

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

435

Winchester, Mass, MRA

Town WINCHESTER

Address 112 Highland Avenue

Historic Name Edward Braddock House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1893

Source historic maps, style

Style Shingle style/Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings garage-NC

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 15,250 sq. ft. / .35A / 03-0224

Setting east side of residential street,  
adjacent to Middlesex Fells Reser-  
vation.

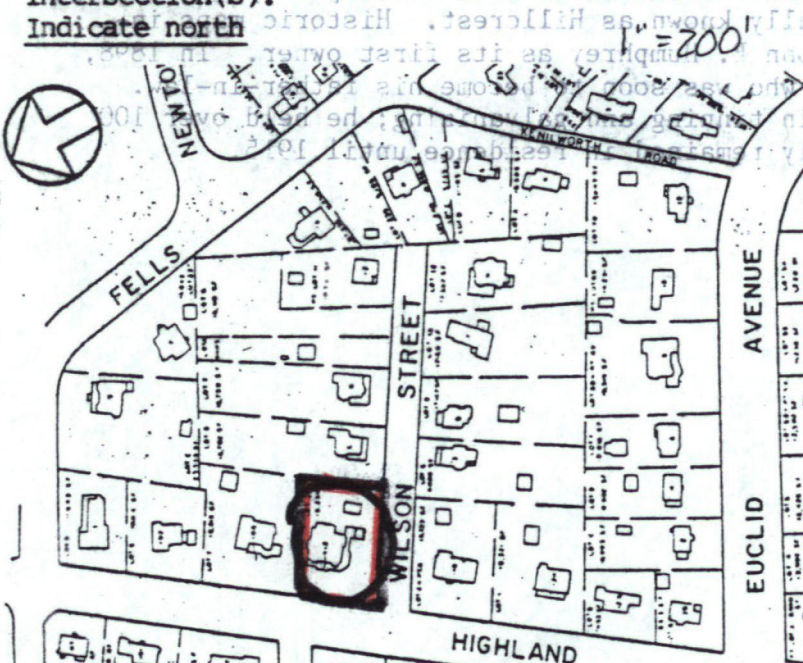
Recorded by Bettina Cooper

Organization Winchester Historical Comm.

Date 12/78; revised by C. Jenkins 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 intersection(s). Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE 19.325340. 47 02-980

USGS QUADRANGLE BOSTON NORTH

SCALE 1:25,000

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**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Edward Braddock House possesses integrity of location, design, setting materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as a well detailed example of the Shingle style with strong Colonial Revival style overtones. Its size and architectural elaboration also reflect the increasing wealth and substance of Winchester's suburban population. It, and other contemporary examples of the Shingle style (#286, 393, 279), may be compared to the smaller-scale houses typical of the mid-19th century when Winchester was just beginning to emerge as a fashionable suburb (#537, 171, 215, 172, 230, 429 and others). It 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 Edward Braddock House is one of several elaborate houses constructed on choice hilltop parcels along Highland Avenue. The Metropolitan Park Commission's acquisition of the Middlesex Fells directly to the east in 1893, undoubtedly enhanced the attractiveness of the area to turn-of-the-century purchasers. It is a 2½ story structure enclosed by an overhanging gable roof and entirely clad by a shingled skin. The symmetrical facade features polygonal bays capped by cross gables with diamond pane windows. The central bay is topped by a conical dormer, also with diamond pane windows. A verandah extends across the facade and around the south elevation where it terminates in a gabled porte-cochere. The verandah features squat, paired Tuscan columns that rise from shingled bases and carry shingled segmental arches. Dormers on the side and rear elevations that are wrapped by shingles are a typical feature of the Shingle style.

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

This house was constructed as part of an extensive residential area developed by Arthur L. Wyman, who lived next door. It was originally known as Hillcrest. Historic maps indicate that it was constructed in 1893 with John B. Humphrey as its first owner. In 1898, Humphrey sold the house to Edward L. Braddock who was soon to become his father-in-law. Mr. Braddock was an inventor who specialized in tinning and galvanizing; he held over 100 patents for the processes. The Braddock family remained in residence until 1915.

Condition: excellent  
Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 125024 / 35A / 4-2024  
Setting: east side of residential street  
Adjacent to Middlesex Fells Reservation

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Winchester Archival Center resources: deeds, maps, files.  
Chapman, Henry Smith, History of Winchester, Mass, 1936.



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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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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Cover                               | <b>Substantive Review</b>           |              | for Keeper <u>Betty Savage 7-5-89</u>  |
| 1. Ayer, Albert, House              | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
|                                     |                                     | Attest _____ |  |
| 2. Ayer, Thomas, House              | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
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| 3. Bacon, Robert, House             | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
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| 4. Baker, Kenelum, House            | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
|                                     |                                     | Attest _____ |  |
| 5. Brackett, Edward A., House       | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
|                                     |                                     | Attest _____ |  |
| 6. Braddock, Edward, House          | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
|                                     |                                     | Attest _____ |  |
| 7. Brine, George, House             | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
|                                     |                                     | Attest _____ |  |
| 8. Carr--Jeeves House               | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 8/2/89</u> |
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| 9. Central Street Historic District | <b>Substantive Review</b>           |              | for Keeper _____                       |
|                                     |                                     | Attest _____ |  |
| 10. Childs, Webster, House          | Entered in the<br>National Register |              | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 7/5/89</u> |
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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 NAME: Braddock, Edward, 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: 89000651

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



<sup>Edward</sup>  
Braddock House

312 Highland Ave 1/88  
Winchester MA MRA

MHC Inv #435



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Braedask House

112 Highland Ave. 1/BB  
Winchester MA MKA

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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