



House at 526 Prospect St,
Northen MRA, Ma

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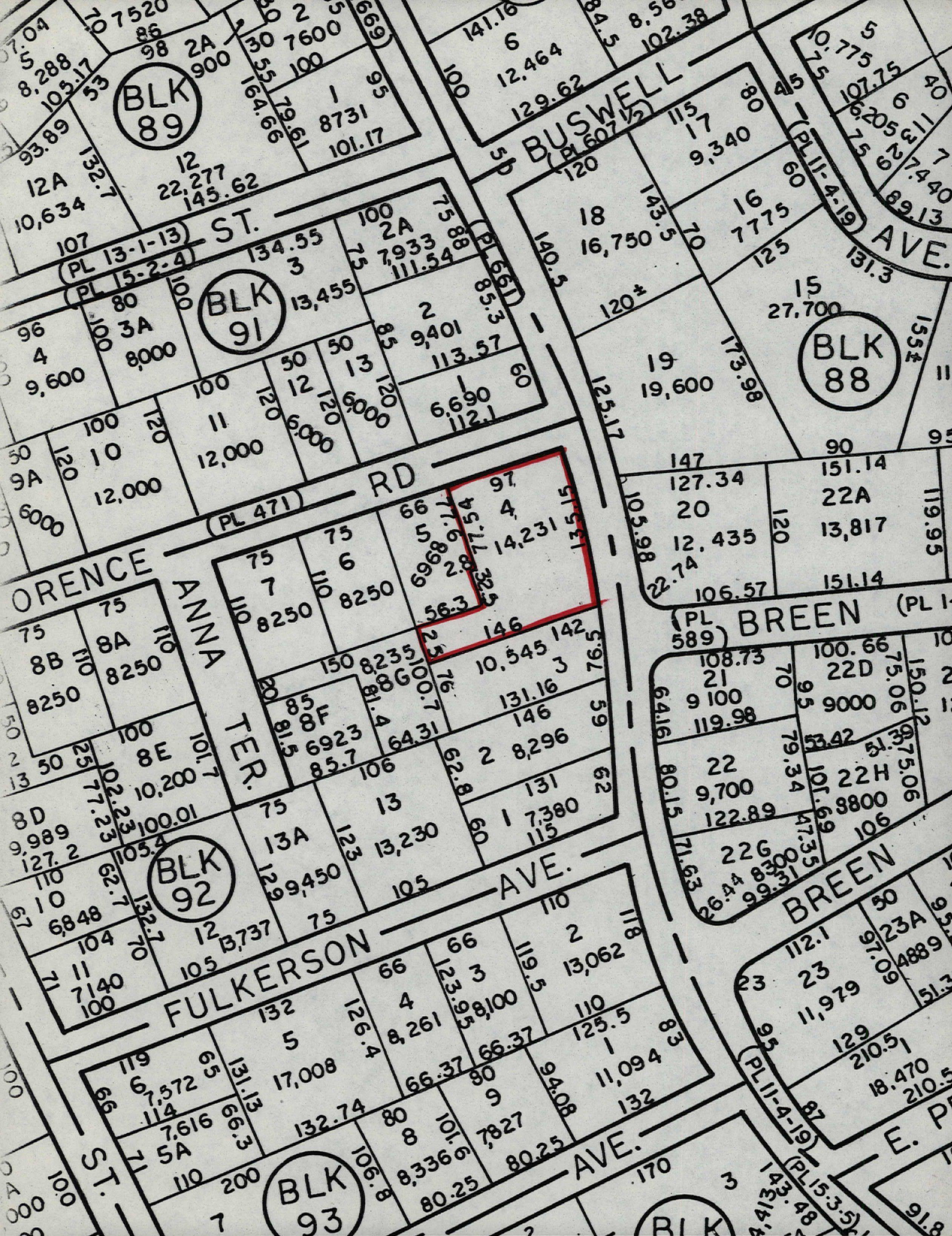
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284