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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

| <u>AREA</u> | <u>FORM NO.</u> |
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Town Wakefield

Address 13 Mansion Road

Historic Name Charles Winship House

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

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

DESCRIPTION

Date 1901-1906

Source Atlas of 1906 & Morrison Merrill

Style Colonial Revival

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings 1 story shed non

contributing (date unknown)

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage More than 1 acre

Setting Set on top of a hill facing

southeast on remnants of heavily-

landscaped terrace.

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 19/328580/4706900

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston North, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Comm.

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The mansion for which Mansion Road was named, this is an outstanding example of Colonial Revival design with very elaborate detailing. It was the home of industrialist Charles Winship, who with Elizabeth Boit founded and operated the Harvard Knitting Mills, a significant industry for over half a century (1889-1944) in Wakefield. The building retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and meets Criteria A, *exception B 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 2½ story Colonial Revival house is the "mansion" of Mansion Road. It is Wakefield's most ambitious Colonial Revival building with its flared hip roof, topped by a balustrade and two story portico on paired, fluted, composite capital columns. The portico is pedimented and has a full entablature with modillion blocks, dentils and molding. Fluted pilasters appear at each major corner. Three bays wide, the central block of the house has Palladian composition windows on the first floor divided by a glassed entry. A one story porch on columns appears on the south and pedimented dormers on each facade.

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

This was the home of Wakefield industrialist Charles Winship who together with Elizabeth Boit owned and operated the Harvard Knitting Mills. They began in 1889 and although Boit died in the 1920s the mill continued until after Winship's death in 1931. Winship was a young factory hand at the Allston Mill when he met Elizabeth Boit for whom he worked in the same mill for a number of years. In 1888 the two set up their own company in Cambridgeport and moved the following year to Wakefield where they began to build the textile mill which was to be an important employer in the town. Winship managed the manufacturing process which was devoted to producing merode underwear which local people embroidered in their homes before it was shipped to markets across the country. The mills were run in a progressive manner. Winship and Boit provided health care facilities on the site for employees and through a bonus plan shared profits with their employees. Winship lived at 17 Pleasant Street before this house was built on Jordan Avenue. Its later conversion to a school and sale of the land surrounding it for houses led to its drive becoming the street called Mansion Road.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Eaton, Chester. Proceedings of the 250th Anniversary, Reading, 1896.
Map of 1906 (no house).
Directory of 1913.

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SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89000717

Date Listed: 07/06/89

Winship, Charles, House
Property Name

Middlesex
County

MA
State

Wakefield MRA
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for *Bob L. Savage*
Signature of the Keeper

7/6/89
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Criteria Exception(s): Exception B for moved properties does not apply.

Geographical Information: The acreage is less than 1 acre.

This information was confirmed with Ann Tait, Acting National Register Director, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

81. Wakefield Park *H.D.* Substantive Review *for* Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/2/90
Attest _____

82. Wakefield Rattan Company Substantive Review *for* Keeper Beth L. Savage 7/6/89
Attest _____

83. Wakefield Savings Bank Clock
Substantive Review **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** Keeper _____ R
Attest _____

84. Wakefield Trust Company
Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
Attest _____

85. Wakefield Upper Depot
Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
Attest _____

86. Warren, H.M., School
Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
Attest _____

87. West Ward School
Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
Attest _____

88. Winn Street Railroad Bridge
Substantive Review Keeper _____ R
Attest _____

89. Winn, Suell, House
Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Arlene Byer 7/6/89
Attest _____

90. Winship, Charles, House
for Keeper Beth L. Savage 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: Winship, Charles, House

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: 89000717

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

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Locally significant Colonial Revival residence associated w/ important trends in local industry.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept HHC
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 7/6/89

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

Please provide acreage & the number and
 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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13 Mansion Rd.

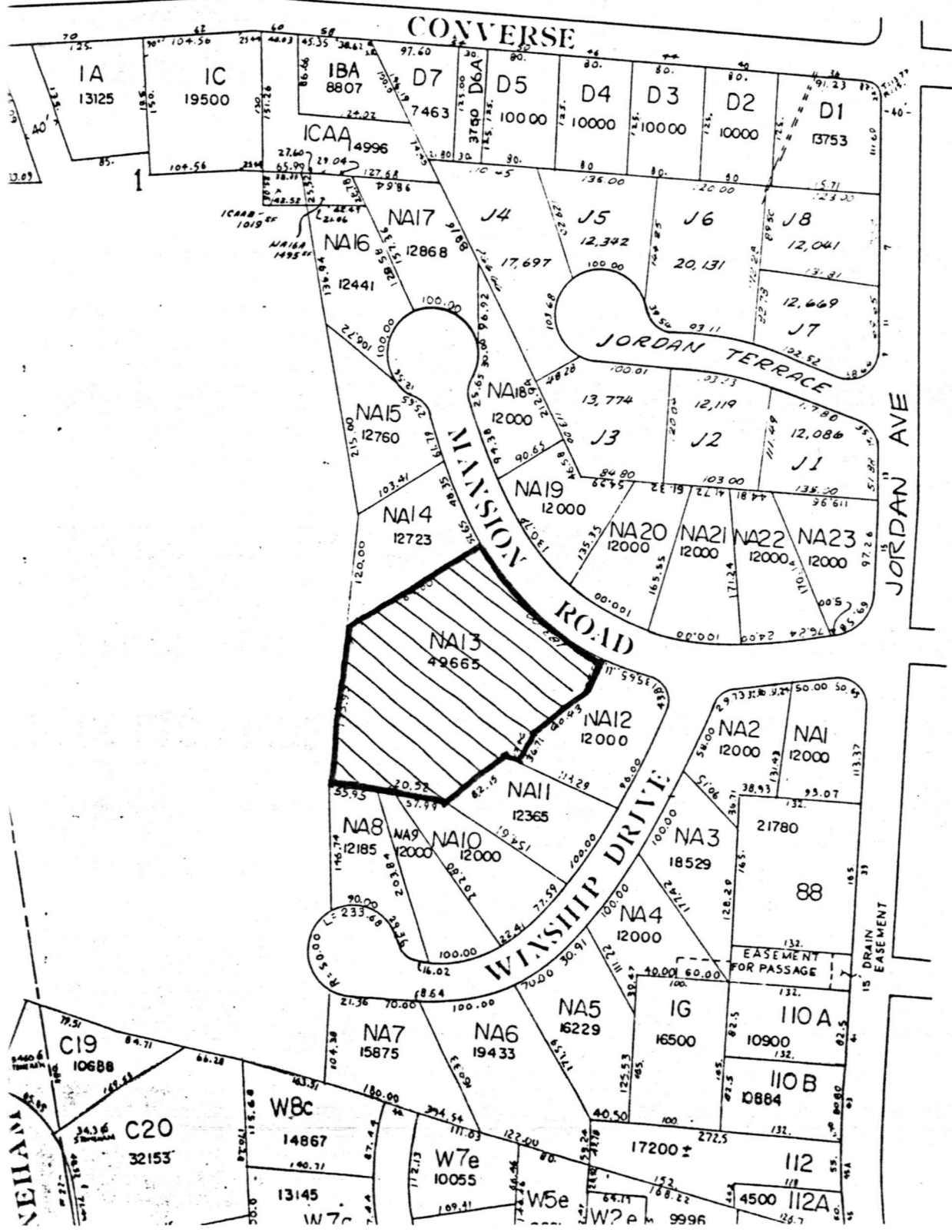
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Waterfield MRA, Ms

13 MANSION ROAD



SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300