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Inventory No: MRN.K
Historic Name: Washburn, Horatio Nelson House Area
Common Name:
City/Town: Marion
Village/Neighborhood: Little Neck;
Local No:
Year Constructed:
Use(s): Agricultural; Commercial District; Other Water Related; Residential District;
Significance: Agriculture; Architecture; Commerce; Community Planning; Exploration Settlement; Maritime History;
Designation(s):
Building Materials:
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FORM A- AREA

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Assessor's Sheets
Maps 11 & 12

USGS Quad
Marion

Area Letter Form Numbers in Area
K 152-156



Town Marion, MA

(neighborhood or village) Little Neck

of Area Wareham Street / Route 6

nt Use Residential & Commercial

struction Dates or Period c. 1800- 1920

ll Condition Good

Intrusions and Alterations Lot size has been
ed by road widenings. Intact residential fabric

152-319 WAREHAM ST

Acreage Aprox. 15 acres

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Organization Sippican Historical Society

Date (month/year) March, 1998

Sketch Map-see attached
Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Circle and number properties for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a continuation sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate north.

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AREA FORM [K]

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION X *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community

Although the historic properties of this small area have had their street frontage reduced by Wareham Street (Route 6) widening, the buildings of this area manage to provide a glimpse of the various stages of this thoroughfares evolution during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Roughly L-shaped in configuration, this area extends westward from 319 to 335 Wareham Street, jogging across this heavily traveled highway to include 336 Wareham Street.

Built c. 1800, the Washburn House at **319 Wareham Street** (MHC#K152) is the oldest building in this area. It is significant as one of the first two-story Marion houses in a town where cottage scale Capes and half-Capes were the rule prior to the early 19th century. Measuring five-bays - by -two-bays, this house rises two stories from a heavy granite block basement to a gable roof. Particularly noteworthy are the late Georgian elements of its center entrance. Exhibiting side lights and a broad, molded pediment, these treatments are similar to those of the 1799 **Reverend Oliver Cobb House** at **460 Front Street** (MHC#J150). Overtime changes have been made to this buildings exterior: wood shingles replaced clapboards ; 6/6 wood sash has been replaced by 2/2's and one-story west ell's main facade has been updated by a modern oriel window. Judging by this ell's granite block basement, it is integral to the c.1800 main block.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X *see continuation sheet*

Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this relates to the historical development of the community.

Wareham Street (Rte 6) existed as a Native American coastal trail for centuries before the first English settlement of Marion in 1679. The section of this venerable thoroughfare discussed herein as an area contains residential properties representative of Wareham Street's development during the 19th century. Currently (and possibly for many years) called "The Farm", The Late Georgian residence at **319 Wareham Street** (MHC#152) was reportedly built around 1800 for Marion's Washburns and is the oldest building in this small area. Although this family is not listed among the first settlers of the town, the Washburns have resided in the town since at least the mid-18th century. Isaac and Japhet Washburn, possibly among the first Washburns to reside at 319 Wareham Street, served as privates in Marion's company of Minutemen, responding to the first call to arms at Concord, MA on April 19,1775. According to D. H. Hurd, in 1774, the town "voted that every minute man shall attend three and one half days in each week as shall be appointed by their captain, and twice a month in a body to the first of April and shall be ready to march if needed and equip themselves and shall have one shilling per week."

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

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- Rochester Directory: 1903/04; Wareham Directories: 1907, 1911,1916, 1919 and 1926
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X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach completed National Register Criteria Statement form.* X

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Area(s) K Form No.

Town Marion, MA

Property Address: Wareham Street / Route 6

Architectural Description

Further research is needed on the c. early 20th century bungalow at 331 Wareham Street (MHC#K154). This residence was evidently part of a trend, between World Wars I and II, toward middle class seasonal housing construction that took place along Converse Road, Front Street in the vicinity of the Old Depot, Point Road, between Creek Road and Wareham Street as well as in other parts of the town. Generally located further inland from the elite summer colonies on the points, the construction of these modest, cottage scale houses refer to the rise of the automobile as an important factor in middle income tourism.

Representing historic architectural stylistic developments in Marion and along Wareham Street during the mid 19th century is the Greek Revival cottage at 336 Wareham Street (MHC#K156). Rising one - and - one - half stories from a granite block basement to a steeply pitched gable roof, this cottage is situated almost directly on Wareham Street, its front yard having been drastically reduced in size as the result of street widening. Despite highway encroachment, this cottage, together with its 19th century stable, now a two-car garage, provides a glimpse of Marion during the early Victorian era. Measuring three-bays-by- three -bays, the placement of the front door suggests a side hall interior plan. Particularly noteworthy is the overhang of the street-facing gable which shelters a porch exhibiting four square "Doric" posts which probably replaced original fluted Doric columns. Although fairly common in other Massachusetts communities, this is the only example of a Greek Revival house with an overhanging attic in Marion.

Although a number of stylish and substantial summer residences were built out on the Marion's points during the last two decades of the 19th century, comparatively few houses of more modest scale were built in the town during this period. 335 Wareham Street (MHC#K155) was built for Seth Faunce who worked as a clerk and a gardener, this two - and - one - half story Italianate / Queen Anne house possesses an L-shaped form composed of a two-bay-by -four-bay main block with a five-bay-by-two-bay west ell. Projecting from the rear wall of the west ell is a small one story porch. This house represents the Queen Anne style at its most understated and vernacular. Sheathed with weathered wood shingles, the main block's stands with gable end facing Wareham Street. Still intact is the original front door which exhibits a rectangular pane of glass above solid panels. Projecting from the front door is a small porch which appears to be a later addition. This porch features slat work railings, square posts and a gable roof. To the right of the front door is a replacement picture window. In general windows are fully enframed, contain 6/6 wood sash and are surmounted by cornice headed lintels that nod to the Italianate style. Queen Anne windows are in evidence in the main block's west wall's diamond - shaped window that lights the main entrance hall. A small lunette window is sheltered by the main facade's gable. A secondary entrance is located at the center of the west ell's south wall.

Built for shell fishermen Augustus M. Chase c. 1800-1900, 325 Wareham Street (MHC#K153) is a modest, cottage scale Queen Anne residence characterized by an irregular plan. Composed of a three-bay-by two-bay main block intersecting with a two-bay by two-bay west ell, which, in turn, is contiguous with a small north ell.. Scalloped shingles near the apex of the attic gables contrast with the weathered wood shingles, the predominant sheathing material. Partially obscured by mature fir trees, its front yard enclosed by a picket fence, the main facade is enlivened by an encircling verandah retaining original slat work railings and turned posts with curvilinear, saw cut brackets. In general windows are fully enframed, contain 2/1 wood sash and exhibit lintels that are either flush with the wall surface or cornice-headed.

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Area(s) K Form No.

Town Marion, MA

Property Address: Wareham Street / Route 6

Historical Narrative

Built c.1800, the Washburn House was evidently the focus of a large farm. During the late 17th and throughout the 18th century, agricultural pursuits were the primary source means by which Marion heads of households earned a living. By the early 19th century, maritime activities such as the coastal schooner trade, whaling and boat building as well as the salt industry were beginning to supersede farming as major components of the town's economy.

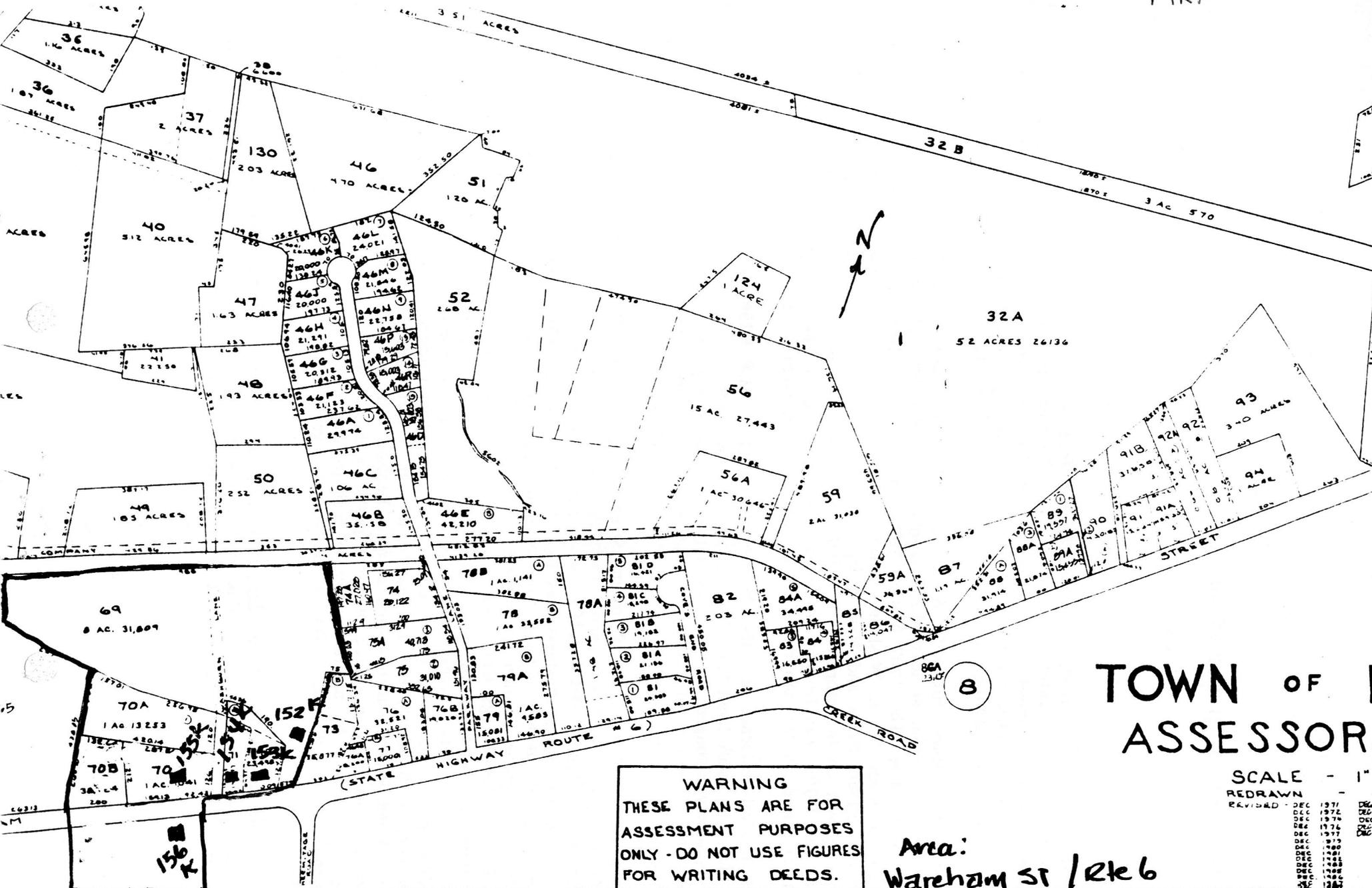
By the mid -19th century, Hiram S. Washburn, cooper, lived here. By 1879, Hiram Washburn's heirs owned this property. From at least the first quarter of the 20th century, Charles E. Washburn, grocer lived and worked here. The 1907 Marion Directory includes a large advertisement for Washburn's business. His ad reads "C. E. Washburn, grocer, carries a fine line of Fresh, Reliable Groceries and Canned Goods, Flour, Grain and Hay. Telephone Connection." The possibility remains that Washburn produce was grown on his property. By 1916, Charles E. Washburn worked as a carpenter. Also residing here during the 1910s, was Horatio Washburn, USN. By 1926 a Charles Washburn- possibly Charles E. Washburn, is listed as the proprietor of an electrical contracting business.

The Greek Revival residence at 336 Wareham Street (MHC# K156) was built during the c. 1840s. By 1855 Moses H. Swift lived here. He is listed as a merchant in the 1867 Wareham Directory. By 1879, this property belonged to local real estate magnate George Delano, who presided over an estate called the Hermitage at Little Neck during the late 19th century and was the owner of much of Allen's Point during this period. During the early 20th century, C. H. L. Delano owned this house.

Representing the development of Wareham Street during the late 19th century are Queen Anne residences whose land was carved from the old Washburn farm. The Queen Anne cottage at 325 Wareham Street (MHC# K153) was built c.1880-1900. Evidently, its first owner was Augustus M. Chase, whose business was listed as "fish (shell)". This work description may mean that Chase's livelihood was derived from oystering and/ or scalloping. Chase's residence opposite Little Neck was a prime location for a shell fishermen, as the coves and creeks on either side of Little Neck, including Briggs Cove, were historically rich in oysters and scallops. Reportedly, one of the features that attracted English settlers to Marion during the late 17th century was the abundance of oysters. The success of Chase's business was dependent on natural cycles of lean and abundant years. According to an article in the Wareham Courier dated 2 /11 / 1909, "the scallop industry at Buzzard's Bay has passed through a series of interesting changes. During the first period of the fishery which started at New Bedford, in the early 70s, became an important winter industry, providing a source of great profit, with a few prosperous seasons here and there. About eight years ago, the natural supply of scallops was exterminated and for nearly seven years, there was no commercial fishery. During the last two years, scallops have become more abundant."

Currently housing an antiques shop, 335 Wareham Street (MHC#K155), was built c. 1880 to 1900. Apparently, the first owner of this Queen Anne residence was Seth Faunce. During the first quarter of the 20th century, his occupation is variously listed as clerk and gardener.

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<u>MHC #</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Building Type</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Arch/Bldr</u>
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Wareham Street (Rte6) Area K

K 152	319	Wareham Street (Rte6)	c.1800	Washburn House	Res.	Late Georgian	Wd. Shingls	Undetermined
K 153	325	Wareham Street (Rte6)	1879-00	Augustus M. Chase Ho	Res.	Queen Anne	Wd. Shingls	Undetermined
K 154	331	Wareham Street (Rte6)	1900-20	Undetermined	Res.	Bungalow	Wd. Shingls	Undetermined
K 155	335	Wareham Street (Rte6)	1879-0	Seth Faunce Ho.	Res.	Queen Anne	Wd. Shingls	Undetermined
K 156	336	Wareham Street (Rte6)	1855-70	Swift-Delano Ho.	Res.	Grk Revival	Wd. Shingls	Undetermined

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Community: Marion

Property Address 319, 325, 331, 335, 336 Wareham St. / Rk 6

Area(s) K Form No. K152- K156

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

Individually eligible Eligible **only** in a historic district

Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district: **X**

Criteria: **A** **B** **C** **D**

Criteria Considerations: **A** **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G**

Statement of Significance

by Edward Gordon

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

Wareham Road / Route 6- Qualifies as node of architecturally significant residences dating from c. 1800 to the early 20th century. Linear area bordering major traffic artery which evolved from a Native American coastal trail. Encompasses the historic **Washburn House** at **319 Wareham Street** (MHC#) - the fifth generation of this family continues to live in this late Georgian farm house.

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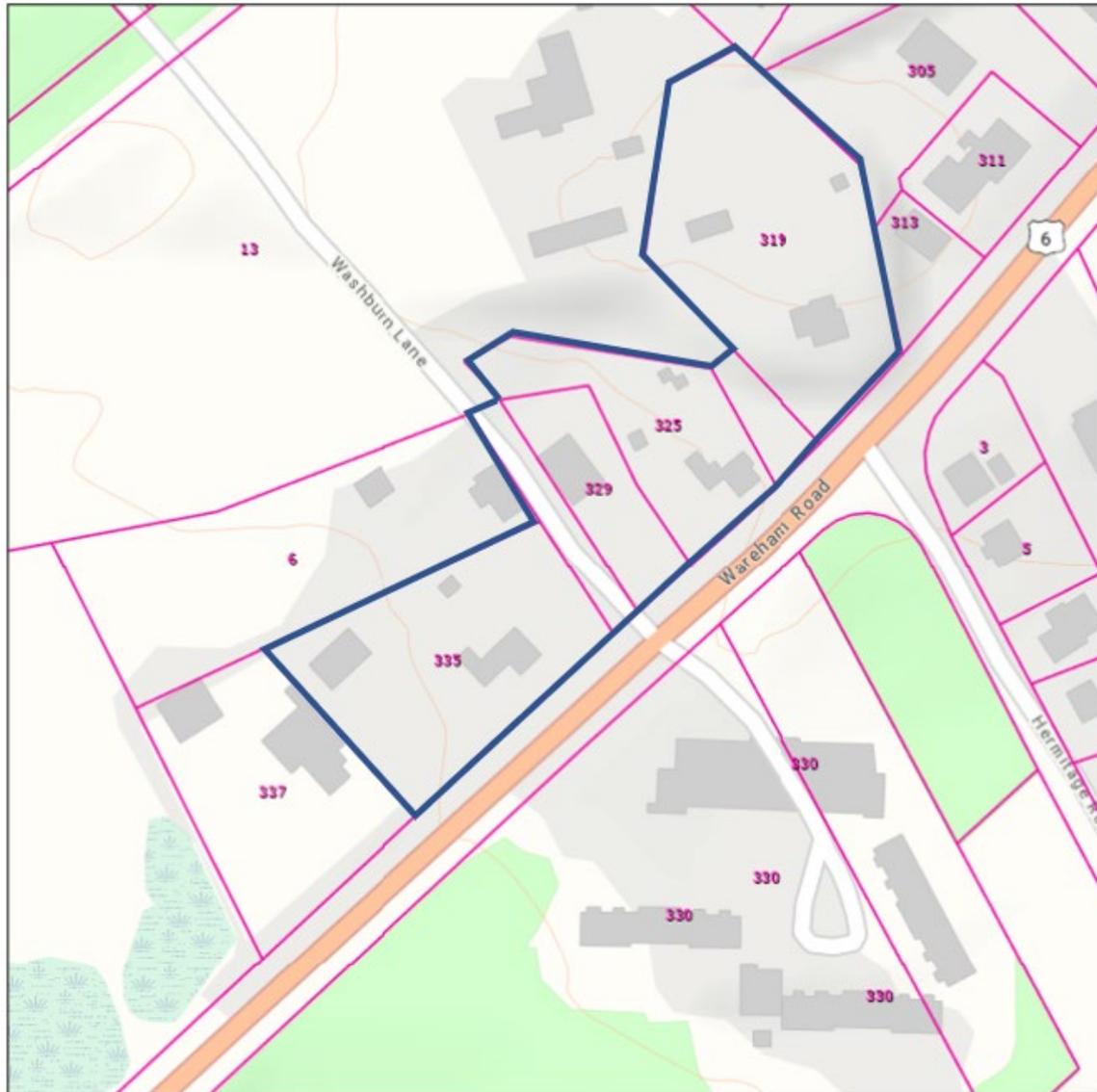
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WASHBURN HOUSE/WAREHAM STREET AREA MAP & DATA SHEET
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WASHBURN HOUSE/WAREHAM STREET AREA

The Village of Marion, the commercial and residential center of the town, is set on the western shore of Sippican Harbor which leads into Buzzards Bay. As the name suggests, Wareham Street runs from the northern portion of the village historically called Old Landing to the town of Wareham. Maritime businesses dominated the economy in Marion and the occupations of its homeowners until the mid-19th century when the advent of rail service began to facilitate tourism. However, this section of the town to the north of the harbor remained focused on farming well into that century. All four of the properties in the Washburn House/Wareham Street Area center around what was once the large farmstead of Horatio Nelson Washburn. A fifth property included in the area as defined in the 1998 MHC Area Form K, the Swift-Delano House at 336 Wareham Street (1855-1870, MRN.156) was demolished in 2010.

Photograph	Historic Name Arch. Style/Form	Address	Parcel #	Year	MHC #
	Washburn House Federal See MHC Building Form B MRN.152	319 Wareham Street	11-73	Ca.1800	MRN.152
	Augustus M. Chase House Queen Anne See MHC Building Form B MRN.153	325 Wareham Street	11-72	1879-1900	MRN.153
	House Craftsman / Bungalow See MHC Building Form B MRN.154	329 Wareham Street	11-71	1900-1920	MRN.154
	Seth Faunce House Greek Revival See MHC Building Form B MRN.155	335 Wareham Street	11-70	1879-1900	MRN.155

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Criteria Considerations: **A** **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G**

Statement of Significance by _____ Lynn Smiledge _____

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The Washburn House/Wareham Street Area (MRN.K) is recommended as eligible for listing as a National Register District at the local level under Criterion A for Social History and Criterion C for Architecture. Wareham Street (Route 6) runs from the northern portion of the village historically called Old Landing to the town of Wareham. Maritime businesses dominated the economy in Marion and the occupations of its homeowners until the mid-19th century when the advent of rail service began to facilitate tourism. However, this section of the town to the north of the harbor remained focused on farming well into that century. All four of the properties in the Washburn House/Wareham Street Area center around what was once the large farmstead of Horatio Nelson Washburn.

Under Criterion A, the area is recommended as eligible at the local level for its association with the once-large farmstead of Horatio Nelson Washburn, whose descendants continue to own the property.

Under Criterion C, the area is recommended as eligible at the local level in the area of Architecture for its collection of architecturally significant and diverse houses dating from ca. 1800 to the early 20th century. These include handsome examples of the Federal, Greek Revival, Queen Anne and Craftsman styles.

The majority of the resources here retain substantial integrity of location, setting, materials, workmanship, design, feeling, and association. The district would likely meet criteria A and C at the local level, with areas of significance in social history and architecture.