

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.

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 48 Meriam Street

Historic Name Samuel Gould House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1735

Source Proceedings of 250th Anniversary

Style Georgian

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings garage-noncontributing  
this century

Major Alterations (with dates) porch on  
north; mansard roof profile added on  
east; dormers added on south - this  
century

Condition \_\_\_\_\_

Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage 1 1/2 acres

Setting faces south at end of drive  
off Meriam Street

UTM REFERENCE 19/329880/4705600

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)**

A well preserved example of an early 18th c. house, this is the sole remaining 1½ story gambrel roofed Georgian house in Wakefield. It retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets Criterion C of the NRHP on the local level.

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

The gambrel roof with its two interior chimneys identifies the early construction date of this 1½ story house. It is five bays wide and the door surround has been altered. It is now broad with half length sidelights and probably dates from the 1830s-50s. Window surrounds on the second floor are plane, those on the first floor have moldings. This is the only remaining 1½ story, Georgian, gambrel roofed house in Wakefield.

**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 built about 1735 by Samuel Gould. The Gould family came to the area before 1700 settling south of Crystal Lake, then known as Smith's Pond, within the borders of Reading and Stoneham. This was fertile land which was farmed into the 19th c. but with the coming of the steam railroad in 1845 the complexion of South Reading changed. Settlement increased in this area of Greenwood, although its immediate neighborhood was not developed until the 1940s. With the railroad tracks being laid out, Main Street was moved from the West of this house to the east, its farmland divided for development and today it can easily be missed as it is between a row of houses and the railroad tracks. In the 1880s Dr. Horatio M. Meriam owned the house and planted specimens of evergreens and flowers from all over the world in the yard and tagged them with their Latin names.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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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 Wakefield MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- 11. Cowdry, Nathaniel, House Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89  
Entered in the National Register Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Emerson--Franklin Poole House Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89  
Entered in the National Register Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Flanley's Block Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89  
Entered in the National Register Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 544 14. Goodwin, Captain--James Custis House Keeper Byrd L. Savage 3/2/90  
Substantive Review Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Gould, Samuel, House Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89  
Entered in the National Register Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Green, Capt. William, House Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89  
Entered in the National Register Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Green, Deacon Daniel, House Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89  
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- 18. Greenwood Union Church Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89  
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- 19. House at 1 Morrison Avenue Keeper Delores Byrum 7/6/89  
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- 20. House at 1 Woodcrest Drive 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 Gould, Samuel, House  
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: 89000704

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

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



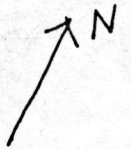
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Wakefield MA, Ma

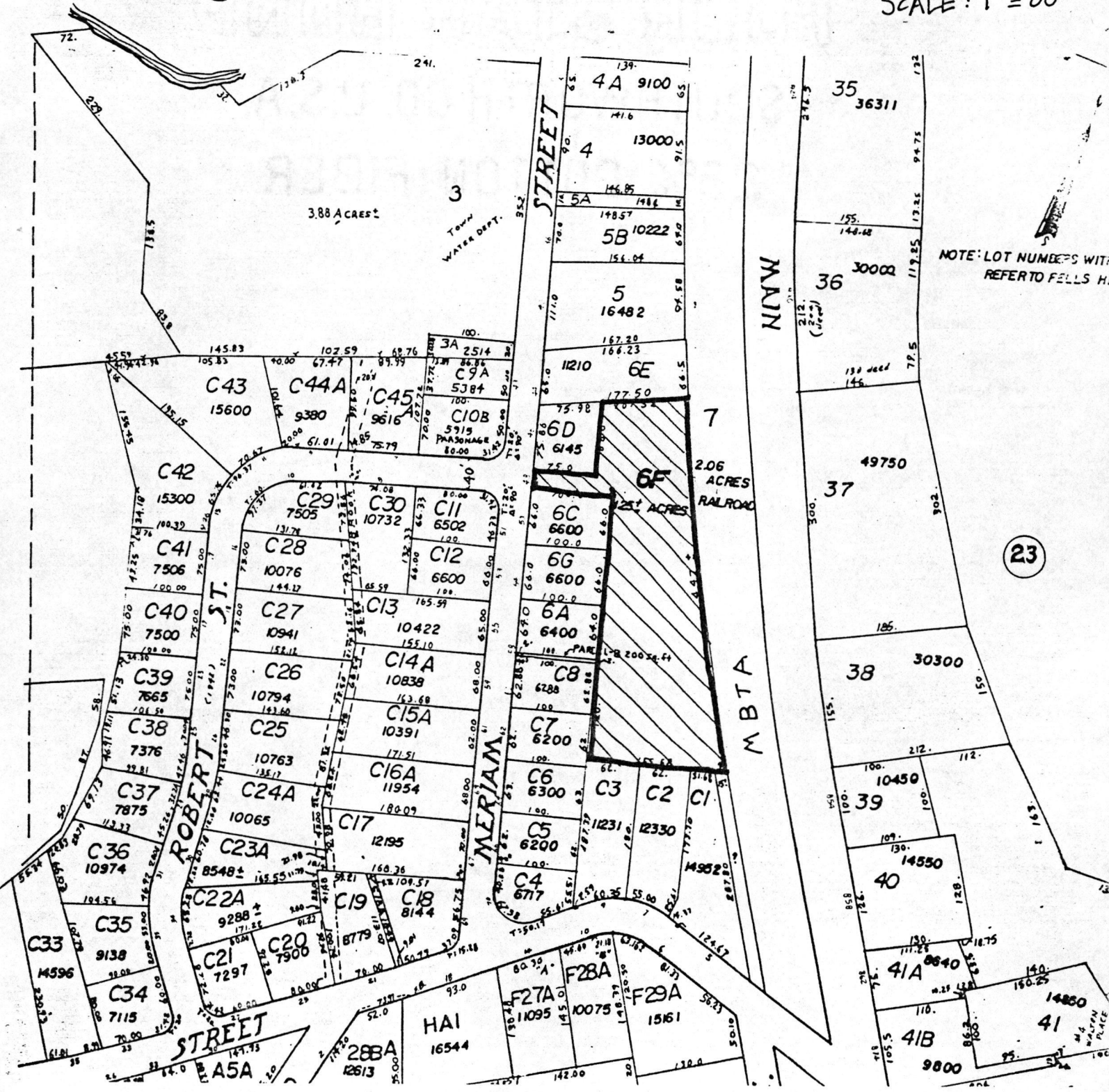
# 48 MERIAM STREET



SCALE: 1" = 80'

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NOTE: LOT NUMBERS WITH REFERTO FELS H.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300