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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Hudson House
AND/OR COMMON Hudson Homestead

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Hudson Road
CITY, TOWN Oxford VICINITY OF
STATE Massachusetts CODE 025 COUNTY Worcester CODE 027
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<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"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Joseph A. Deck, Oxford-Sutton Development Associates
STREET & NUMBER La Salle Building, 49 La Salle Avenue
CITY, TOWN Buffalo VICINITY OF New York STATE 14214

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Worcester County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER 1 Main Street
CITY, TOWN Worcester STATE Massachusetts 01608

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
DATE 1975
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN Boston STATE Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hudson House is located on Hudson Road in Oxford. The nominated property consists of a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot immediately surrounding the house. The encircling property includes a forty year old barn directly south of the house and the large Hudson Pond situated east of the house. Extensive fields north, northeast of the house are bordered by Federal Hill Road to the west. The stonewalls lining both sides of Hudson Road were built by the Hudson family. The house sits on flat land and is encircled by flat farmland and swampy areas. Fields south of the house may be sub-divided in the future. The entire area is sparsely settled.

The Hudson House was built in 1720 by William Hudson. It is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story, ridge roof structure with a one story, ridge roof ell and attached barn/shed extending from its rear (north) elevation. There is a central chimney on both the main house and the ell. The entire structure is sheathed in clapboards with plain corner boards and water table. Fenestration is 6/6.

The symmetrical five bay wide facade faces south. The center entrance is a six panel wooden door flanked by sidelights with a panel below and headed by a wide, flat entablature. The windows and door are framed by louvered shutters. The west elevation of the house is two bays deep with a single window in the gable end above. There is a plain wooden door located at the northern end of the elevation. The west elevation of the ell is five bays deep with a projecting entryway at the second bay on the northern end. The attached barn/shed is two stories, with the first story below the grade of the remainder of the structure. The west elevation has an entrance at ground level topped by two windows on the second level. The rear (north) elevation of the barn is two bays wide.

The entryway to the main house was altered in 1790. The Federal style sidelights were added at this time. Aside from this, the entire building remains close to its original state.

The ell houses living space, storage area, and a root cellar.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1720

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Hudson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hudson House is significant for its condition and original architectural character. It is also significant for its continued use as a working farm and as a property which remained in the Hudson family's ownership for 242 years.

The house was built in 1720 by William Hudson, one of the thirty original English settlers of Oxford. The land grant for the Hudson property was made in 1713, at the time of settlement. The Hudsons were involved in local politics and with the organization of town militia in the 1740's.

Because the farm is isolated, it was often the scene of Indian/settler conflict. Once the Hudson family was forced to abandon the house for two weeks and take refuge in the nearest garrison house.

The Hudson House is the oldest surviving building in Oxford and remained in the Hudson family until 15 years ago. The land has been farmed for 263 years, and the property is of importance to the town as the sole survivor of the town's settlement. The property remains a classic example of a self-sufficient colonial New England farm.

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X NEAREST
HOUSE
(C. 1750)

FEDERAL HILL ROAD

HUDSON

HUDSON
HOUSE

BARN

HUDSON
POND

OXFORD

SUTTON TOWN LINE

Hudson House
Oxford, Massachusetts
Sketch Map
Scale: 1"=400'
Source: Central Mass. Regional
Planning Commission
Date: 1964-1965

ROAD

Property Hudson House

78000480

State Mass.

Working Number 9.26.77.1525

Worcester

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
9.27.77

Only house was nominated as part of property
was being subdivided (Conversation
w/ Onfant 1.24.78 LBF)

HISTORIAN

Accept
Franklin
1.24.78

I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE THE BARN,
POND, & SURROUNDING FARMLAND INCLUDED IN NOMINATION,
IF IN FACT THE PROPERTY "REMAINS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF
A SELF-SUFFICIENT COLONIAL NEW ENGLAND FARM."

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

CALL, THEN
ACCEPT.
R/Site 11/16/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

What is the basis for early 18thC date?

State swears early 18thC, I
guess mid to late 18thC, either
way eligible.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
2/1/78
Belovich

BRANCH CHIEF

Herring
2.7.78

KEEPER

Wm
2.8/78

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 4.4.78

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



Hudson House
Oxford, Massachusetts
1976 ~~Worcester~~ Co.

SEP 26 1977

Massachusetts
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es

Richard J. Lundstrom
Oxford Historical Commission

FEB 8 1978

3 Willow Street, Oxford

#1 & 2

Looking east toward west elevation of house
and ell.

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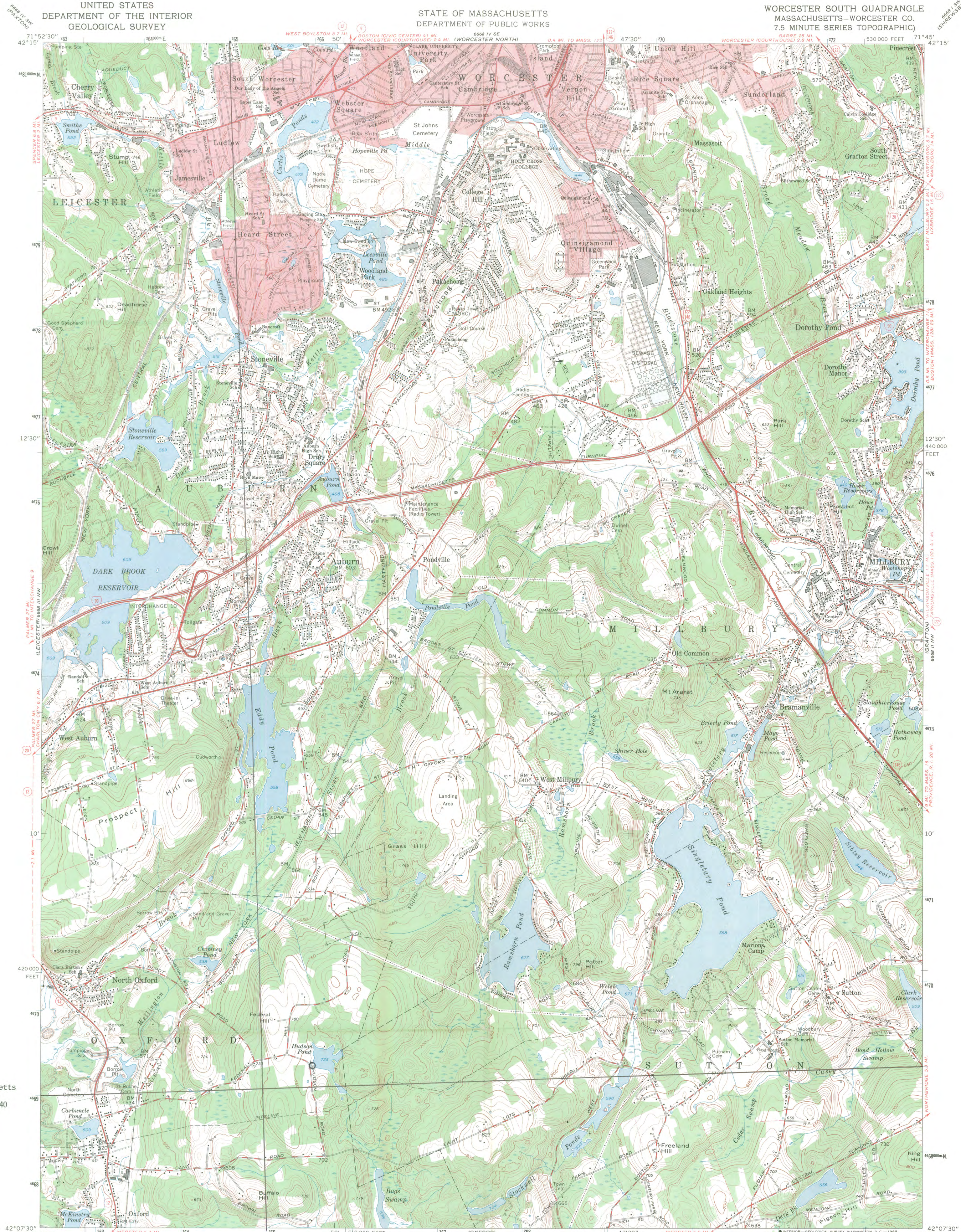
Richard J. Lundstrom
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#2 ~~1~~ 2

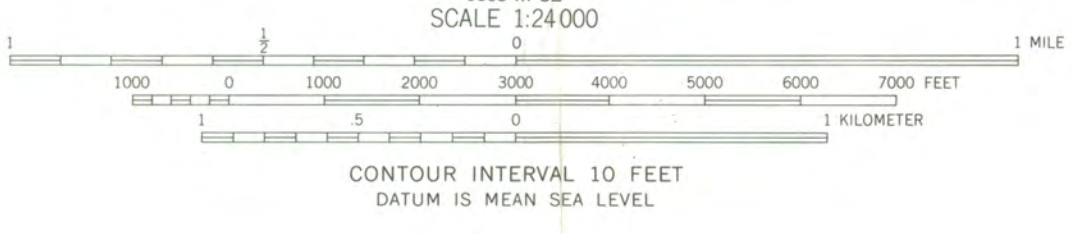
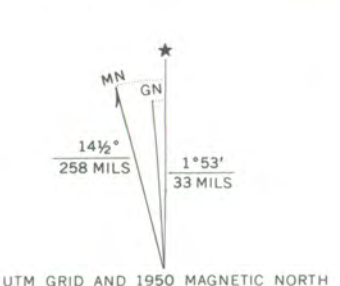
Looking northeast toward south facade and
west elevation.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



Hudson House
Oxford, Massachusetts
UTM Coordinates:
19/265 580/4669 240

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Topography by planetable surveys 1935. Revised 1960
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
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject
to controlled inundation to 504 feet by Hodges Village Dam



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
○ Interstate Route ○ U.S. Route ○ State Route

WORCESTER SOUTH, MASS
N4207.5—W7145/7.5
1960
AMS 6668 III NE-SERIES V814



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered FEB 8 1978

Name

Location

Hudson House

Oxford vicinity
Worcester County

Ward, Joshua, House

Salem
Essex County

Bradford, Capt. Gershom, House

Duxbury vicinity
Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy

Hon. Edward P. Boland

Hon. Michael J. Harrington

Hon. Gerry E. Studds

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon

Executive Director, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

294 Washington Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

880

Mott/js

2/22/78

11/31/78
Blaine Mallory will
call (Lendstrom)
and get back to
me on date of construction
Bud Fuchs

Local History Chapter
Betsy said perhaps -
lights added - same structure
Bill 1720's

Bill -

The local
Historical Chapter -
swear by her -
that this is indeed
1720's. Betsy Amador
agrees that ~~the~~
sidelights are later
additions as is all
but believes original
structure (rectangle) is
1720.

Brend
Blaine Mallory did the
checking on this.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Hudson House		② OTHER NAMES: Hudson Homestead		③ date of entry: FEB 8 1978	④ county code: 27
⑤ LOCATION street & number NE of Oxford on Hudson Rd.		city / town Oxford	vicinity of Oxford	state MA	county Worcester
⑦ OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)		⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:		⑥ NPS REGION: NA	
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		⑩ FUNDED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	⑪ CONGRESS DISTRICT 2nd	⑫ SOURCE OF NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL if state who prepared form?	
⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO		⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO		⑮ ACREAGE <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
⑯ CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> unexcavated <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> reconstructed <input type="checkbox"/> excavated <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved <input type="checkbox"/> unknown		⑰ features: INTERIOR <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-4 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-5 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-6 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-9			
⑱ ACCESS <input type="checkbox"/> YES-Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> YES-Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No Access <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		⑲ ADAPTIVE USE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		⑳ SAVED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
⑳ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE :		<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING-11 <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCH.-13 <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS / GOVT.-21 <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION-28 <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE-6 <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT-26 <input type="checkbox"/> LAW-16 <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION-22 <input type="checkbox"/> SETTLEMENT-29 <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS-7 <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION-12 <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE-17 <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE-23 <input type="checkbox"/> URBAN PLANNING-31 <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE-3 <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION-8 <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH-27 <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY-18 <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE-4 <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS-9 <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY-13 <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC-19 <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 <input type="checkbox"/> ART-5 <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION-10 <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION-14 <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY-20 <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION-25		㉑ CLAIMS: explain 'first' <input type="checkbox"/> 'oldest' <input type="checkbox"/> 'only' <input type="checkbox"/>	
㉒ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		㉓ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:		㉔ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION	
㉕ architectural style(s):		㉖ architect:		㉗ master builder:	
㉘ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉙ interior decorator:		㉚ artist:	
㉛ artisan:		㉜ builder/contractor:			
㉝ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:					

㉞ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP