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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
C	190

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 54 Spring Street

Historic Name _____

_____ NA _____

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1889-1890

Source Map of 1889

Style Queen Anne

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards, shingles

Outbuildings Garage-noncontributing
(c.1920)

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

_____ None _____

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting Faces north on lot which slopes southwards

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

FIM REFERENCE 19/329690/4704410

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Property is a good example of the late Queen Anne style and retains its original intricate shingle siding in the gables. It was probably constructed as part of a late 19th c. suburban development populated by commuters from Boston. The building retains integrity of location, setting, 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 late Queen Anne, 2½ story house follows the pattern for houses of its period on Wakefield by presenting its gable end to the street with one or more intersecting gables on its sides creating bays of 2 ½ stories. A one story porch wraps around north and part of the west facade. The most outstanding feature of the house is its shingle work which fills in the gables on the north, west and on the porch pediment. Second floor windows have shed roof hoods which are also decoratively shingled with ornamental bosses on the lintels. Each gable also has a decorated barge board.

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

Greenwood, in which Spring Street is located, was originally part of Charlestown, then of Malden and was finally annexed to Reading in 1729. During the late 19th c. a section of Greenwood around Spring and Greenwood Streets was known as Boyntonville and twice this neighborhood petitioned without success to withdraw from Wakefield to become part of Malden once again.

The area was farmland into the third quarter of the 19th c. and, in fact, Spring Street was known as Brown Street after a prominent farming family in the area. But gradually after 1845 it became the home of commuting suburbanites. Just at the turn of the 20th c. Greenwood saw a boom in suburban settlement as it was the furthest, hence most rural, spot to be reached by streetcar in the 10 cent zone from Boston. This house may well have been a part of that boom.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Wakefield Historical Society, Vertical Files, "Greenwood".
Map of 1906 (Ida M. Green).

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 Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
51. House at 39 Converse Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
52. House at 40 Crescent Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
53. House at 42 Hopkins Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
54. House at 5 Bennett Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
55. House at 509 North Avenue <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
56. House at 52 Oak Street <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u><i>Beth L. Savage</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
57. House at 54 Spring Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
58. House at 556 Lowell Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
59. House at 6 Adams Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
60. House at 7 Salem Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alma Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House at 54 Spring Street

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: 89000703

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
 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 _____



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House
at 54 Spring St.

Wakefield M.R.A., Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300