

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

(Winchester, Mass. M.R.A.)

Town WINCHESTER

Address 68 High Street

Historic Name Asa Locke House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1855

Source stylistic analysis

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) attached garage

(2-bay) added to rear; date unknown

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date _____

Acreage .45 acre 20-0159

Setting Open rural setting, in area of residential use.

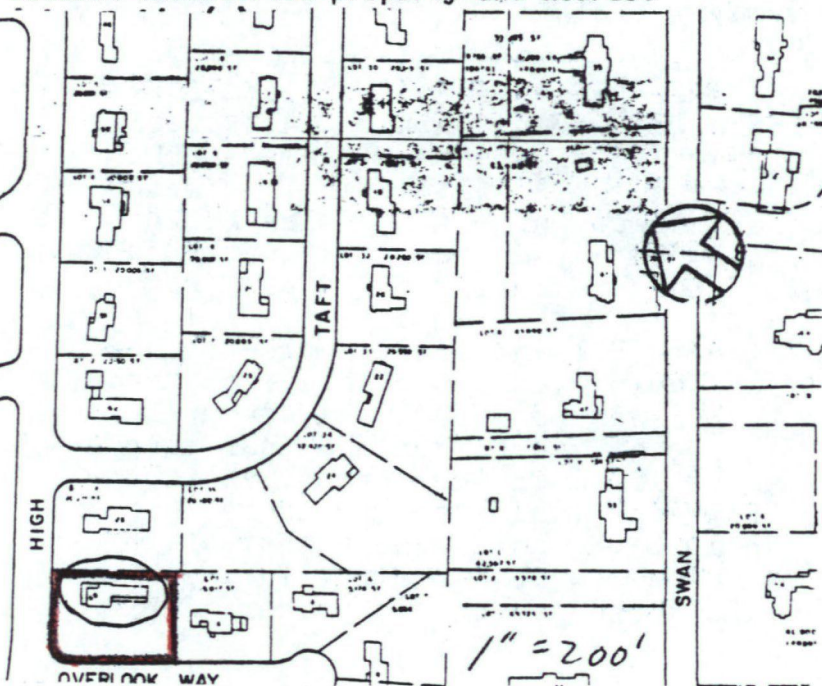
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Organization Winchester Historical Comm

Date 8/78; revised by H. White 10/87

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



UTM REFERENCE 19.322320.47 01050

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Asa Locke House is notable as a well-preserved example of a sidehall Italianate style farmhouse in Winchester. It is further significant for its associations with the Locke family, a prominent local family with extensive landholdings in the area surrounding the house, from at least 1699. The Locke House therefore meets Criteria A and 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 Locke House is a two-and-one-half story, gable-roofed sidehall house, with the entrance offset to the left. The three-bay facade has full-length windows in a six-over-six configuration, on the lower story. The windows of the side elevations and upper story throughout contain six-over-six sash. All windows rest on bracketed sills and are set within surrounds with canted corners. The entrance door is also set in a surround of elaborate moulding with canted corners. The door has both transom and sidelights, and contains upper panels of glass. A two-sided open porch with chamfered posts and segmental openings encircles the lower story. A full-height gabled bay with a lunette window stands on the east elevation. A two stage ell, and a two-bay garage are attached to the rear of the main house. The perimeter of the lot is bordered by a low granite retaining wall.

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

Beyond the present intersection of High & Ridge Streets on the hill west of Cambridge Street, was the farm of James Locke, son of William Locke, one of Woburn's first settlers. James Locke was living on his Winchester farm as early as 1699, when he bought it from James Converse. James Locke was the ancestor of many families of the same name, who lived in Winchester to the 1930s. James great-grandson, Josiah Locke, built the Josiah Locke House (1803, #10, N.R. 3/2/79) at 195 High Street. Another Locke descendant the Reverend Samuel Locke, was president of Harvard during the years just before the Revolutionary War.

This house was built by Asa Locke between 1831 and 1857. Locke bought this lot of "improved land" in 1826 from Benjamin Wyman, a relative of his wife, Lucy. Asa Locke was a prosperous farmer who previously lived on nearby Ridge Street, and sold his farm produce at the Boston and Charlestown markets. It is possible that Asa Locke never lived in this house, and that his son Elbridge actually resided here. Elbridge inherited the house in 1857 at the time of Asa Locke's death. In 1902 the house passed out of the Locke family ownership, and was bought by Handel Pond, a partner in the Ivers & Pond Piano Company. Since then the house has changed owners many times.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Deeds.

History of Winchester, by H. Chapman, 1936, pp. 55, 177.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Winchester MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 21. Gardner, O.W. House | Entered in the
National Register | f Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u>
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| 22. Ginn Gardener's House | Entered in the
National Register | ✓ Keeper <u>Delores Byers 7/5/89</u>
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| 23. Grover, Henry, House | Entered in the
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| 24. Hovey--Winn House | Entered in the
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| 26. Johnson--Thompson House | Entered in the
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| 27. Jones, Marshall W., House | Entered in the
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| 28. Locke, Asa, House | Entered in the
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| 29. Mann, James H., House | Entered in the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Locke , Asa, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Winchester MRA
NAME:

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: 89000631

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 _____



Asa Locke House
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Winchester, Ma. MRA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303