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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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731

Town Wakefield

Address 25 Avon Street

Historic Name NA

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 c. 1889

Source Map of 1889

Style Queen Anne

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Shingle & Clapboard

Outbuildings Carriage house, contribut  
1889

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

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

None

Condition Fair

Moved NA Date NA

Acreage Under one acre

Setting faces south on large tulip tree shaded lot

UTM REFERENCE 19/329530/4707630

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, 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 the Queen Anne style, the details of this house are an interesting mixture of both Shingle Style and Queen Anne design. The house retains integrity of location, setting, 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.**

This is one of the most exuberant Queen Anne houses in Wakefield. Rather than picking and choosing among motifs and architectural elements, the designer of this house used practically everything available to give a visually active exterior and interesting interior volume to the building. Both Shingle style and Queen Anne style are used. Under the hipped roof, the Shingle Style elements are the rounded, single-covered forms: the dormer roof, the shingled brackets, the projected or recessed rounded bays. Queen Anne are the south and west porches with their arched openings and sunburst spandrel designs. The floral relief on the porch pediment and the use of stained glass windows are Queen Anne elements intended to add tactile and coloristic complexity.

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

Avon Street was laid out in 1848 on the land of Lemuel Sweetser by his heirs. It did not get built up densely all at once, but a few houses in the 1850s were joined each decade by several more. This house was built in the late 1880s on a lot owned by Oliver Perkins who was a dealer in provisions and lived elsewhere on Avon Street. Perkins became a rather substantial landowner in Wakefield Park buying and selling property on the West Side as it developed.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Maps of 1874 (lot of Oliver Perkins), 1889 (A. G. Walton).  
Directory of 1874.

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

41. House at 23 Avon Street

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 7/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

42. House at 23 Lawrence Street

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National Register

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43. House at 25 Avon Street

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44. House at 26 Francis Avenue

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National Register

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45. House at 28 Cordis Street

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National Register

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46. House at 28 Wiley Street

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47. House at 30 Sheffield Road

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48. House at 32 Morrison Road

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49. House at 38 Salem Street

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50. House at 380 Albion Street

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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 House at 25 Avon Street  
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: 89000731

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

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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House at

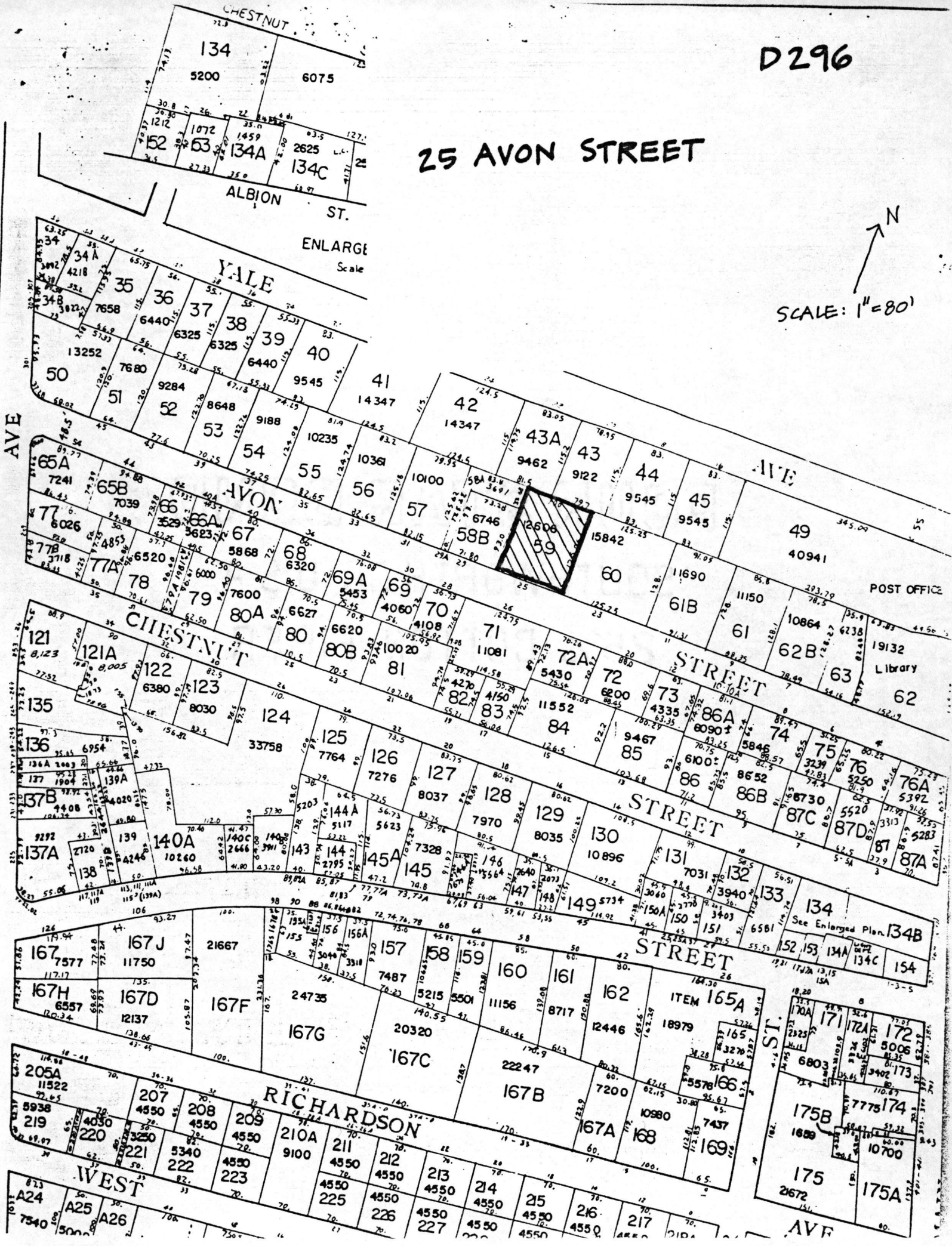
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# 25 AVON STREET



SCALE: 1"=80'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300