

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts	
COUNTY: Essex	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-720-8002	DATE 7/1/70

1. NAME	
COMMON: FitzHugh Lane House	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Harbor side of Rogers Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Gloucester			
STATE Massachusetts	CODE 20	COUNTY: Essex	CODE 009

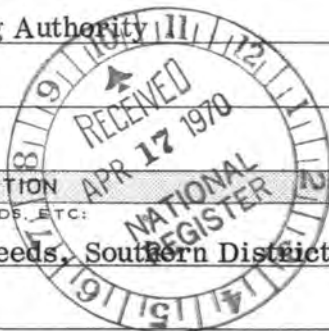
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☒ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐	Public ☒ Private ☐ Both ☐	Public Acquisition: In Process ☐ Being Considered ☐	Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☒ Preservation work in progress ☐	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No ☒ at present
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment ☐	Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum ☐	Park ☒ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific ☐	Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) ☐	Comments ☒ in urban renewal area restoration to be undertaken

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Gloucester Housing Authority			
STREET AND NUMBER: Maplewood Park			
CITY OR TOWN: Gloucester		STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Essex Registry of Deeds, Southern District			
STREET AND NUMBER: 32 Federal Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Salem		STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 20
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5 acres			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of the Historical Assets of Massachusetts			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 Federal ☐ State ☒ County ☐ Local ☐			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: Office of the Secretary, State House			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston		STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 02133 20

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Mass.
COUNTY:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent ☐	Good ☐	Fair ☒	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered ☐	Unaltered ☒		Moved ☐	Original Site ☒	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated in a park on a rise which commands one of the finest views of the harbor, the three story Fitz Hugh Lane House, built 1849-50, is both forbidding and romantic in appearance. The various sized handcut stone blocks, massive granite jambs and lintels of the numerous windows create a horizontal effect subordinate to the strong vertical emphasis produced by the situation of the house, its height and the seven steeply pitched, irregularly placed gables. The gable timbers rest solidly on simple and massive brackets. Externally the Gothic Revival elements of the house are revealed by the gables and vertical emphasis, while internally four celled Gothic vaults cover the chambers and stairwell of the upper floor.

The setting of the house is now starkly dramatic and suitable to the rocks of Cape Ann, although according to one source, during Lane's life gardens, noted for the beauty of the flowers and quality of the fruits, terraced down to the water.

Repairs are needed to the foundation to make the building structurally sound. Restoration of the exterior, and to the interior including balustrades, mouldings and fireplace mantels are necessary. Site improvements necessary to restore the historic character and usefulness of the property are considered.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1849-1865

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☒Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☒Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☒

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Fitz Hugh Lane is considered today the first native marine painter of real stature. He was born in Gloucester in 1804, and although he lived in Boston for a period, he returned to Gloucester permanently in 1848. He and his brother-in-law, Ignatius Winters built this house, in which Lane lived until his death in 1865.

His artistic training began in the early 1830's when he moved from Gloucester to Boston to become an apprentice to William Pendleton. By 1845, Lane and the marine painter, J.S.A. Scot had formed a lithographic business which was active until after 1847.

Lane made a significant contribution not only to American painting, but to history. His best marine paintings are among the most valued works of the period, and his accurate and detailed portrayals of vessels and landscapes are significant records of this important era, as are his historical accounts of naval engagements.

Although he is known for his oils of marine scenes, ship portraits and shoreline views, Lane also produced a few portraits and landscapes. The subject matter of his lithographs range from commercial material to book illustrations and topographical depictions, particularly of the New England coast.

His paintings can be found in the Karolik Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; the Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, Vermont; and the Cape Ann Scientific, Literary and Historical Association, Gloucester, Mass.

The Fitz Hugh Lane House was certified a Massachusetts Historic Landmark on April 24, 1969.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brooks, Alfred Mansfield, "Fitz Hugh Lane House in Gloucester," "Essex Institute Historical Collections, July, 1942.
 Sharf, Frederic A., "Fitz Hugh Lane, His Life and His Art," Antiques, Magazine Nov., 1960.
 Wilmerding, John, A History of American Marine Painting, Boston, Little Brown & Company, 1968.
 _____, "As Under A Bell Jar, A Study of Quality in Fitz Hugh Lane", Antiques Magazine, October, 1962.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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SE	42 ° 36 ' 40 "	70 ° 39 ' 35 "			
SW	42 ° 36 ' 39 "	70 ° 39 ' 37 "			

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 AND TITLE:
Anne R. Wardwell

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: April 24, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
Office of the Secretary, State House

CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name: John F. H. O'Connor
 Title: Secretary of the Commonwealth,
 Chairman, Massachusetts
 Historical Commission

Date: April 24, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JUL 1 1970

ATTEST:

William J. Smuttag
 Keeper of The National Register
 MAY 25 1970

Date: _____

UTM
 ZONE 19
 E 363840
 N 4718770

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



NPS Number 70-7-20-0002

Title: Lane, Fitz Hugh, House

Loc. Essex County, Massachusetts
West and north elevations

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GLOUCESTER, MASS.

FITZ HUGH LANE HOUSE
WEST AND NORTH ELEVATIONS

MHC-69-1289

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Massachusetts	
COUNTY Essex	
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ENTRY NUMBER 10-1120-0002	DATE 7/1/70

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Massachusetts Historical Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Massachusetts Historical Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. West and North elevations			



LANE, FITZHUUGH, HOUSE

ZONE 19
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

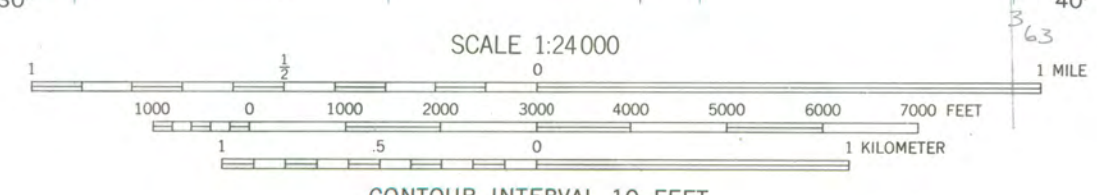
GLOUCESTER QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS-ESSEX CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



VTM Wm 9-10-75
ZONE 19
E 363840
N 4718790

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USC&GS and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1942. Revised 1960
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 243 (1959)
and 1206 (1960). This information is not intended for navigational
purposes
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

APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1960



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
State Route ———

GLOUCESTER, MASS.
N4233.75—W7037.5/8X7.5
1960

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Gloucester

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE

20

COUNTY:

Essex

CODE

009

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U. S. G. S. 7 1/2', quadrangle Gloucester

SCALE:

1:24,000

DATE:

1960

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

APPROXIMATELY 8.6 FEET

MASS.

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light duty ———

Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -

○ State Route

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INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D.C.—1963

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70°37'

GLOUCESTER, MASS.

N4233.75—W7037.5'x7.5

Fitzhugh Lane Chandler
House 6/29/70
Encls., Mass

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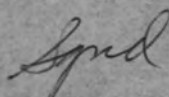
JUL 6 1970

Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman
Massachusetts Historical Commission
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Davoren:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Edward M. Kennedy and Edward W. Brooke and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

JUL 1 1970

Entered in the National Register _____

cc:
HR

RGamble:mmm

6/24/70

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historical Places

MASSACHUSETTS

FitzHugh Lane House
Trinity Church
Elm Park

Gloucester, Massachusetts
Boston, Massachusetts
Worcester, Massachusetts

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Fitz Hugh Landhurst 7/29/70
Essex Co., Mass
Carmelly 7-1

Chelan 7-8
Eaton 7/9/70

Freeman
7/13

7/13

H30-HR

JUL 14 1970

BASIC FILE REMAINED IN HR

6/24/70

RGamble:msm

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Massachusetts and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Edward W. Brooke and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, Massachusetts 02133, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosures

JUL 1 1970

Entered in the National Register

cc:

Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman,
Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Duplicate letter sent to: Hon. Edward W. Brooke
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

cc:
Director, Northeast Region
Mr. Melvin

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JUL 14 1970

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Hon. Michael Harrington
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

We are pleased to inform you that the FitzHugh Lane House in
Gloucester, Massachusetts, has been nominated by the State Liaison
Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the
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Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman,
Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

cc:
Director, Northeast Region
Lt.-Mr. Melvin
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HR

6/24/70

RGamble:mm

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Lane, Fitz Henry (formerly known as Fitz Hugh), House

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 2/19/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/05/10
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 70000837

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ ACCEPT ___ RETURN ___ REJECT ___ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

NAME CHANGE



February 3, 2010 **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Mr. J. Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

70000837

RE: Fitz Hugh Lane House, Gloucester (Essex County), Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Loether:

We are writing to request a technical change to the designation for the above noted property, the home of the painter of maritime landscapes, which was listed in the National Register on July 10, 1970. Recent scholarship has shown that the artist, whose birth name was Nathaniel Rogers Lane, petitioned the Massachusetts Legislature in 1831 to change his name not to Fitz Hugh Lane, but to Fitz Henry Lane. The petition was granted March 13, 1832. In city directories and real estate records of the period, Lane is listed as Fitz H. Lane; on most canvases, he signed his name Fitz H. Lane. However, two paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art are signed Fitz Henry Lane, and newspapers of the period refer to him by that name as well. Apparently, he was first referred to as Fitz Hugh Lane some time in the 1930s. Many museums displaying Lane's maritime paintings now refer to him as "Fitz Henry," rather than "Fitz Hugh," or as "Fitz Henry (formerly known as Fitz Hugh) Lane". We therefore request that the National Register designation for his house be changed to reflect this discovery. The appropriate name for the property would therefore be:

Fitz Henry (formerly known as Fitz Hugh) Lane House

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Cc: Chairpersons, Gloucester Historical Commission