

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic P.J. Barrett Blockand/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 70-76 Park StreetN/A not for publicationcity, town AdamsN/A vicinity ofcongressional district Firststate Massachusettscode 025

county

Berkshirecode 003

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process
☐ being considered

Status

☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress

Accessible

☐ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☒ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☒ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military

☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Wanda Dawson & Phyllis W. Sheppardstreet & number 21 Yale Streetcity, town ChicopeeN/A vicinity ofstate Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Berkshire County North Registry of Deedsstreet & number 65 Park Streetcity, town Adamsstate Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets
title of the Commonwealth #638

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate January 1979☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ localdepository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Streetcity, town Bostonstate Massachusetts

7. Description

ADAMS: P.J. Barrett Block, 70-76 Park Street

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Barrett Block is located on the west side of Park Street south of McKinley Square in Adams Center. The block is a $3\frac{1}{2}$ story brick structure with a rectangular floor plan and a low-sloping roof which descends from east to west. The structure rests on a foundation of rock-faced marble ashlar above which the building's red bricks are laid up in a banding of seven rows of stretchers to one row of alternating headers and stretchers. Except as noted otherwise, windows throughout the structure consist of 2/2 sash set in a brick surround with an arched head of 2 rows of headers and a gray marble sill. Due to the block's hillside site, only the facade (east elevation) is a full $3\frac{1}{2}$ stories high, while the rear (west) elevation is two stories high. The building is divided into two stores at the first story and two apartments at each of the upper two stories; it is likely that the building has an interior firewall at its center, extending perpendicular to Park Street and dividing the structure into two equal halves.

The facade (east elevation) is symmetrical, containing storefronts at the first story and identical groupings of windows at the upper stories. At the center of the first story are two identical entries set on either side of the interior fire wall; each entry contains a tall, two-pane transom, beneath which is a single, panelled door. Flanking these two entries are two identical store fronts, each has a recessed center entry of double doors with panelled bases surmounted by a two-pane transom. Flanking these entries are floor-to-ceiling plate glass display windows made up of two panes on each side of the entry recess and four panes facing the street on each side of the entry. Additional cross-bars have been placed over portions of the plate glass. Access to first story entries is gained from 3 sets of cast concrete stairs which appear to have been added in the second quarter of the twentieth century. Separating the store fronts from the upper stories is a wooden cornice supported by three brackets. The upper two stories each contain eight windows which are evenly spaced except for the center two which are closely set. All facade window arches are made of two rows of headers which project slightly from the wall plane and which extends from springer to springer. Immediately above the third story windows, a change of brick color may indicate that the roof of the building has been raised slightly or that some former decorative sheathing has been removed. The cornice is made of wood and consists of vertical-board sheathing to which jig-saw cut ornament, paired brackets and large single end and center brackets have been applied.

Side elevations (south and north) are asymmetrical and undecorated. Both elevations decrease in height toward their western ends, reflecting the declining slope of the roof and the rising slope of the ground level. First story windows on both elevations consist of two-pane lights set in low, arched surrounds. Second and third story windows are identical to those of the facade, but without decorative trim. Attic windows consist of one-pane lights set in small, arched surrounds.

The rear (west) elevation is asymmetrical, and is partially enclosed by woodframe porches with no decorative trim. Because of the sloping site, what appear as the first and second stories of the west elevation are actually the building's second and third stories.

Alterations to the block are exceptionally few, consisting of the addition of concrete stairs (facade), some additional glazing bars (facade storefronts) and the blocking of several lights on the storefronts' doors. If the block's height has been increased by the addition of one-half story (no documentary evidence has been found), it is likely to have occurred around the turn of the century, based on the appearance of details on the building's attic.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☒ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1880-1889 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Barrett Block possesses integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship and as one of the earliest and least altered examples of commercial design in Adams, meets criterion C of the NRHP. The building's exact construction date is currently unknown, however, it is listed in the town's first directory of 1889-1890. One of the first brick blocks to be built on Park Street, the Barrett Block's original design with its first story commercial space and apartments at the upper floors reflects the gradual change in local commercial architecture which occurred in the 1880s and 1890s as Park Street changed from a residential to mostly commercial district. The building's brick window hoods, decorative brickwork, plate-glass store fronts and bracketed wooden cornice are all characteristic and well-preserved elements of the structure's late Italianate style design. The building's original owner, Patrick J. Barrett, a mason, occupied the Block both as a residence and as a place of business. The Block's storefronts were originally rented to O.H. Bliss, a dry goods merchant, and to T.D. Brown & Co., grocers. At present, the Block remains nearly unaltered from its original design and serves as the best local example of Italianate style commercial architecture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Town Atlases of 1876, 1894 and 1904; Town Directories after 1889.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .25 acres

Quadrangle name Windsor, Mass.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property includes only the lot on which the Barrett Block stands; this lot is described in Berkshire County North Registry of Deeds, Record Book 661, p. 218

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director with Brian Pfeiffer, ACT for Massachusetts

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date January 1981

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston, state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia L. Weselowski

title Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 2/17/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 4/1/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service 82004945

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Barrett, P.J. Block
State, County: MA, Berkshire
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 3/3/82-602
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 4/1/82 - 4/17/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/1/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Entered in the National Register
photos 1
maps 1

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

X 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	☒ Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

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8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

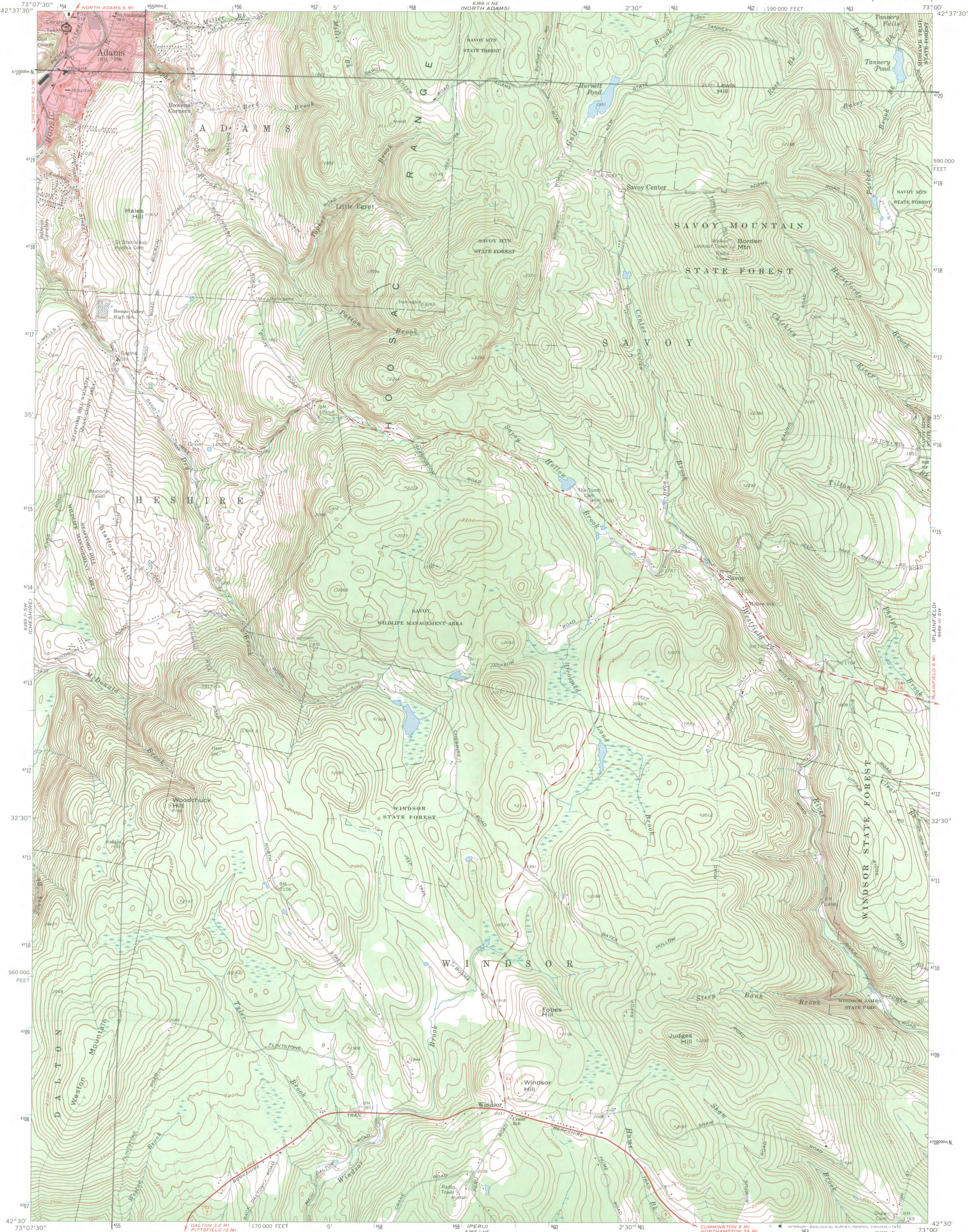


P. J. Barrett Block
Adams
Berkshire County
Massachusetts

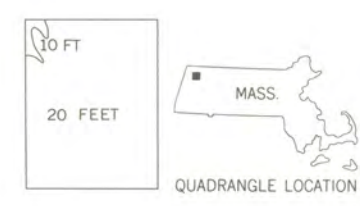
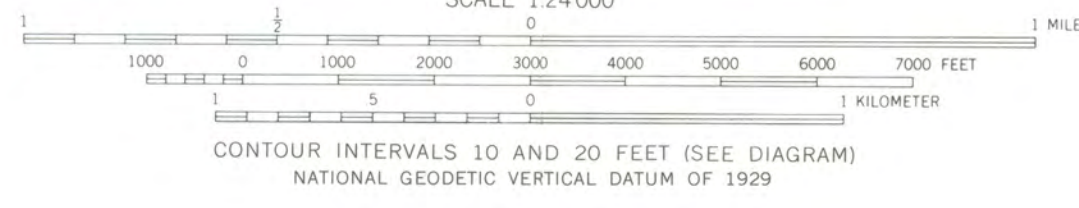
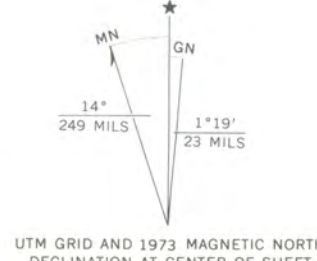
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Date: July 1980

MAR 3 1982

Barrett Block
Adams, MA
UTM Reference
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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1942. Topography by planimetric surveys 1943 and 1944
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1973
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

WINDSOR, MASS.
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1973

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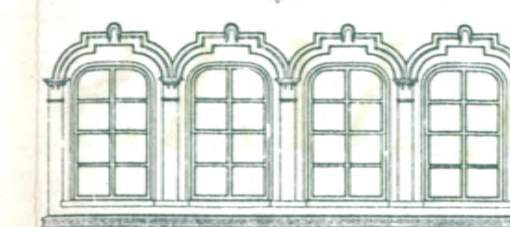




ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Note: This Drawing is a composite of information from several sources; it does not represent official or legal boundaries. Information presented on this drawing is for illustration only.

Prepared for:
Architectural Conservation Trust
(ACT) For Massachusetts



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The Center for
Environmental Design
and Education
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Scale in feet
0 25 50 100 200 250





**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

February 17, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper
National Register Division
National Park Service
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following National Register nomination forms:

Adams: Armory Block (local)
Adams: Barrett Block (local)
Adams: Berkshire Mill #1 (local - DOE 6/81)
Adams: Jones Block (local)
Adams: Mausert Block (local)
Adams: Pittsfield & North Adams Passenger Station and Baggage and
Express House (local)
Adams: Simmons Block (local)
Lawrence: American Woolen Mill Housing District (local)
Melrose: Town Center Historic District (local)
Milton: Belcher-Rowe House (local)
Needham: Davis-Mills House (local)
Needham: Joshua Lewis House (local)
Needham: Townsend House (local)
Peabody: Nathaniel Felton Houses (local)
Stockbridge: Glendale Power Station (local)
Stockbridge: Wheatleigh (state)
Webster: Main Street Historic District (local-DOE)
Westfield: Octagon House (local)
Weymouth: Old South Union Church (local)

All were voted eligible by the State Review Board at their meeting on 2/10/82 and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Comments by owners and other interested parties are attached. Owners and chief elected officials were notified of pending Review Board consideration on December 23, 1981.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director

MAR 3 1982

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APRIL 1, 1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Barrett, P. J., Block</u>	Adams Berkshire County
Berkshire Mill No. 1	Adams Berkshire County
Jones Block	Adams Berkshire County
Pittsfield and North Adams Passenger Station and Baggage & Express House	Adams Berkshire County

Notified

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Paul E. Tsongas
Honorable Silvio O. Conte

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, NPS
North Atlantic Regional Office, NPS

State Historic Preservation Officer
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