

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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

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

1. Name

historic Hopkinton Supply Co. Building

and/or common Framingham Motor Parts - Hopkinton Branch

2. Location

street & number 26 - 28 Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Hopkinton N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts code 025 county Middlesex code 017

3. Classification

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| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Richard Shiff Realty Trust

street & number 105 Irving Street

city, town Framingham N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds

street & number 208 Cambridge Street

city, town East Cambridge state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth, #133 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

Hopkinton Supply Co. Building, 26-28 Main Street

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hopkinton Supply Company Building is a one story, pressed metal store located on the corner of Main and Walcott Streets in downtown Hopkinton. The rhomboidal plan building rises from a fieldstone and brick foundation and is capped by a shed roof which slopes east. Attached to the rear (north) of the building is a small storage shed with a west sloping shed roof. Galvanized, pressed sheet metal clads the west, south, and east elevations, while the rear (north side) is sheathed in galvanized, flat-seam rolled steel. The shed is enclosed by sheet metal on its east side and by wood shingles on its north and west sides.

Compositionally, the building is dominated by its classically-inspired storefront. On the facade, two large plate glass windows with transoms flank a recessed center entrance with splayed sides. Plate glass windows are found on the east and west sides of the storefront as well, the latter being canted for greater prominence. Dividing the window and door bays are decoratively stamped, galvanized metal pilasters, which extend past a rock siding frieze to a galvanized entablature. Brackets and cornice blocks display the distinctive George L. Mesker "Morning Glory" pattern. Galvanized iron acroteria surmount the pilasters at the roofline, which is further ornamented by a central parapet consisting of a rectangular panel with stamped metal posts, flanked by triangular fans. The east and west sides of the building are covered entirely with the stamped rock siding and have small functional windows and service doors. On the interior, side walls feature a cross-bead, stamped metal wainscoting with a stamped rosette design above. The metal ceiling is also stamped with a rosette design, with metal crown moldings.

A recent rehabilitation, following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, has resulted in a careful stabilization and restoration of many original features, as well as the application of appropriate signage. Most notably, a modern entry has been replaced with a reproduction of the original door and transom including period hardware; the cornice has been repaired and missing elements have been fabricated and replaced; awnings and appropriate signs have been added. The result has been to preserve and highlight an excellent example of an often overlooked building type.

8. Significance Hopkinton Supply Co. Building, 26-28 Main Street

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1906 **Builder/Architect** George L. Mesker & Company

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hopkinton Supply Company Building is locally significant as an example of "mail order" commercial architecture of the early 20th century. The building retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, and meets criteria C of the National Register.

Hopkinton is a small hill town on the edge of metropolitan Boston. The shoe and straw bonnet industries contributed to local prosperity in the mid 19th century, with buildings which dominate the town center today. Belated railroad connections and industrial decline toward the end of the century resulted in little development of any kind after the 1880s. The Hopkinton Supply Company Building thus represents the town's later and more modest evolution as a suburban center.

In addition, this property exemplifies changing building technology of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The building is one of the few remaining intact examples of the "mail order" commercial storefronts which were manufactured by the George L. Mesker Co. of Evansville, Indiana. Only 27 of these structures were built in Massachusetts by 1910, and their survival rate is believed to be low. This is an especially important example because of its excellent state of preservation and recent rehabilitation.

The Hopkinton Supply Company Building exemplifies turn of the century manufacturing capabilities in several categories: modular construction, standardization of design elements, sales and distribution, and imitation of noble building materials. Specifically, this storefront system uses uniform sizes of metal, sashwork, and glass; it was sold through a nationally distributed trade catalogue (the 1905 Catalogue of Iron Store Fronts, Geo. L. Mesker & Co.); it was shipped from a centralized manufacturing and distribution center; and lastly, the inexpensive stamped metal imitates such distinguished materials as terracotta, rough ashlar stone, and cast iron. Low cost, ease of maintenance, durability, aesthetics, and fire protection popularized this system.

The Hopkinton Supply Co. Building occupies the site of two earlier grocery and dry goods stores which were owned and operated by John and Bernard Mahon as "Mahon Bros." from 1870-1900. Major fires in 1882 and 1900 completely wiped out most of the commercial district in this area, however. The present building was constructed as a grocery in 1906 by the Charles L. Claflin family; it housed the Hopkinton Supply Company until 1928 and operated from 1928-1954 as a branch of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (A&P). Simultaneously with the A&P, the building housed the Edison Light Company from 1928-1938, and a barber shop from 1938-1954.

(Continued)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Andosca, Dr. John B., Jr. Personal interview, 6/10/81. (Andosca family owned property from 1920-1966, and operated it as the Hopkinton Supply Co. from 1920-1928)
"1905 Catalogue of Iron Store Fronts, George L. Mesker & Co." Bulletin of the Association for Preservation Technology. Vol. 9, no. 4, 1977. (Continued)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.08 acre

Quadrangle name Milford, Mass.

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the southwest corner of the premises, (at the junction of Main & Wolcott Sts.) it runs easterly 35 feet, then northerly 110 feet to a corner, then westerly 28 feet to said Wolcott St., then 111 feet along Wolcott St. to the point of beginning (see attached map).

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

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner, with Mark Philip Shiff

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission

date October 29, 1982

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Dorcas L. Wesbowski

2/3/83

title State Historic Preservation Officer, MHC

date

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

J. Melores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

3/10/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Hopkinton Supply Co. Building item number 8

Page 1

Remarkably well preserved, the Hopkinton Supply Company Building is a reminder of downtown Hopkinton's commercial district at the turn of the century. As part of a viable commercial area today, its unique architectural features make it a popular landmark that is at once functional, historical, and aesthetic.

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Continuation sheet Hopkinton Supply Co. Building Item number 9

Page 1

1907 Catalogue of Store Fronts, George L. Mesker & Co. George L. Mesker & Co.,
Evansville, Indiana. (location: Smithsonian Institution, Technology Resource
Collection)

1910 Catalogue of Store Fronts, George L. Mesker & Co. George L. Mesker & Co.,
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York: Pyne Press, 1976.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Hopkinton Supply Co. Building
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 8 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 3/10/83 - 3/25/83

Action: ACCEPT 3/10/83

Entered in the RETURN

National Register REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- 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

3. Classification

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| 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

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Geographic name _____

USIT Reference _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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: 202 272-3500

HOPKINTON SUPPLY CO. BLDG.
1906

FRAMINGHAM MOTOR PARTS
HOPKINTON BRANCH

YOUR AUTO-PRO STORE



HOPKINTON SUPPLY Co. Bldg.
26-28 Main St.
Hopkinton, Mass.

PHOTO TAKEN: AUGUST 1982 (FROM SOUTH, FRONT MAIN ST. FACADE)
BY: MARK P. SHIFF
NEW ANALYSIS & REPRODUCED ENLARGED NEW ROOF CEILING
IN PLACE. BRICKWORK WAS REPOINTED SEPT. 1982 WITH
A LIME/SAND MORTAR WITH A VERY SLIGHT AMOUNT OF
WHITE PORTLAND CEMENT. ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL
MORTAR SHOWED THAT A HYDRAULIC CEMENT HAD BEEN
UTILIZED.

HOPKINTON SUPPLY COMPANY BUILDING
26-28 Main Street, Hopkinton, MA

Photo by Mark P. Shiff, July 1982
Negative filed with photographer

View of Main Street (south) facade. Post rehab.

Photo 1 of 3

HOPKINTON SUPPLY CO. BLDG.
1906

FRAMINGHAM MOTOR PARTS
HOPKINTON BRANCH



HOPKINTON SUPPLY Co. Bldg.
26-28 MAIN ST. HOPKINTON, MASS.

PHOTO TAKEN: JULY 1982 (FROM SOUTH, FACING MAIN ST. FACADE)
BY: MARK P. SHIFF

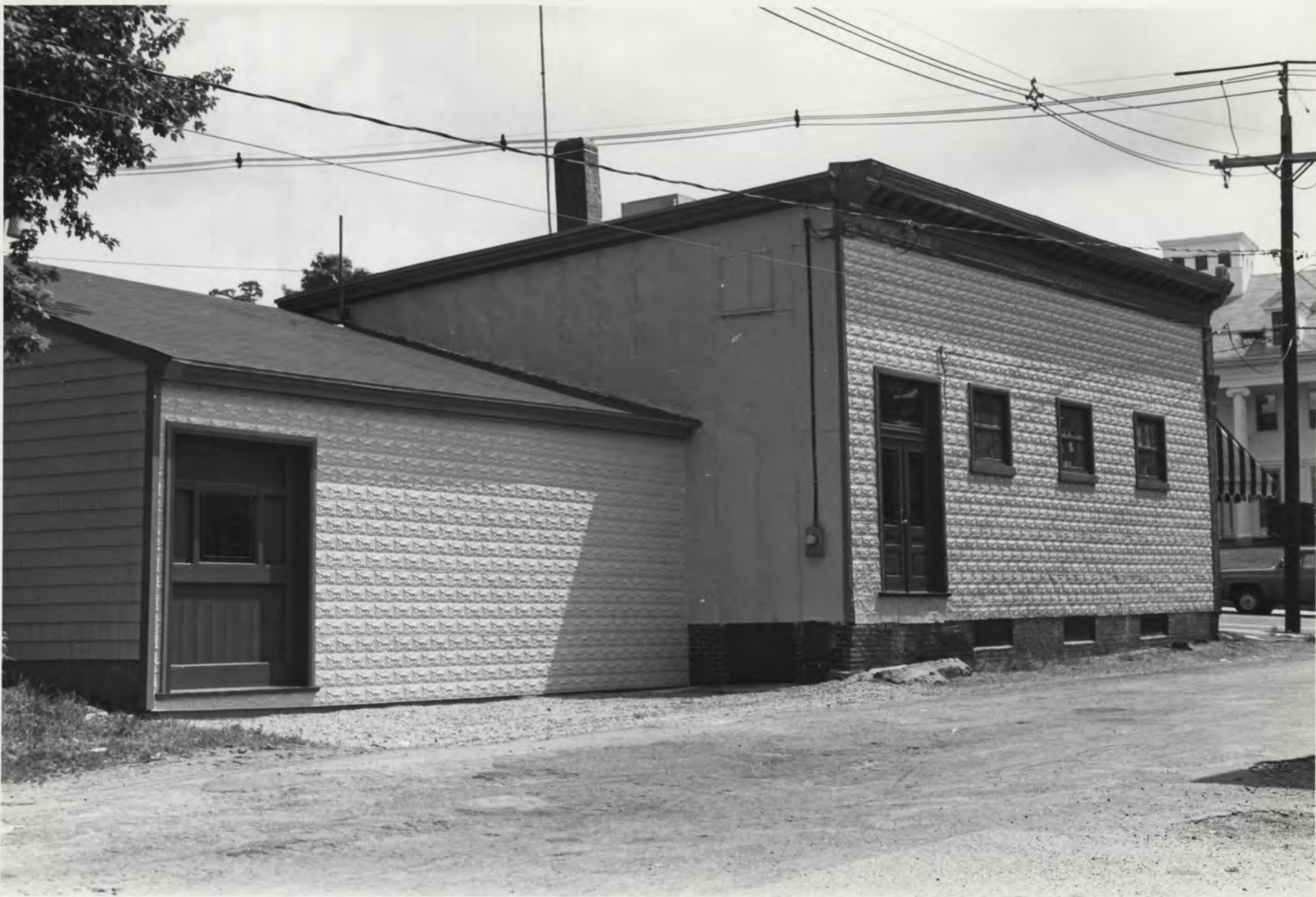
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DOOR, DOUBLE-HUNG SASH & CLOUSE PANEL (R. SIDE,
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TO REPRODUCE THE MISSING 5, WHICH WERE INSTALLED
AUGUST 1982. ALSO NOTE NEW SIGNS.

HOPKINTON SUPPLY COMPANY BUILDING
26-28 Main Street, Hopkinton, MA

Photo by Mark P. Shiff, July 1982
Negative filed with photographer

View of Main Street (south) facade. Post rehab.

Photo 2 of 3



HOPKINTON SUPPLY CO. BLDG.
26-28 MAIN ST.
HOPKINTON, MASS.

PHOTO TAKEN: AUG. 1982 ~~FROM NW, FACING WALCOTT ST. (ELEVATION)~~
BY: MARK P. SHIFF

REBUILT SHED FRONT WITH NEW SHEET ROCK SIDING (W.F. NORMAN, NEWDA, MISSOURI). ALSO STAIRS IS CEMENTED & PAINTED ORIGINAL SIDING ON MAIN BUILDING, AS WELL AS REPRODUCED DELIVERY DOORS & TRAVELER SASH. THE FOUNDATION BELOW THE DELIVERY DOORS WAS REBUILT IN SEPT. 1982, AND THE FOUNDATION REPOINTED AS NECESSARY. THE LARGE GRANITE CURB, WHICH ORIGINALLY KEPT WHEELS AWAY FROM THE FOUNDATION, WAS RETAINED.

HOPKINTON SUPPLY COMPANY BUILDING
26-28 Main Street, Hopkinton, MA

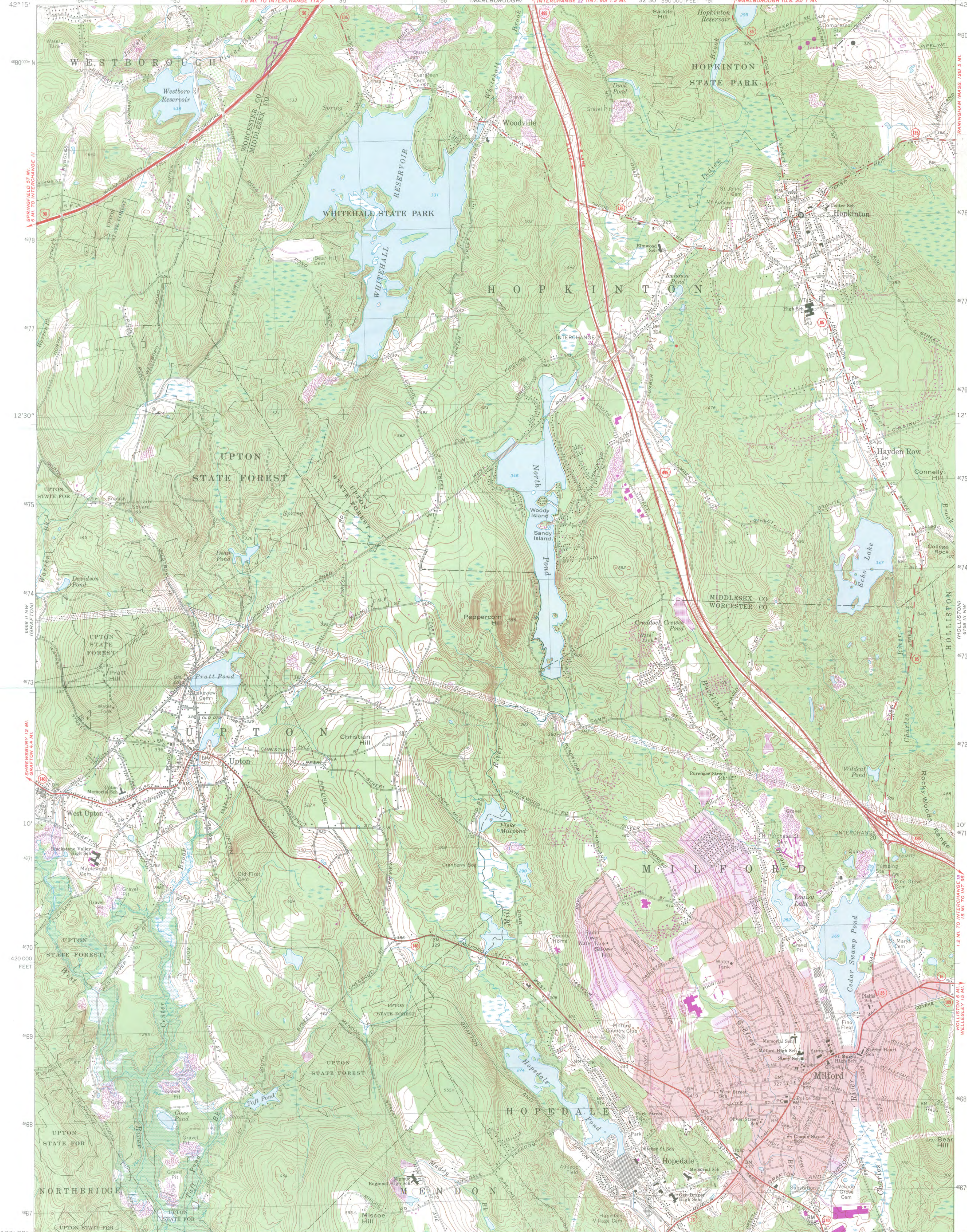
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View from NW, facing Walcott St. elevation.
Post rehab.

Photo 3 of 3



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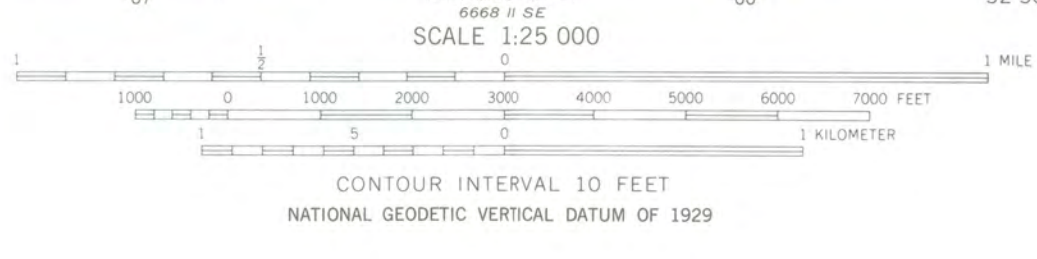
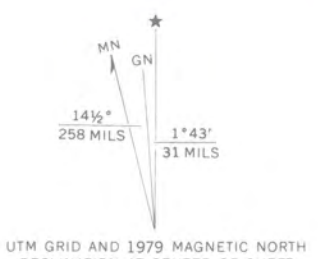


HOPKINTON, MASS.
Hopkinton Supply Co. Building
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1942-1943. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1967. Field checked 1968
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
zone 19
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
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There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map



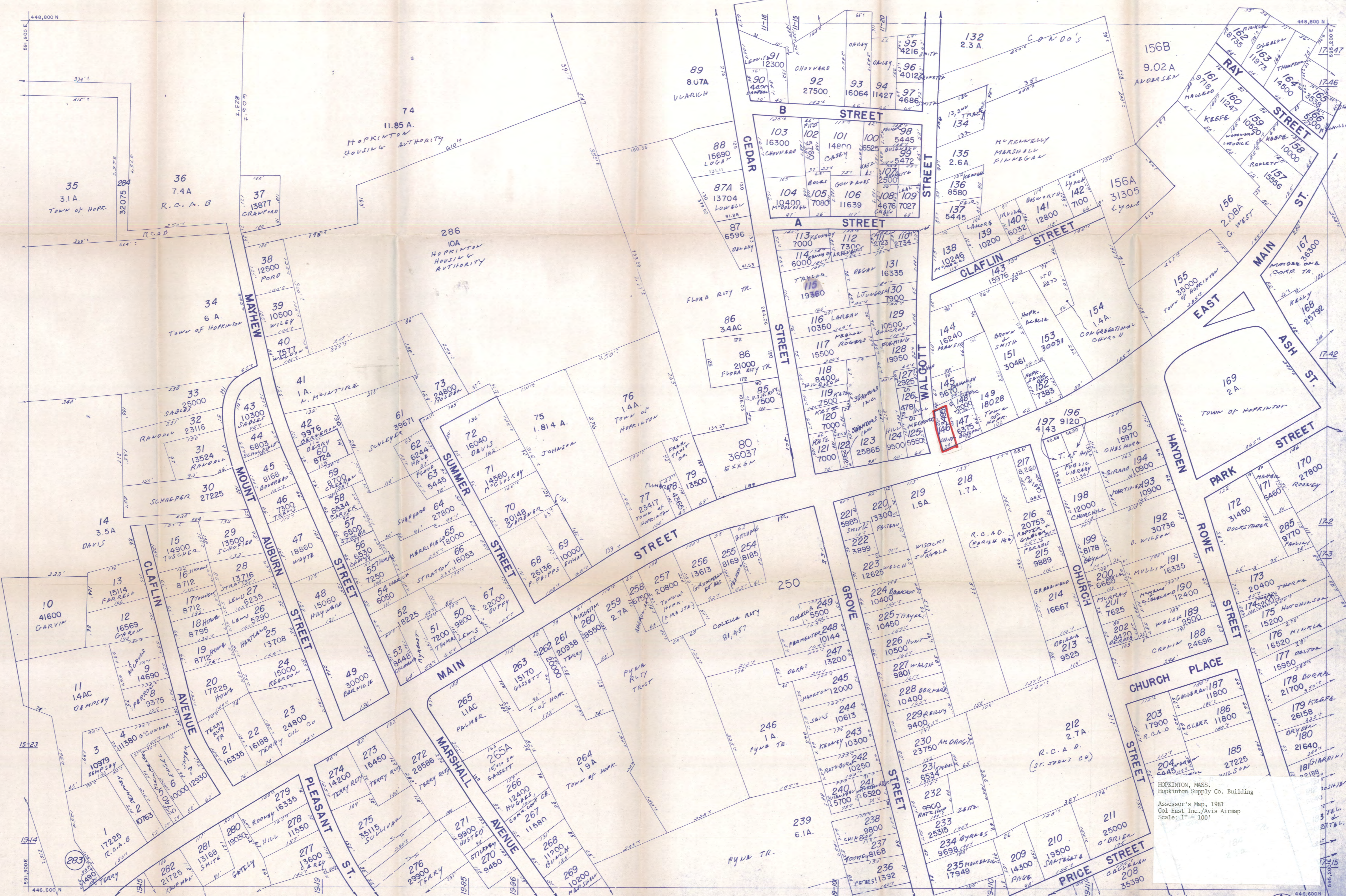
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route
State Route



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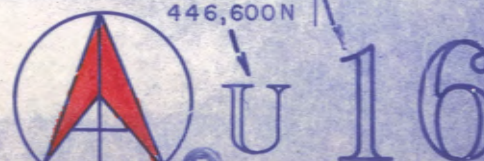
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of
Massachusetts agencies from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other
source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



HOPKINTON, MASS.
 Hopkinton Supply Co. Building
 Assessor's Map, 1981
 Col-East Inc./Avis Airmap
 Scale: 1" = 100'

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**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

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

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Boston, Massachusetts
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617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

February 4, 1983

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Acton - Acton Center Historic District (local)
Cheshire - Hall's Tavern (local)
Essex - David Burnham House (national)
Framingham - Concord Square Historic District (local)
Framingham - Paul Gibbs House (local)
Gardner - Garbose Building (local)
✓ Hopkinton - Hopkinton Supply Co. Building (local)
Marlborough - Temple Block (local)
Marlborough - Warren Block (local)
North Adams - Church Street Historic District (local)
Weymouth - Fogg Building (local)
Winchester - Philemon Wright - Asa Locke Farm (local)

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director

CJ/lk





TOWN OF HOPKINTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01748
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

JOHN P. HINCKLEY, JR. ~~CHM~~
Chm SALLYANN W. MACINTOSH ALMERIE G. RAYBON ~~ALMERIE G. RAYBON~~

Nov. 11, 1982

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington St.
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Sir:

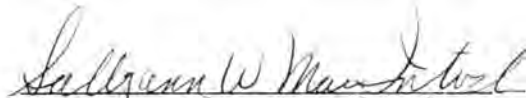
In regard to your letter of October 25, 1982 informing us that the Hopkinton Supply Company building will be considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, we offer the following comments.

The renovation job already done on the building is excellent making it a welcome addition to our downtown business area.

We are pleased that the building is being considered as an historic place. We recommend that you vote favorably on their application.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Sallyann W. MacIntosh, Chm