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AREA

FORM NO.

386

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

Town WINCHESTER

Address 4 Norwood Street

Historic Name Kenelum Baker House

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1856

Source Assessor's Records

Style vernacular Italianate

Architect Kenelum Baker, builder

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Excellent

Owned no Date _____

Creage .26 acre 16-0114

Setting Suburban residential.



1" = 200'

UTM REFERENCE 19,323600.47 71670

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Bettina Cooper

Organization Winchester Historical Com

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

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Kenelum Baker House is notable as a well-preserved vernacular Italianate cottage, built by local builder Kenelum Baker and used as his own residence. The Kenelum Baker house therefore 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 Kenelum Baker House is a center gable Italianate cottage based on a rectangular plan. It exemplifies the use of the Italianate style for a small dwelling. The boxlike form is capped with a gable roof of low pitch, with a broad overhanging cornice. The center entrance is set within a shallow, full-height gabled pavilion, embellished with a triple-arch frontispiece of latticework. The gable window consists of a pair of slender, round-headed lights. One-story polygonal bays flank the center entrance door. The trabeated entrance is flanked by full sidelights.

Kenelum Baker, who built this house as his own residence, was an active local carpenter/housewright who was responsible for the Parker House (c.1850, #220), the old Adams School (1857, demolished), and his own house at 4 Norwood Street. The Adams School was a two-story

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

Kenelum Baker, the builder/owner of this house, lived here from 1856 until 1888. (In 1850, according to the Winchester census of that year, Baker and his wife Eliza, both age 26, were residing on Main Street. Baker, who did the plans and specifications for the Adams School, recommended that the school be built on a Swanton Street lot, rather than on costlier Washington Street property.

By 1886 the Baker house was owned by Henry Miller, who was active in local affairs, and was a founder of the Winchester Electric Light Co. in 1888. The Baker House was later owned by Thomas Macksey, the cemetery superintendent from 1901 to 1943.

1. Kenelum Baker, 1856-1885
2. Henry Miller, 1886-1919
3. Thomas Macksey, 1920-1951
4. Annie MacDougall 1952-62.
5. Frederick Kimball, 1965-1976

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Tax Assessor's Records.
- Winchester Town Directories.
- Winchester Archival Center, files.
- Massachusetts State Archives, 1850 Census of Winchester.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

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| Community: Winchester | Form No: 386 |
| Property Name: Kenelum Baker House | |

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE continued,

frame structure located on Swanton Street, near the corner of Washington Street. The Adams School had been abandoned by 1876, in favor of a larger new structure farther west on Swanton Street.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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

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| Cover | Substantive Review | | for Keeper <u>Beth Savage 7-5-89</u> |
| 1. Ayer, Albert, House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 2. Ayer, Thomas, House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 3. Bacon, Robert, House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 4. Baker, Kenelum, House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 5. Brackett, Edward A., House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
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| 6. Braddock, Edward, House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 7. Brine, George, House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 8. Carr--Jeeves House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 8/2/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 9. Central Street Historic District | Substantive Review | | for Keeper _____ |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 10. Childs, Webster, House | Entered in the National Register | | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 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: Baker, Kenelum, 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: 89000632

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
___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



Kenelum Baker House
4 Norwood St. 1/88
Winchester, Ma. MRA

MITC Inv. # 386

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303