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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	41

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

Town Wakefield

Address 1 Woodcrest Dr.

Historic Name NA

Use: Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1789

Source Woodbury, A Driving tour

Style Federal

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) porch and deck this century, skylight on south side & 1 1/2 story ell on north side

Condition - this century (early 1800s)

Good

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting Faces south, perpendicular to the road at corner of new subdivision and old road

UTM REFERENCE 19/330430/4709330

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 well preserved late Federal style house is a very good example of late 18th century domestic design and represents early settlement of the northern rural section of town. The building retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and meets criteria A and C of the NRHP on the local level.

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

This fine and well preserved example of Federal domestic building in Wakefield is thought to have been built about 1789. Two and one half stories high under a high gable roof, the five bay structure has a central door whose surround is composed of simple pilasters supporting a low entablature and cornice, and frame 3/4 length sidelights. The surround, though plain, is robust. The roof is framed with short returns and boxed cornice, and it has the simple molding piece joining the cornice to the facade which is typical of Georgian and Federal houses of the area. Its two internal chimneys indicate that it was built late in the period. It has eight working fireplaces and two brick ovens. Investigation has shown that corncobs were used in the walls for insulation.

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 the 19th century home of Capt. Aaron Foster. The captain, who was born in Danvers in 1803 and died in Wakefield in 1896, was a prominent citizen, a Selectman, School Committeeman, and Representative to the General Court. He was first married to Abigail Mansfield of Lynnfield in 1832. She died in 1837 and next year he married Abigail's cousin, Mary Mansfield. After Mary's death in 1862 he married Susan (Sperry) Plummer in 1867.

The post World War II subdivision surrounding the house is typical of the northern rural area of Wakefield. Large farms could no longer afford to keep their expensive acreage, which was sold off to developers for smaller houses.

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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 Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review Date/Signature

11. Cowdry, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89
Attest _____

12. Emerson--Franklin Poole House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89
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13. Flanley's Block

Entered in the
National Register

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544 14. Goodwin, Captain--James Custis House
Substantive Review

Keeper Buff L. Savage 3/2/90
Attest _____

15. Gould, Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Register

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16. Green, Capt. William, House

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National Register

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17. Green, Deacon Daniel, House

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18. Greenwood Union Church

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19. House at 1 Morrison Avenue

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20. House at 1 Woodcrest Drive

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Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89
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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: House at 1 Woodcrest Drive

MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

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: 89000673

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

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 _____



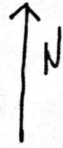
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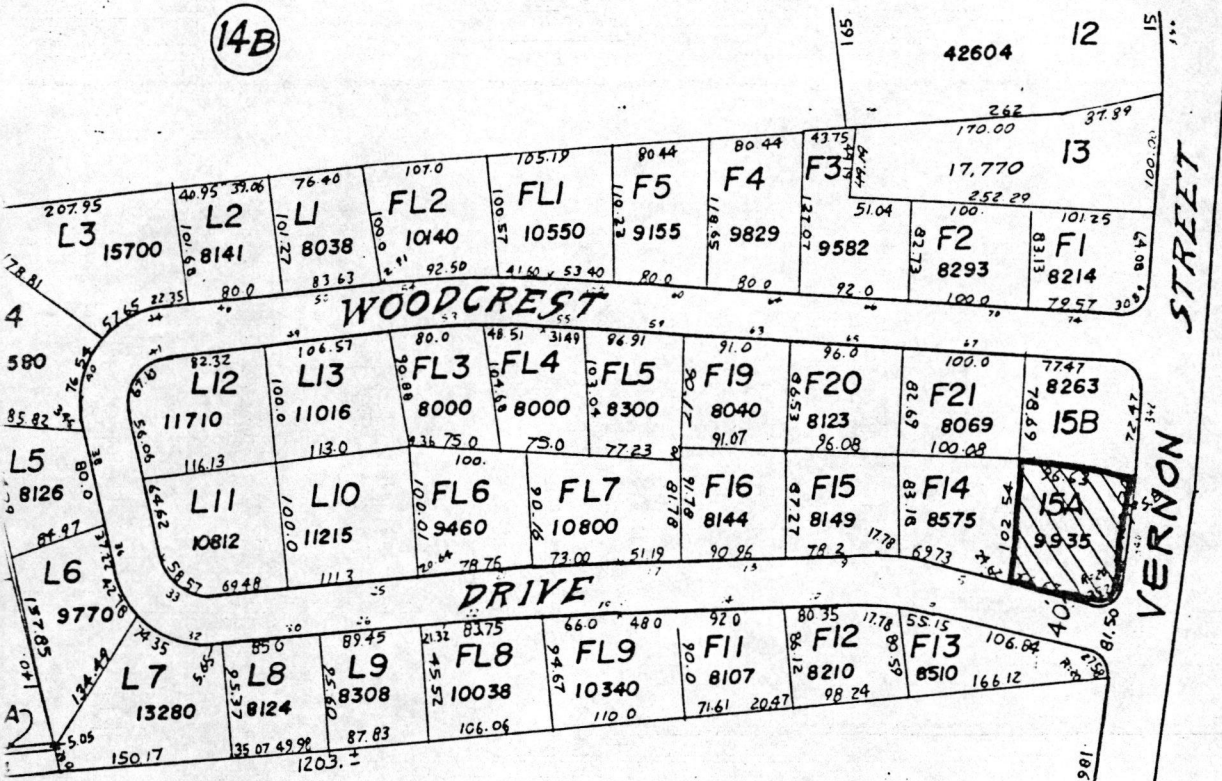
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SCALE: 1" = 80'

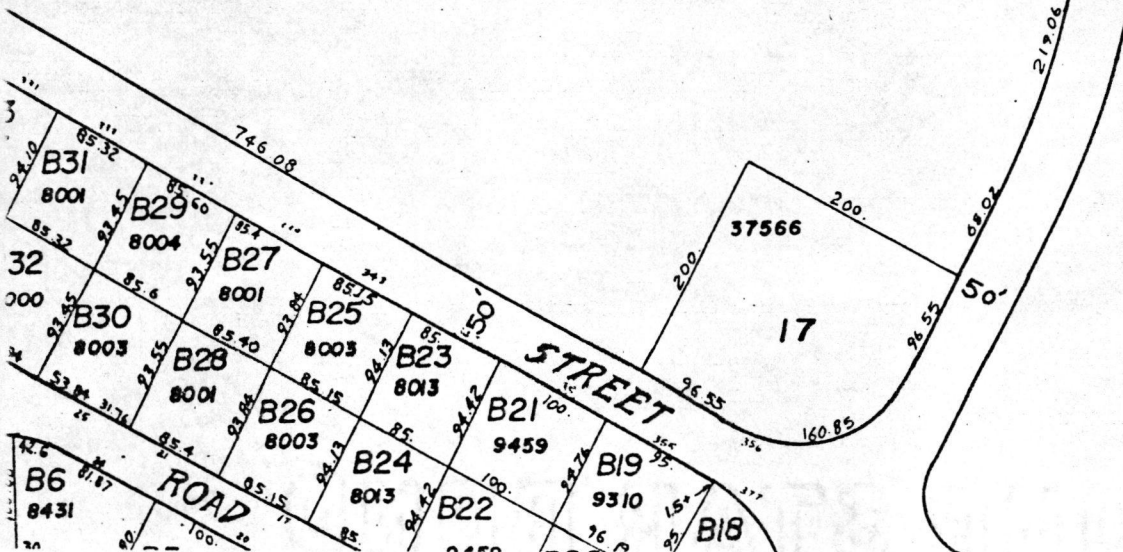
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HARRIS M. DOLBEARE SCHOOL

7.72 ACRES

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

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