

## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA FORM NO.

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Town WakefieldAddress 6 Adams StreetHistoric Name NAUse: Present DwellingOriginal 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 c. 1886Source Current owners (Adams) and Assessor's recordsStyle Shingle StyleArchitect Robert Pote WaitExterior Wall Fabric ShinglesOutbuildings None

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

NoneCondition FairMoved NA Date NAAcreage 1.36 acresSetting Faces north on low lot hidden from street view.

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

UIM REFERENCE 19/328530/4707400USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.SCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Architectural Preservation AssociatesOrganization Wakefield Historical CommissionDate March 1985

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

Part of a planned suburban development call Wakefield Park, this house represents perhaps the best example of the Shingle Style in Wakefield and features some interesting Colonial Revival detailing as well. The house retains integrity of location, design, setting, 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.**

This is perhaps the best example of the Shingle Style in Wakefield. It has a deep gable roof with a transverse gable above 1½ stories. The exterior of the house, in what may be called its original color scheme, is covered in shingles in various patterns from waves to sawtooth. Shingles now cover all the major architectural features, unlike the purely decorative use of shingles in the Queen Anne Style. Brackets, watertable, alike, are shingled. Twin entry columns, diamond sash and an ornament rail, unique in Wakefield, are Colonial Revival features often found in the Shingle Style.

#### **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 designed and built by Robert Pote Wait, a partner in the firm of Pote & Cutter, Architects, of Boston, as his own residence in 1886-87. After his death, the house was purchased by Grace and Hubbard Mansfield in 1907. They, in turn, hired architect Charles R. Wait to modernize the house by adding a furnace, gas lighting and town water. Hubbard was an early town planner in Wakefield who was known to schedule time in the library every Wednesday night to study planning and discuss issues with Wakefield citizens. Grace Mansfield was a poet who established the Mansfield Class for Bible study at the Universalist Church. As early as 1855 plans were filed in Middlesex County Registry to develop the land southeast of Cowdrey's Hill. Wakefield was entering its phase of population expansion introduced by the coming of the railroad and the attraction of Wakefield as a residential community. By then 100 acres had been assembled for development as Wakefield Park. Promotional literature for the development pointed it out as a planned street layout which included this small Adams Street. The architectural achievement of this house and its upper middle class owners typify the expectations held for Wakefield Park and its residents.

#### **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
51. House at 39 Converse Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
52. House at 40 Crescent Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
53. House at 42 Hopkins Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
54. House at 5 Bennett Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
55. House at 509 North Avenue <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
56. House at 52 Oak Street <i>Substantive Review</i>	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>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
58. House at 556 Lowell Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
59. House at 6 Adams Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina Byers</i></u> 7/6/89 Attest _____
60. House at 7 Salem Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Alvina 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 6 Adams 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: 89000721

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 \_\_\_\_\_

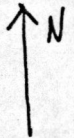


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House  
at 6 Adams St

Wakfield MRT, Ma

# 6 ADAMS ST.



SCALE: 1" = 80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300