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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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

Town Wakefield

Address 20 Hancock Street ROAD

Historic Name NA

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1860-75

Source visual analysis

Style Italianate

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings small shed

(non-contributing) (c. 1950)

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

screened porch (mid 20th cent.)

Condition Good

Moved Yes Date Post 1945 20th Century

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting set in area of new houses behind Beebe estate.

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 19/329650/4709180

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates  
Organization Wakefield Historical Commission  
Date March 1985

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

This house displays some high style Italianate elements, and a very fine Greek Revival door surround, but its 2 story, 4 bay form is unusual for the period. The building retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets criterion C of the NRHP on the local level. **It also meets the Criterion exception B, because it is a significant moved building.**

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

This house, which was moved to its present site, is an unusual form for its period, and may originally have been used for another purpose. Two stories high, it is only four bays long under a gable roof. The door surround, placed in the first bay, is unusually robust. Basically Greek Revival, it features a simple surround of 6 light transom and 3/4 length sidelights. Possibly, it was inserted when the house was moved here. The windows with footed sills, dentil cornice, and paired arched gable field windows are high style for the area, but not inconsistent with Beebe family ownership.

**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 moved to the site when Hancock Street was laid out after the Second World War. Development of the area came as a result of the destruction of the A.G. Walton House, built about 1890 near the corner of Main and Lowell Streets. It stood on the site of the c. 1760 John Brown, Esq. house, now, ironically, divided in two, and extant at 49 Cordis Street and 524 Lowell Street.

The building may have been built as servants' quarters or a carriage house for the Beebe estate at 142 Main Street. Lucius Beebe lived there between 1855 and 1884, dates compatible with the style of this structure. Beebe was a trustee of the Beebe Library since its formation in 1856; in 1868 its name was changed to the Beebe Town Library to honor the wealthy cotton and leather businessman.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Eaton, Lilley. Genealogical History of the Town of Reading Boston, 1874.

Wakefield Historical Society, vertical files.

From photo of Lucius Beebe Estate. Photo about 1895. Stable at right side of photo.

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 Wakefield MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
31. House at 19--21 Salem Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u><i>A. Lorens Byrum</i></u> <u>7/6/89</u> Attest _____
32. House at 190 Main Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u><i>A. Lorens Byrum</i></u> <u>7/6/89</u> Attest _____
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35. House at 2 Nichols Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u><i>A. Lorens Byrum</i></u> <u>7/6/89</u> Attest _____
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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 House at 20 Hancock Road  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Wakefield MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/23/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/07/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000671

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 7/6/89 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

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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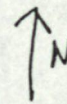
Massachusetts

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Wakefield MA, MA

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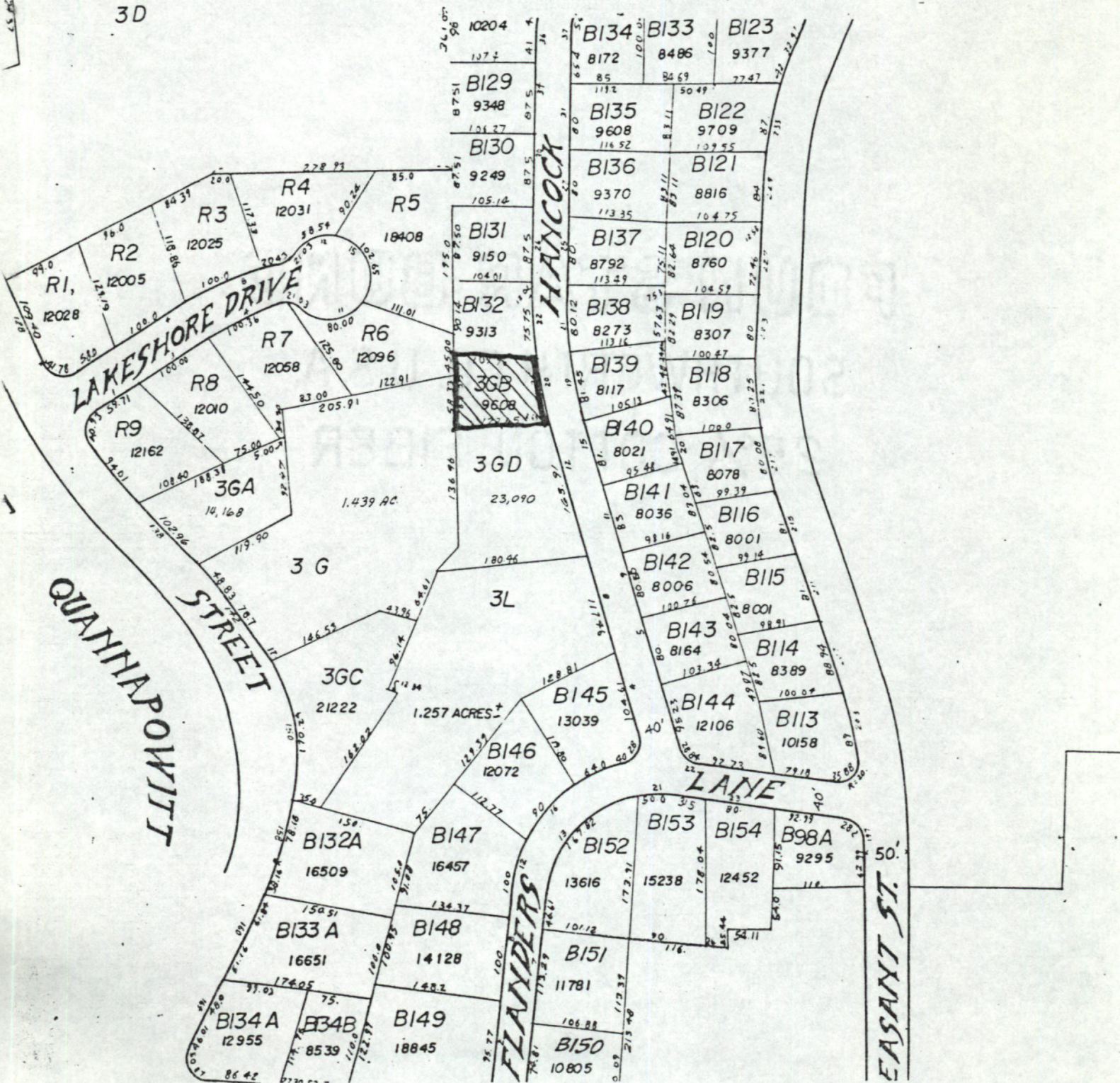


SCALE: 1" = 80'

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

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