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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Whitaker - Clary House

AND/OR COMMON  
same**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER  
Elm StreetCITY, TOWN  
New Salem

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
1st

STATE  
Massachusetts

-- VICINITY OF  
CODE  
025

COUNTY  
FranklinCODE  
011**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME  
Swift River Valley Historical Society, Inc.STREET & NUMBER  
Elm StreetCITY, TOWN  
New Salem

-- VICINITY OF

STATE  
Massachusetts 01364

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Franklin County Registry of DeedsSTREET & NUMBER  
Main StreetCITY, TOWN  
Greenfield

STATE  
Massachusetts

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**TITLE  
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the CommonwealthDATE  
1974

--FEDERAL  --STATE  --COUNTY  --LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Massachusetts Historical CommissionCITY, TOWN  
Boston

STATE  
Massachusetts 02108

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## 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 Whitaker - Clary House, c. 1816, is one of the most impressive houses in the village of North New Salem. Situated on a slight knoll, it is set well back from the street.

The front entrance has a door divided longitudinally that originally had glass panels. Although these have been replaced by wooden panels, the original panels are still stored in the house. This door possibly replaces an earlier one. The doorway, with its fluted pilasters and fan light, faces the street. The steps are of finished granite. The side door is also distinguished by a fan light, and finished granite steps lead up to it. The house is five bays wide, covered with white painted clapboards on all sides. It is topped by a slate covered ridge roof, with cornice and dentils typical of this type of architecture. There are two brick chimneys, each set in from the gable ends of the house, to accommodate three and four fireplaces respectively. The foundation of the house is made of finished granite slabs. The frame is all of hand hewn timbers, eight by eight inches in cross section, in excellent condition. The heavy bracing is mortised and tenoned into the main frame. The exterior of the main building remains in its original configuration, except for the twelve over twelve windows which were changed to two over two.

The three bay ell, originally a single story high, was later raised to two stories. It has the same ridge roof and white clapboarding of the main house. The windows of the second story are six over six. On the first floor, the center of one side is dominated by a double arched opening into an enclosed porch.

The unattached barn has the same type of frame construction as the house and is believed to have been built at the same time. The rolling door is topped by a ten light transom.

The interior of the house has had no major alterations. It has the conventional floor plan of central hall with eight rooms. All of the four-panel doors facing the hallway have hand-graining to simulate mahogany. Graining with sharply delineated design also appears on the baseboards. The original marbleized finish remains on the floors of both the lower and upper hallways. The front stairway has the unusual feature of a stencilled stair carpet, with the same design repeated as a border around the parlor floor. A stencilled frieze on the walls of the lower and upper halls is the original. One bedroom also has its original stencilled frieze. All the rooms have chair rails. The parlor has its original wallpaper, imported from France.

The four fireplaces of the front rooms have intricately carved mantels, no two of which are duplicates. Each has a distinctive feature: subursts on one, a delicate swag on another, columns topped by urns on a third, and a combination of details on the last. The other three fireplaces are built along plainer lines as befits their utilitarian purposes. The kitchen fireplace includes a brick oven and has a granite hearthstone approximately eight feet long.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

c.1816

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Whitaker-Clary House is primarily architectural, although the architect is unknown, as are the craftsmen who actually built the house. It has retained almost all of its original details, thus remaining an outstanding example of Federal architecture in the local area. A particularly noteworthy feature is the divided door of the front entrance, with its fan light and fluted pilasters, and the design of the dentils and cornice.

Of major significance are the details of the finish of the interior that are in their original form and condition. These include the intricately and delicately carved mantels in the four front rooms, the fireboards, the fine scroll pattern along the front stairway, and the stair treads and risers stencilled to resemble stair carpet. Nina Fletcher Little, author of the book American Decorative Wall Painting, stated that she had never before heard of stencilling used in the manner of this "stair carpet." A narrow back stairway leading from the kitchen to the bedchambers was probably used to reduce the wear and tear on this stair carpet design.

The five fireboards, used to block off the fireplaces when not in use, are hand painted and grained in the manner of Moses Eaton, who was an itinerant painter of the Connecticut River Valley area at that time. It is believed that he might have painted these fireboards. Each fireboard was individually fitted to the fireplace for which it was intended. Another feature of the fireplaces, uncommon in the New Salem area, are the false doors on one side of each of the three fireplaces to balance the closet doors on the other side, thus creating a Federal style symmetry.

An unusual feature of this building is the care used in its planning in order to provide large closet areas which is not a normal condition in houses built in this period. The rooms are all large and attractive, with high ceilings and ample light, providing excellent spaces in which the exquisite details are highlighted. In many of the above details, the Whitaker-Clary House provides the singular example of such fine work in the New Salem area.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Swift River Valley Historical Society, Inc., records  
Franklin County Registry of Deeds

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6 acres

UTM REFERENCES

*VTM OK HF*

A 18 720400 4713080  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Patricia Jenny, Editorial Assistant and Warren Doubleday

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

April 1975

STREET & NUMBER

40 Beacon Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

## 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 National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Elizabeth R. Amador*

TITLE Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

*May 22, 1975*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Arthur H. Jensen*

DATE

*6/8/75*

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*W. M. ...*

DATE

*JUN 17 1975*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

75000257

Property Whitaker - Clary House

State Mass. Working Number 5.29.75.1005

Franklin

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 1  
Maps 2

**CONTROL**

OK <sup>cm</sup> 5.29.75

**HISTORIAN**

Accept  
E. Smith  
6-4-75

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Accept  
Lebowich  
6-2-75

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
Cole  
6.4.75

Acting **BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

[Signature]  
**JUN 17 1975**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 8-5-75

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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SWIFT RIVER VALLEY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



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AND/OR COMMON same

**2** LOCATION

CITY, TOWN New Salem VICINITY OF COUNTY Franklin STATE MA

**3** PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT New Salem Historical Commission DATE OF PHOTO December 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT same

**4** IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO. 1

southwest facade, south elevation

#187

#1087

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1  
NEW SALEM, MASS.

INVENTORY No. B-52



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detail of entrance, southwest facade

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PHOTO NO. 3

interior, detail of parlor fireplace and fireboard

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PHOTO NO. 4

interior, detail of dining room fireplace and fireboard

# 487



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interior, southwest bedroom fireplace and fireboard

#5087



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PHOTO NO. 6

interior, northwest bedroom fireplace and fireboard

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PHOTO NO. 7

interior, stencilled stair carpet

#7087

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\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY  
Franklin

STATE  
MA.

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE Sketch Map

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DATE April 1975

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

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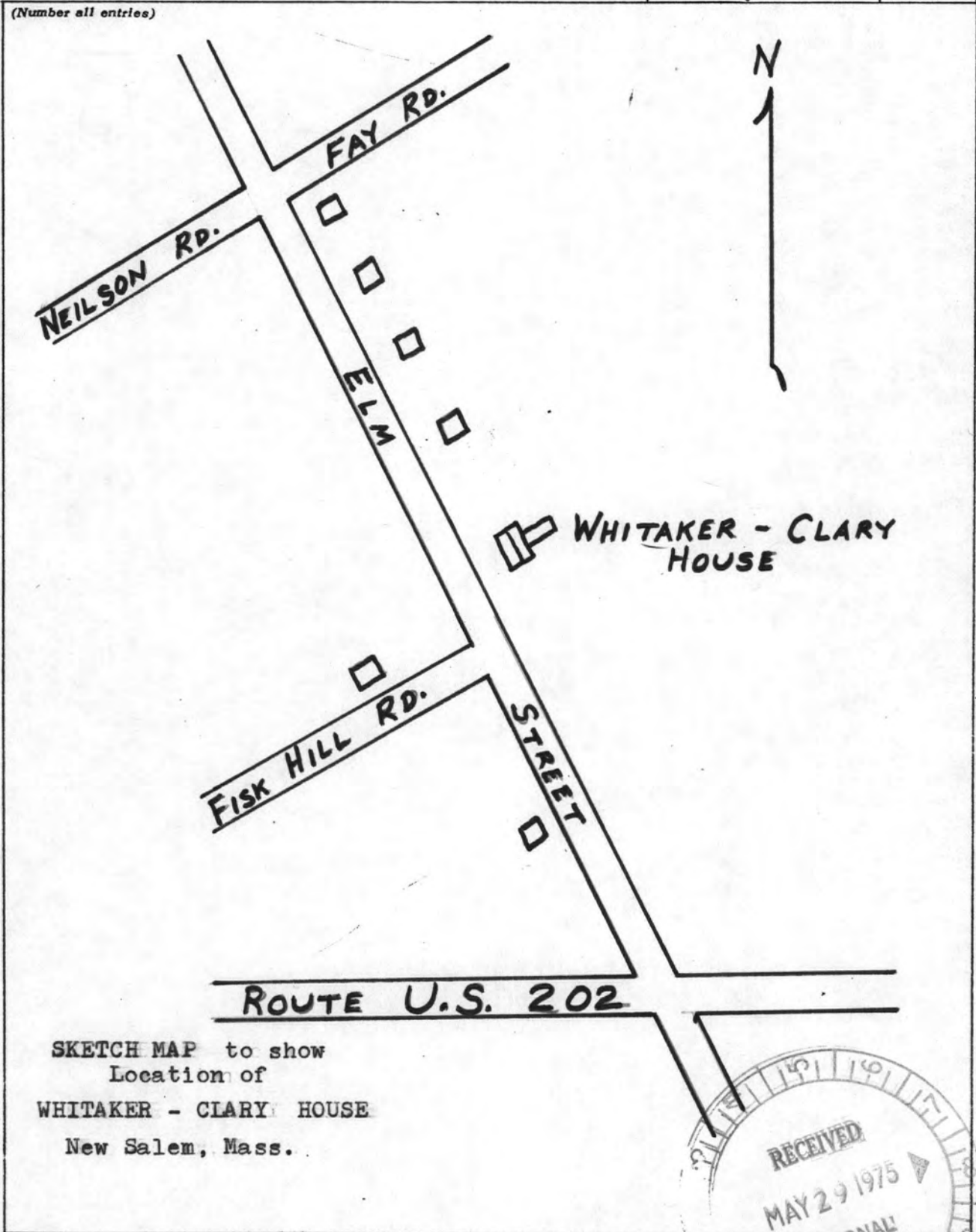
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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE <b>Massachusetts</b>	
COUNTY <b>Franklin</b>	
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(Number all entries)



SKETCH MAP to show  
Location of  
WHITAKER - CLARY HOUSE  
New Salem, Mass.



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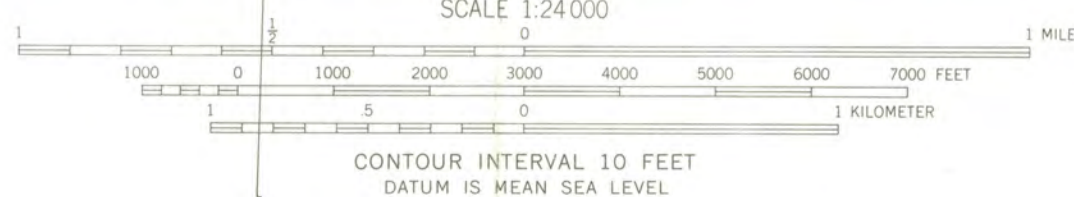
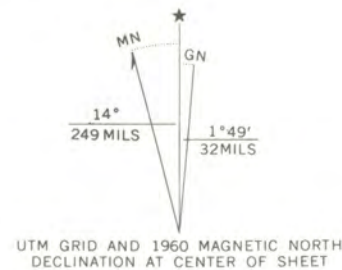
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mainland zone  
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zone 18, shown in blue



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DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

ORANGE, MASS.  
N4230—W7215/7.5

1961

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUN 13 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wade, John, House	Medford Middlesex County
Whitaker-Clary House	New Salem Franklin County
Brooks, Charles, House	Medford Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald  
Hon. Silvio O. Conte  
Regional Director, North Atlantic  
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Anadon  
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Massachusetts Historical Commission  
40 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

PR MMott/row

6/19/75

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: FEDERAL <sup>WITH</sup> GEORGIAN ELEMENTS

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

✓ DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1816

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) 6

✓ COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

FRAME, CLAPBOARDING; 2 1/2 STORIES,

RECTANGULAR WITH REAR ELL, GABLED ROOF, INTERIOR CHIMNEYS, FRONT

CENTER PANELED DOUBLE-DOOR ENTRANCE WITH FANLIGHT AND PILASTERS,

~~SIDE ENTRANCE WITH FANLIGHT~~, 1ST-STORY RECESSED ELL PORCH, DENTICU-

LATED CORNICE; REFINED WOODEN INTERIOR DETAILING INCLUDING MARBLED

FLOORS AND STENCILED STAIRS; MINOR ALTERATIONS. FEDERAL <sup>WITH</sup> GEORGIAN

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

ELEMENTS. RARE EXAMPLE OF STAIR STENCIL-

ING WORK AND WELL-PLANNED INTERIORS ~~EMPHASIZING~~ EMPLOYING LARGE CLOSET

SPACES, UNUSUAL FOR <sup>the</sup> THIS PERIOD. Museum.

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/17/77  
Reviewer INITIALS: *goff*  
NR ✓ DOE June 18, 1975

(6-18-75)

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Whitaker - Clary House

OTHER NAMES:

### LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Elm Street

CITY, TOWN New Salem

STATE Massachusetts

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

COUNTY Franklin code 011

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### FEATURES:

INTERIOR  
Substantially intact-1  
- unknown - 4  
- not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR  
Substantially intact-2  
- unknown - 5  
- not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS  
Substantially intact-3  
- unknown - 6  
- Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT  
GOOD  
FAIR

DETERIORATED  
RUINS  
UNEXPOSED  
Unexcavated

UNALTERED  
ALTERED  
Reconstructed  
Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE  
MOVED  
Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES ~~NO~~ Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- private residence

now- museum

### SIGNIFICANCE:

4 - ARCHITECTURE  
- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
- AGRICULTURE  
- ART  
- COMMERCE  
- COMMUNICATIONS

- CONSERVATION  
- ECONOMICS  
- EDUCATION  
- ENGINEERING  
- EXPLORATION  
- INDUSTRY  
- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
- LAW/Gov't/politics  
- LITERATURE  
- MILITARY  
- MUSIC  
- PHILOSOPHY  
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION  
- SCIENCE  
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
- TRANSPORTATION  
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

- entertainment  
- health  
- recreation  
- settlement  
- socio/cultural  
- urban & commun  
- planning

### Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO