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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Winchester Savings Bank

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

26 Mt. Vernon Street

CITY, TOWN

Winchester

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Seventh

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

017

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

Winchester Savings Bank ✓

STREET & NUMBER

26 Mt. Vernon Street

CITY, TOWN

Winchester

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

40 Thorndike Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #131

DATE

1973

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

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 Winchester Savings Bank is a free standing Romanesque Revival structure of irregular plan located at the corner of Mount Vernon Street and Winchester Place. Situated in the central business district of Winchester, it is closely surrounded by commercial and civic structures. The one story red brick building stands on a foundation of rough faced sandstone blocks and is trimmed with sandstone as well. The multi-gabled roof is covered with slate and is pierced at its southern end by a tall paneled and corbeled chimney. Sash, unless otherwise noted, is 1/1 and has been replaced.

The facade of the bank faces south on Mount Vernon Street and is set off from that street by a low sandstone wall. It is focused on a crossed gable at its eastern end and a round one story tower at its western end. The entrance, located in the gable section, is recessed within a barrel vault which is supported by a series of three short, paired columns on each side. Approached by a flight of five granite steps, the original door has been replaced by a plate glass version. The words "Winchester Savings Bank" appear on the broad face of the entrance arch which is further emphasized by a heavily molded archivolt. Next to the entrance is a tripartite window, consisting of a standard size central section with narrower flanking lights. These are surmounted by a sandstone transom and fixed lights which carry a heavy sandstone lintel and a dentilled cornice. A palladian window with heavy sandstone trim is located in the gable.

The tower, which is constructed completely of sandstone, contains three round arched windows which are linked by a continuous transom, voisseurs and archivolts. Its conical roof is supported by brackets which project above a decorative egg and dart molding and a row of dentils. The tower is separated from the gable section by a narrow bay containing a single window with a sandstone lintel and dentilled cornice.

The west elevation has two projecting hip roofed pavillions (added in 1964-5) each with a series of round arched windows with single pane sash set in recessed panels. An original round arched window with a heavy archivolt and wide voisseurs lights the section between the pavillions and the tower. The rear elevation is lit by three unarticulated rectangular windows. The east elevation is blank with the exception of a door at its southern end.

Alterations were made to the building in 1936 and 1964-65. In 1936 an ell was added to the rear elevation to house new vaults. In 1964-5 one story pavillions were added to the east and west elevations and the interior remodeled. The additions have been sympathetic and have not substantially disturbed the original character of the building.

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/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☒ 1800-1899	☒ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1892

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

W.E. and E.K. Blaikie

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Winchester Savings Bank retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and is an excellent example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style adapted to a small scale structure. It became the first bank in Winchester when it was established in 1871 to meet the needs of a growing population of factory workers and suburbanites commuting to Boston on the Boston, Lowell and Nashua Railway. The present building, constructed in 1892, was also the first structure in Winchester to be used only for banking purposes.

The bank was conceived in 1870 by a group of prominent businessmen including David Skillings, Stephen Cutter, James Dwinell, A.K.P. Joy, Henry Cutter and John Cobb. The Winchester Record reported in 1885 that "previous to 1870 a gentleman of the town upon solicitation, accomodated parties by receiving such sums as were offered him, and holding for the benefit of the owner, until their want required the return. This money, but for him, might have been squandered and lost, simply because the depositors had not the capacity to invest and care for it themselves." In 1870 this gentleman formed the bank and presented a petition to the Legislature for a charter. This was received in 1871 and the bank was opened in a room rented in a house belonging to Stephen Cutter, one of the first vice-presidents.

By 1880 the bank had outgrown its quarters and rented space in the newly completed Brown and Stanton Block in Winchester Center, which still stands and houses a variety of commercial enterprises. By 1890 the bank had outgrown its facilities again, and purchased a piece of land on the corner of Mount Vernon Street and Winchester Place from Mary Ann and Andrew Shephard who owned a residence on the site.

The architects of the present building were members of the Blaikie family who had come from Nova Scotia in the 1850's to settle in Somerville. By 1890, two of the brothers, Dexter Pratt and Edwin K. Blaikie had moved to Winchester where Dexter became a successful house builder. Edwin K. and a third brother, William E. Blaikie, who were architects with an office in Boston, were responsible for the design of the Winchester Savings Bank. They were listed as partners in the Boston directories until 1902 after which Edwin was listed alone until 1914. Although their office was in Boston, the Blaikies apparently did most of their work in the suburbs, with only one Back Bay apartment building definitely attributed to them.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Winchester Record, Volume I, 1885, p. 33.

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Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge, Cambridge Historical Commission.

Cambridge, MA. Reports 3 (1971), 4 (1973), 5 (1977).

Middlesex Deeds Book 2012, pp. 113-114.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5406 sq. ft. *less than one*

QUADRANGLE NAME Lexington

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 324400 4702100

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please refer to the attached assessor's map on which the boundaries are delineated in red.

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

Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

Susan Keats

Winchester Historical Comm.

DATE

February 1979

TELEPHONE

(617) 727-8470

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Patricia Westbrooke

DATE

4/3/79

TITLE

Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5.19.79

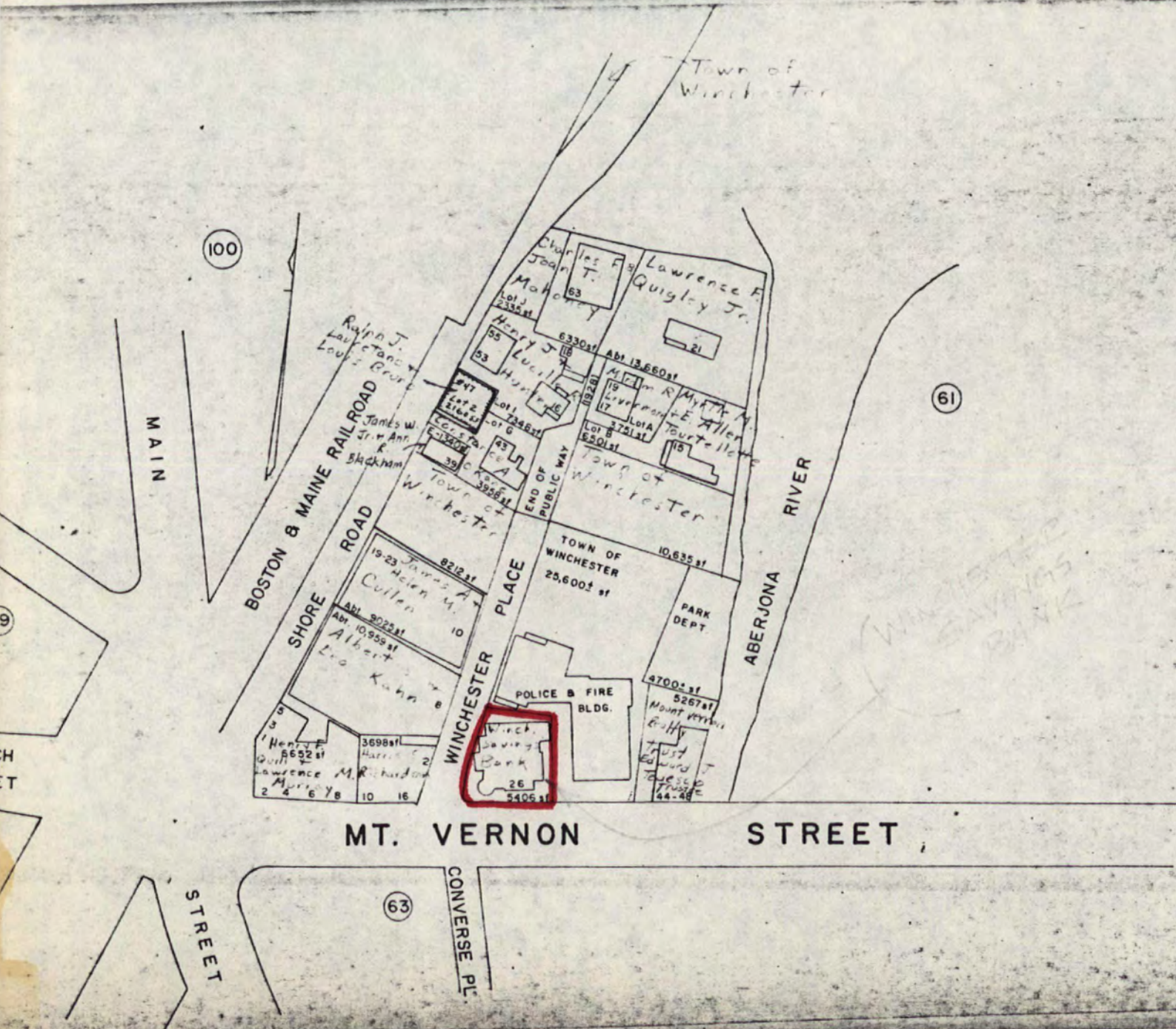
ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

6/18/79

Winchester Savings Bank
Winchester, MA
Town Assessor's map



1974

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MT. AERONAUTICAL STREET



Small text block, possibly a note or legend, located on the right side of the map.

Property Winchester Savings Bank

State Mass (Middlesex) Working Number 4.18.79.846

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 1, sketch

CONTROL

OK pl 4.18.79

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

GOOD EXAMPLE OF RICHARDSONIAN ROMANESQUE STYLE UTILIZED ON
A SMALL SCALE. ALSO, IT WAS THE FIRST BUILDING IN WINCHESTER
CONSTRUCTED EXCLUSIVELY FOR BANKING PURPOSES.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

MAC DEUGAN

ACCEPT

6/18/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry _____

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Winchester Savings Bank
Winchester, MA
Marjorie McCann-Estridge
Winchester Archival Center

1978

Photo #1
looking northeast

*Middlesex
Co.*

APR 18 1979

JUN 19 1979

McCann photo

Winchester Savings Bank
#1 looking to Northeast



Winchester Savings Bank
Winchester, MA
Marjorie McCann-Estridge 1978
Winchester Archival Center

Photo #2
looking northwest

Middlesex Co.

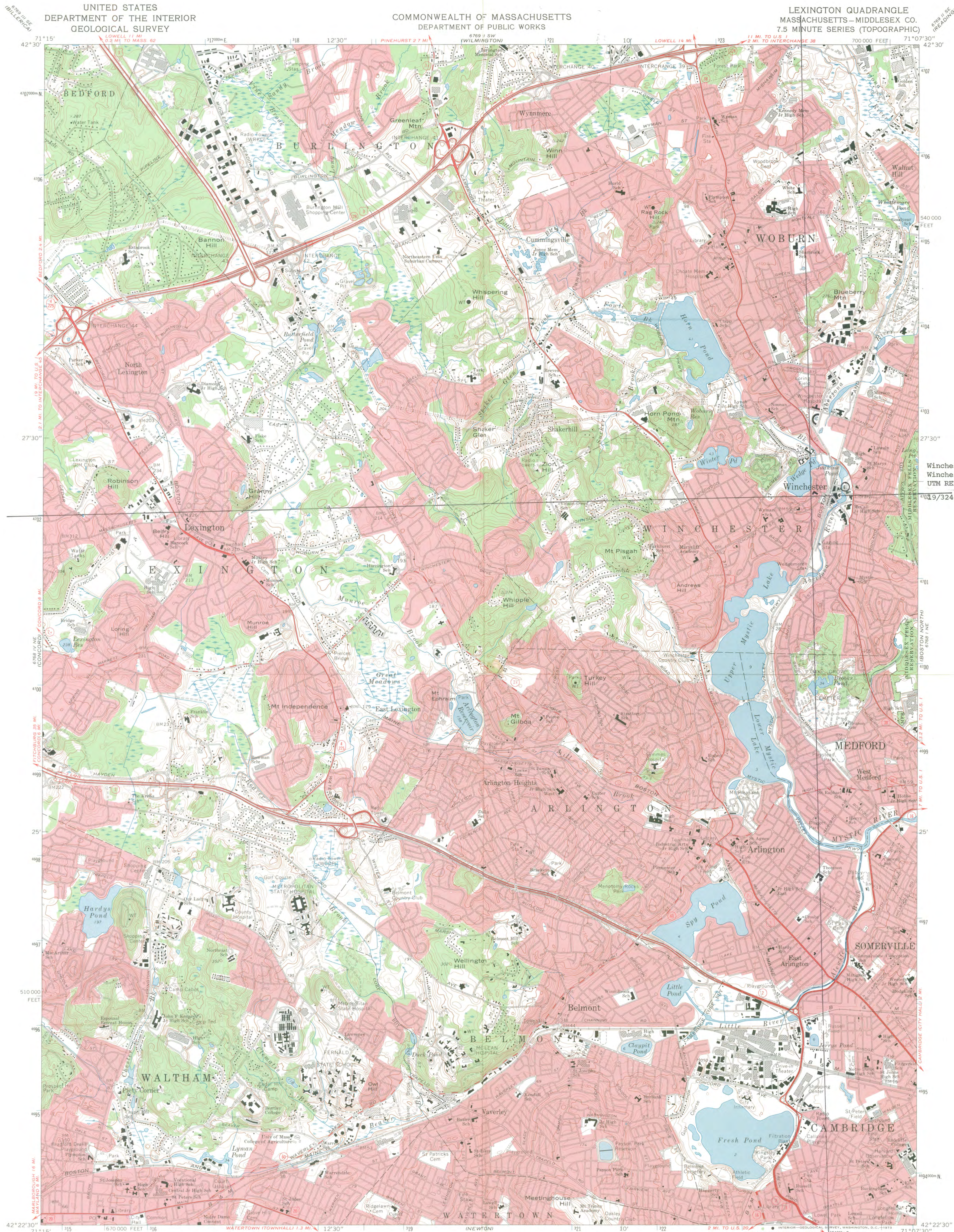
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*#2
Winchester Savings Bank*

*looking to north west
looking to north west*



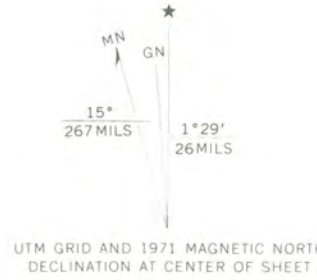
Winchester Savings Bank
Winchester, MA
UTM REFERENCES:
19Q9/324400/4702100

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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1939. Topography by planimetric surveys 1943
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971

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 19, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark
buildings are shown



SCALE 1:24,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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

LEXINGTON, MASS.
N4222.5—W7107.5

1971

AMS 6768 1 NW—SERIES V814



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Wichita Savings Bank
Wichita, Kan. 67202

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wason-Springfield Steam Power Blocks	Springfield Hampden County
Winchester Savings Bank	Winchester Middlesex County
Parkman Tavern	Concord Middlesex County
Ware, Josiah, Tavern	Norfolk Norfolk County

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Honorable Edward P. Boland
Honorable Edward J. Markey
Honorable James M. Shannon
Honorable Margaret M. Heckler

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