

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

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**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 Stafford Hill Memorial (Preferred)

and or common Stafford Hill Monument

**2. Location**

street & number Stafford Hill Road N/A not for publication

city, town Cheshire N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts code 025 county Berkshire code 003

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Town of Cheshire

street & number Town Hall, Church Street

city, town Cheshire N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts 01225

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds

street & number 65 Park Street

city, town Adams state Massachusetts 01220

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Historic Assets of the Commonwealth has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
of Massachusetts

date 1979 Inventory #902  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Mass. Historical Commission

city, town 80 Boylston Street, Boston state Massachusetts

## 7. Description

CHESHIRE: Stafford Hill Memorial

### 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 Stafford Hill Memorial is a tall cylindrical structure constructed of local fieldstone in random rubble construction. The tower is located near the crest of Stafford Hill (elevation 15301) in Cheshire, a tiny rural hill town just south of Adams, Massachusetts in northern Berkshire County. The Memorial is sited on an open, grassy lot 434' west of Stafford Hill Road. Its lot abuts the Stafford Hill Wildlife Management Area to the south and commands a dramatic vista of the Berkshire hills.

The Stafford Hill Memorial occupies a 1.28 acre lot which comprises a small portion of Colonel Stafford's house lot #5. On house lot #5, originally a 200 acre farm, Stafford constructed his own house, which served as a tavern, and a post office and store. No buildings remain on the site today. It is unlikely that any archaeological features associated with Stafford's farm remain within the memorial lot; however, the potential for archaeological remains related to Stafford's and later occupancies is moderately high in the immediately surrounding area.

The Memorial stands 25 feet in diameter and consists of a simple cylinder pierced at its base with eight arched entries to the interior of the monument. The monument rises 25 feet to a flat roof which is topped with a flagpole. Above the south arch is an inset marble plaque (3' X 4'), inscribed "1777, Erected in Memory of the Pioneers and Patriots of New Providence, 1927." Three other plaques once occupied niches at the other compass points.

The interior of the Memorial is finished with concrete walls (a recent treatment, 1967) and contains a 56" X 32" concrete crypt in which is set the arched marble tombstone (36" X 20") of Colonel Joab Stafford. The crypt contains the remains of Colonel Stafford. These were exhumed from a small cemetery on Windsor Road to the south and placed in the crypt in 1927, when the memorial was constructed. The tombstone, with a simple urn in relief at the top reads:

"In Memory of Col. Joab Stafford who Fought & bled in his Countrys Cause at the Battle of Bennington August 16, 1777, who departed this life Nov 22th 1802 aged 72 years He descended to the tomb with an unsullied Reputation."

Beginning in 1929, five bronze plaques (24" X 36") were placed between the arches in the interior of the tower. Commemorating events in the life of

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Colonel Stafford, the Revolutionary War and in New Providence (the original name of the present town of Cheshire), none of the plaques remain today. Two were stolen by vandals. The remaining three were removed and are now in storage at the Cheshire Town Hall and the Franklin Masonic Lodge in Adams.

The plaques included ones placed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1929), State of New York (1930), Franklin Masonic Lodge (1933), The Silver Greys Volunteer Independent Company of Militia (1933) and the Massachusetts Children of the American Revolution (1967).

The Tower, designed by Newton C. Bond, a North Adams architect, was modeled on the Newport, Rhode Island stone tower (grist mill still standing in Touro Park; once the property of Benedict Arnold). The McGrath Building Company of Adams built the structure, which was dedicated on July 4, 1927. The Berkshire Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution erected the monument and retained ownership until 1974, when they deeded the memorial to the Town of Cheshire.

# 8. Significance

CHESHIRE: Stafford Hill Memorial

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

**Specific dates** 1927 **Builder Architect** Eugene B. Bownern/Newton C. Bond

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Stafford Hill Memorial commemorates the life of Colonel Joab Stafford (1730-1802), the surveyor and first settler of New Providence (now Cheshire), Massachusetts and commander of the local "Silver Greys" militia, who fought at the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777. The memorial stands on the site of Cheshire's first settlement, Colonel Stafford's farmstead. Erected in 1927, the memorial is a modest fieldstone structure marking and protecting the grave of Colonel Stafford, which was relocated to the memorial from a nearby cemetery at the time of construction. The Memorial retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship and feeling and possesses associations with the life of Colonel Joab Stafford. As such, it meets criterion B of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level. As the grave of an historical figure of outstanding local importance to 18th century Cheshire, the memorial meets exception C of the National Register. There are no other known sites or extant buildings directly associated with Stafford's productive life. In addition, the Stafford Hill Memorial, a property primarily commemorative in intent, is invested with symbolic value on the local level as a memorial to the town's greatest Revolutionary War hero and pioneering settler, Joab Stafford. Thus, it meets exception F of the National Register.

Stafford Hill or New Providence plantation consisted of a 2 X 3 mile tract of 5500 acres comprising the north part of present-day Cheshire. Prior to English settlement, the tract was divided between the towns of Hatfield and Worthington, Massachusetts in 1762 and 1765 to allow additional lands for those two towns. In 1765 and 1766, the two towns sold their lands to land speculators, Nicholas Cook and Joseph Bennett of Coventry, Rhode Island. Later in 1766, Bennett hired a neighbor, Captain Joab Stafford, to survey the tract and lay out thirty-three farm lots. When Bennett offered them for sale to prospective settlers, Stafford purchased three lots (#5, #7 and #22) and moved with his wife and family to New Providence.

Stafford's 200-acre house lot (#5), on which he built his house and a store, became the center of the fledgling community. Stafford's house and store also functioned as a tavern and post office for the Coventry, Rhode Island natives who came to settle the area in the late 1760s. All of these settlers were members of the same Baptist Congregation in Coventry and, in 1770, they formed and constructed the New Providence Baptist Church, the first church built in the settlement. The plantation's existence as an independent enterprise was short-lived and by 1780, New Providence had been annexed to Adams, the next town north. In 1793, Cheshire was incorporated as a separate town.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Attached

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.28 Acres

Quadrangle name Windsor, MA

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UTM References Memorial Tower

A 18 65461010 4711501710  
Zone Easting Northing

B                    
Zone Easting Northing

C                  

D                  

E                  

F                  

G                  

H                  

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Reference Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds, Book 639, Page 631, April 25, 1974 and Book 380, Page 343, July 16, 1926. See attached sketchmap.

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

state N/A code county N/A code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sarah J. Zimmerman, Director, Preservation Planning with James N. Parrish, Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date 11/11/85

street & number 80 Boylston Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA 02116

# 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 Valerie A. Talmage

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date 12/20/85

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

William B. Bushay date 2/14/86  
for Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Betty A. Savage date 2-14-86  
Chief of Registration

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As captain of the local militia, Joab Stafford played an important role in the area's military life. That role came to particular prominence in the summer of 1777 when British General John Burgoyne launched the Northern Campaign of the Revolutionary War. Marching down the Hudson River from Canada, Burgoyne's force of 7,700 British and German troops, Canadians and Indians took the American's Fort Ticonderoga on July 6, 1777 and nearby Skenesborough and Fort Anne, New York the following day.

Meanwhile, a parallel force of 1,800 British troops under the command of Colonel Barry St. Leger moved south along Lake Ontario to beseige Fort Stanwix to the west in what is now Syracuse, New York. Alarmed by these events and by inflammatory rumors of atrocities on the part of Indians under Burgoyne's command, northern New Englanders began to take up arms. When Burgoyne, cut off from his supply train, resolved to take Bennington, where the Americans had stored quantities of supplies, his Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel Baum, was met with strong resistance on the part of some 2,600 Americans under General John Stark. Stark and his militiamen attacked Baum at Bennington on August 16, 1777, and forced his retreat.

On that day, four days after the train bands and alarm lists of New Providence, East Housuck (now Adams), Lanesborough and Gageborough (now Windsor), resolved at Stafford's tavern to organize as the Silver Greys and to fight in defense of Bennington, Captain Stafford led the 131 volunteers into battle at Bennington. Colonel Seth Warner, commander of the Massachusetts militias, assigned Stafford to the attack of one of the British redoubts. Stafford and his men easily took the fortification, scattering the German and Loyalist troops stationed there.

The battle at Bennington forced Burgoyne to press on to Albany, where American General Horatio Gates held a heavily fortified position at Bemis Heights. After assaults on September 19 and October 7, Burgoyne withdrew to Saratoga, soon thereafter surrendering 5,700 of his troops and their arms to Gates on October 17, 1777.

Stafford, slightly wounded, returned to New Providence with his men after the Bennington Battle. In later life, Stafford sold his store (1785) and tavern (1792) and moved to Albany (1795), returning to Cheshire in 1800. In 1802, Stafford died in Cheshire at his son's home and was buried at the Windsor Road Cemetery.

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Efforts to memorialize Colonel Stafford's contribution at the Battle of Bennington were initiated by the Berkshire Chapter Sons of the American Revolution in 1926. The group raised \$4500 for the purchase of the site and construction of the monument. A descendant of Colonel Stafford purchased the Windsor Road Cemetery and arranged for the removal of Stafford's remains to the monument. Construction of the monument began in the spring of 1927. Colonel Stafford's remains were reinterred at the crypt on Memorial Day, 1927. The memorial was finished and dedicated July 4, 1927. Present at the dedication were U.S. Senator Frederick Gillett, Governor John Weeks of Vermont and John C. Hall, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Mr. Ernest E. Rodgers, President General of the National Society S.A.R. stated that the Stafford Hill Memorial was "the greatest accomplishment of any Chapter of S.A.R. in the United States."

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Berkshire Eagle, July 5, 1927, "Pioneer Settlers Honored in Cheshire at Dedication of Stafford Hill Memorial."

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

86000260

Substantive Review

Stafford Hill Memorial  
Berkshire County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC 31 1985  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-3-87  
Date Due: 1/30/86 - 2/14/86 F  
Action:  ACCEPT 2-14-86  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Locally significant c. 1927 memorial commemorates Job Stafford, the town's greatest Revolutionary war hero and pioneering founding father.*

Recom./Criteria Accept, B  
Reviewer Savage  
Discipline Architectural History  
Date 2-12-86  
\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

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

Condition  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  ruins  unexposed  unaltered  altered  original site  moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

**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

*Property is documented for historic associations with military and exploration/settlement areas of significance; however, not for historic archeology; community planning.*

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



Stafford Hill Memorial, 1927  
Stafford Hill Rd., Cheshire, MA 01225  
James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 1979  
Photo 1 of 6 36/16  
View W.N.W. of Stafford Hill Memorial  
Tower, 1600' elevation Pratt Hill &  
Round rocks on Mt. Greylock in back.



Stafford Hill Memorial, 1927  
Stafford Hill Rd., Cheshire, MA 01225  
James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 3/23/83  
Photo 2 of 6 Rc 2/7  
View N.W. of Stafford Hill Memorial  
Tower, long view from right of way  
Round rock on Mt. Greylock in back.



ERECTED BY THE  
THE PIONEERS AND PATRIOTS OF  
NEW YORK STATE

Stafford Hill Memorial, 1927  
Stafford Hill Rd., Cheshire, MA 01225  
James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 1979  
Photo 3 of 6, 36/15  
View of 3' x 4' Marble plaque over  
South arch of the Stafford Hill  
Memorial.



In Memory of Col  
Josh Stafford who  
fought & bled in his  
Country's Cause  
the Battle of Bennington  
August 16 1777 who  
departed this life Nov 22  
1804 aged 72 years  
He descended to the tomb  
with an unsullied Reputation

Stafford Hill Memorial, 1927  
Stafford Hill Rd., Cheshire, MA 01225  
James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 1979  
Photo 4 of 6, 36/14  
View of Col. Joab Stafford's tomb-  
stone in the top of the crypt, base  
of Stafford Hill memorial (Marble  
36" x 20").

Until 1927 in the Windsor Road cem-  
etery, Cheshire. Note rust stain left  
center from rain drip off iron flag  
pole.



THIS TABLET IS ERECTED

-BY-

THE STATE OF NEW YORK

DURING THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE  
AS A TRIBUTE

TO THE VALOR AND PATRIOTISM

-OF THE-

SONS OF MASSACHUSETTS

WHO TOOK PART IN THESE  
BATTLES ON NEW YORK SOIL -  
LONG ISLAND, WHITE PLAINS  
BENNINGTON, SARATOGA  
AND STONE ARABIA -

AND WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE  
DEFENCE OF FORT STANWIX AND  
SULLIVAN - CLINTON CAMPAIGN

1930

Stafford Hill Memorial, 1927  
Stafford Hill Rd., Cheshire, MA 01225  
James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 10/11/83  
Photo 5 of 6 115/1  
View of the only remaining bronze  
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The State of New York tablet enplaced

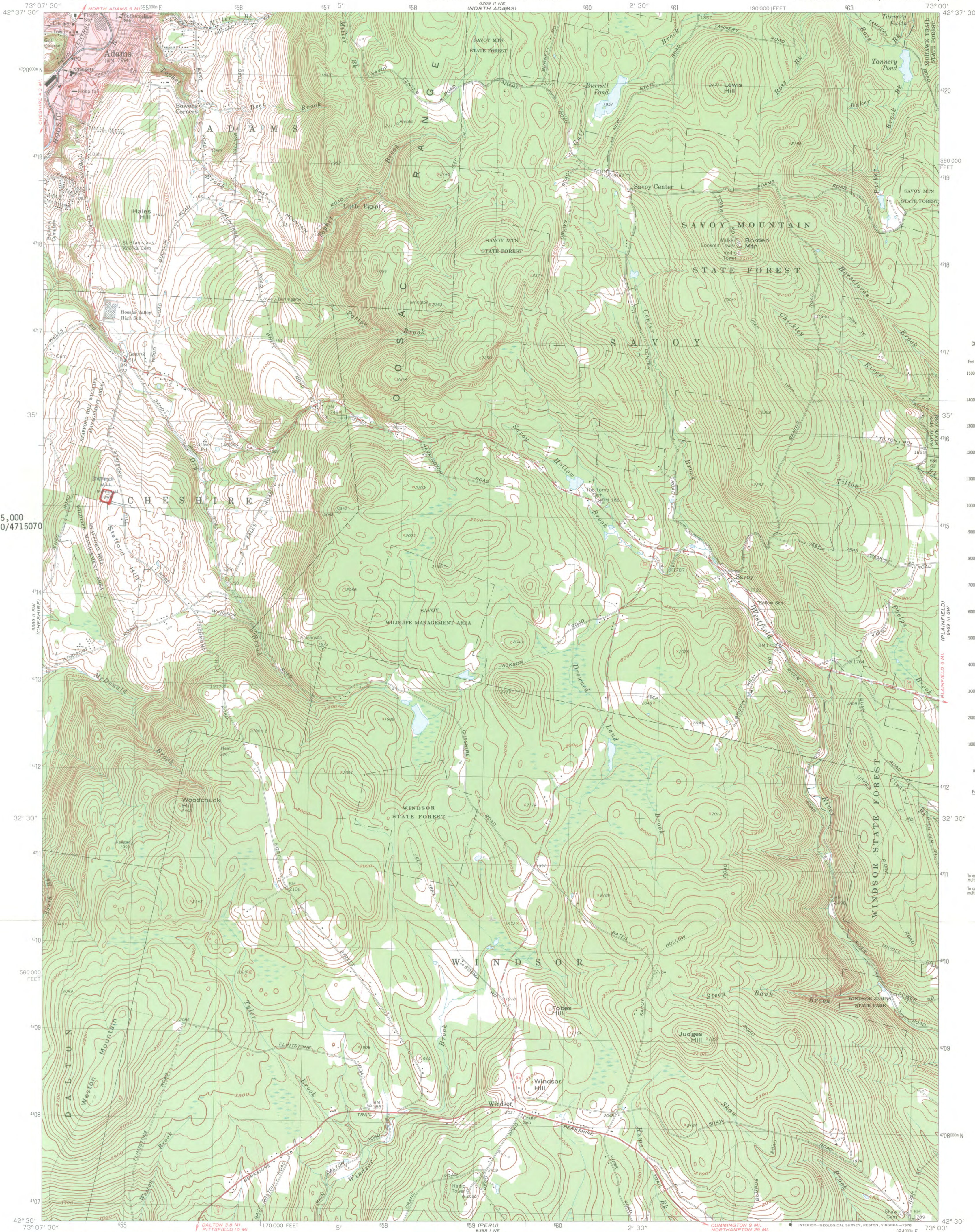
with Massachusetts tablet in 1930.  
Originally there were five tablets en-  
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three commorated the History of New  
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Lodge and the Muster list of the  
"Silver Greys"



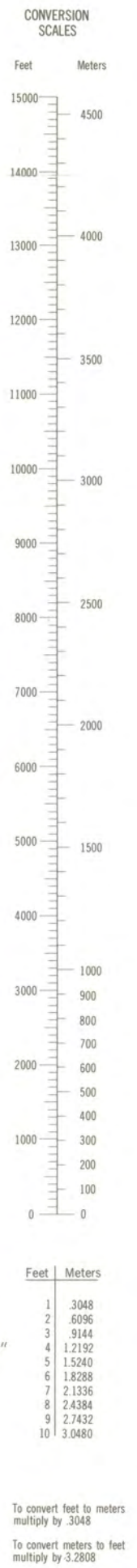
TO THE MEMORY OF  
COLONEL JOAB STAFFORD

FIRST SQUAD OF NEW PROVIDENCE,  
AND COMMANDER OF "THE SEVEN CREPS"  
IN THE BATTLE OF BENTONVILLE.  
THIS GRAVE SITE AND MONUMENT  
BUILT BY THE SERVICES OF AN  
ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS IN REVERENCE  
RECORDED HIS NAME WAS DEDICATED BY THE  
CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SOCIETY OF THE  
CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
AT NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT  
AT NEW BRITAIN, 1900

Stafford Hill Memorial, 1927  
Stafford Hill Rd., Cheshire, MA 01225  
James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 10/11/83  
Photo 6 of 6 115/3  
View of C.A.R. Tablet enplaced in  
1967 as a replacement (Bronze 18" x  
24").



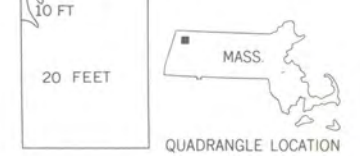
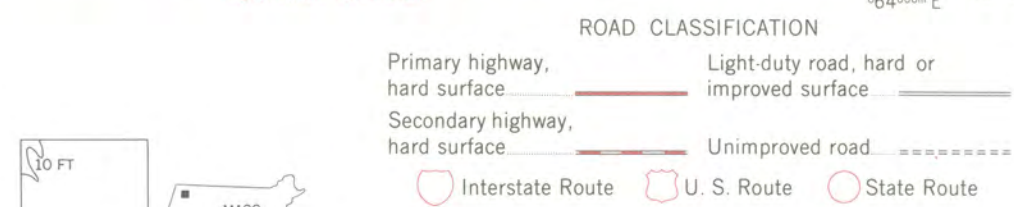
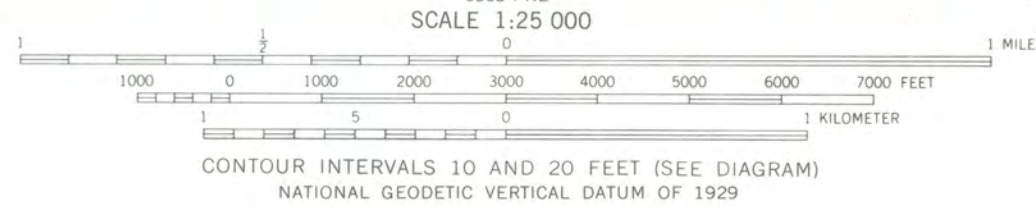
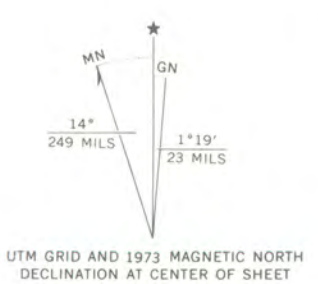
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Windsor Quadrangle 1:25,000  
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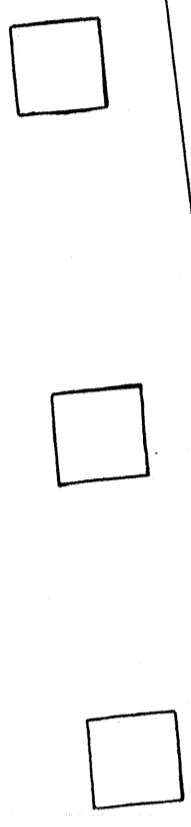
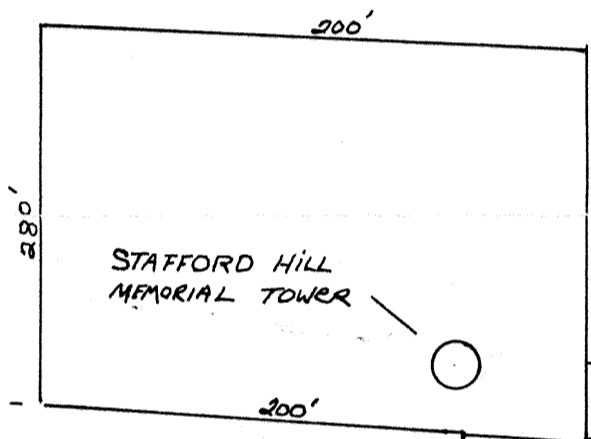
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STAFFORD HILL ROAD  
CHESHIRE, MA

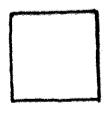


STAFFORD HILL ROAD

STAFFORD HILL  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
AREA

434'

33'





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**Town of Cheshire**

Massachusetts 01225

OFFICE OF  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 26, 1985

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approve the Stafford Hill Monument's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Our action has received the endorsement of the voters of our town at the last annual meeting by their approval of an appropriation of \$2,500 for architectural fees for its restoration and protection against vandalism.

Further, be advised that we have on file, letters from various parts of our country from former residents who wish to contribute funds for the completion of this task.

We feel with your endorsement of this project, we will be able to interest federal and state agencies to assist the town and private parties to make this a valuable addition to our area's tourist industry.

Sincerely,

CHESHIRE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard J. Willbrant  
Chairman

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County Commissioners

# Berkshire County



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PITTSFIELD

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE  
Berkshire County Courthouse  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201  
Telephone (413) 448-8424

December 9, 1985


National Historical Commission

Dear Board Members:

The Berkshire County Commissioners voted, on December 3, 1985, to support the Cheshire Selectmen's nomination of Stafford Hill Monument to the National Register of Historic Places. We feel that historical places and monuments dedicated to preserving the history of our nation should be preserved for the coming generations.

We would appreciate your support in accepting the Stafford Hill Monument as a national historical landmark.

Very truly yours,

  
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Chairman

  
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BERKSHIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133  
TEL. 722-1625

SEN. PETER C. WEBBER  
BERKSHIRE DISTRICT  
TEL. 442-5039

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COMMERCE AND LABOR  
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AGRICULTURE  
PUBLIC SERVICE

December 11, 1985

Valerie Talmadge, Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Ms. Talmadge:

I am writing to express my strong support for the application submitted by the town of Cheshire which seeks to include the Stafford Hill Monument on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Stafford Hill Monument, erected in 1927 on the original center of town, is dedicated to several events in local history. First, it commemorates Colonel Joab Stafford, the town's first settler and leader of the volunteer company of "Silver Greys" which fought at the Battle of Bennington in 1777.

The Monument is also dedicated to the founding of the first Baptist Church in Berkshire County, and one of the first Masonic Lodges in western Massachusetts.

The town took over ownership of the Stafford Hill Monument in 1974 in an effort to prevent further vandalism and deterioration. Of the four bronze plaques on the monument, only two remain. The structure itself is in need of repairs, and landscaping must be done. Cheshire voters recently agreed to appropriate \$2,500 towards its restoration, but it will require a great deal more to return this important monument to local history to its original condition. National Register standing will play a key role in the preservation of the Stafford Hill Monument, and I urge you to support its nomination.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter C. Webber".

Peter C. Webber  
State Senator  
Berkshire District



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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary of State  
Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

### Massachusetts Historical Commission

**Valerie A. Talmage**

*Executive Director*

*State Historic Preservation Officer*

December 20, 1985

Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of Interior  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 37127  
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Boston (Hyde Park), Christ Church, 1220 River Street.

Cheshire, Stafford Hill Memorial, Stafford Hill Road.

Wellesley, Wellesley Farms Railroad Station, Croton Street Extension.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Zimmerman".

Sarah Zimmerman  
Director, Preservation Planning  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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