

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL 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 Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall

AND/OR COMMON  
Same**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER High Street, Pond Street,  
High Street and area surrounded by Auburn & Greenleaf Sts. NOT FOR PUBLICATIONCITY, TOWN Newburyport CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth  
STATE Massachusetts VICINITY OF CODE COUNTY CODE  
025 Essex 009**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 Superior Courthouse: Essex County  
Bartlett Mall: City of NewburyportSTREET & NUMBER Essex County: 32 Federal Street  
City of Newburyport: City Hall  
CITY, TOWN Salem 01970 STATE  
Newburyport 01950 VICINITY OF Massachusetts**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, ETC. Essex County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER 32 Federal Street  
CITY, TOWN Salem STATE  
Massachusetts**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1968  
—FEDERAL  STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall are located on Newburyport's historic High Street east of the Market Square area of the city. The Mall is bounded by High Street, Pond Street, Greenleaf Street and Auburn Street. The Courthouse, located on the northern side of the Mall, fronts High Street and abuts the Frog Pond to the rear. The Frog Pond was created by a small detached iceberg formed and deposited during the glacial period and today is a natural, spring-fed body of water which remains practically unchanged from its original shape.

Since the late 17th century the Mall area has been and continues to be one of Newburyport's major public spaces. The Mall interrupts the parade of stately houses on High Street and signals the arrival of the downtown area.

At the beginning of the 18th century the pond and surrounding land were used for grazing purposes and there were only a few houses in the vicinity. During the following decades the area took on increasing importance in the community and several other buildings, including a ropewalk (for winding cordage to rig Newburyport ships), a windmill, hay scales, and a powder house, were constructed on the "common land," as it was called. Eventually these buildings crowded together with no apparent plan or care, and the area around the Frog Pond became one of Newburyport's eyesores. At the beginning of the 19th century, Captain Edmund Bartlett and several other public-spirited citizens began improvements to the common land by removing the unsightly buildings and planting trees. Soon the area was transformed into a lush line of greenery and the promenade to the east of the Frog Pond was named in Bartlett's honor.

The Bartlett Mall continued to be used for the public good, and in 1891 its appearance was again enhanced with the addition of a 30-foot swan-shaped fountain in the middle of the pond. The fountain was presented as a gift to the city by Edward S. Mosely.

The park-like atmosphere created by the Mall's facelift in 1800 provided a perfect setting for the new Courthouse which was built to replace the Court and Town House originally on what is now Water Street. The famous Boston Architect Charles Bulfinch was selected to design the building which was completed in 1805. Originally the front facade consisted of an open portico on the ground level with graceful columns supporting the upper story. The building was capped by a pediment which was surmounted by a classical female figure holding the scales of Justice.

In 1853 the Courthouse was substantially altered when the brick arches in front were filled in and the figure of Justice removed. The original roof was replaced, and heavy cornices and brackets were added. The rear of the building retains the original Bulfinch design: the first floor windows have recessed arches, and the second floor windows have keystone lintels typical of Bulfinch. On top of the building are cylindrical stacks with projecting flat caps. They are known as Emerson ejectors and were commonly installed in Newburyport structures during the 1840's and '50's as the most progressive method of ventilation. Four brick chimneys pierce the ridge roof and another rises from the foundation above the roof on the outside of the south elevation.

Horizontal banding in granite separates the floors on the south side, while on the remaining elevations the division is achieved through the use of brick headers. On either end of the Courthouse is a recessed ogee arch extending from the base of the

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building into the gable. An oculus is set beneath the apex of the arch. The windows on the north facade, like those on the south, have 12/12 sash. They differ, however, in the use of the slightly arched brick lintels. The main doorway also distinguishes the north from the south sides with its heavy, rusticated columns and bracketed capitals supporting an arched pediment.

In 1973 the exterior of the Courthouse was renovated. Bricks were restored, the slate roof was relain, and the building was waterproofed. Many of the original features of the interior remain, including the second floor courtroom with many of its early benches and chairs.

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" 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 1805, 1853: Courthouse BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Bulfinch (1805)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bartlett Mall is significant as an area which has been an integral part of the community for three centuries and as the location of one of the works of New England's most famous architect.

The Bartlett Mall is perhaps the most significant public space in Newburyport because of its proximity to the downtown area and its beautiful park-like environment. Throughout the 18th century a number of important buildings were located in the area: a ropewalk for the manufacture of rigging, a powder house where tea was stored in 1775 in protest of taxation, and a building for the production of saltpetre for gunpowder used in the Revolutionary War. Many well-known dignitaries, such as Lafayette, were greeted in ceremonies on the Mall, and today the Mall is the scene of the Yankee Homecoming celebration and Colonial musters and parades.

The Courthouse is significant as the work of architect Charles Bulfinch. Although the main facade has been altered, the south facade retains its Bulfinch design. The building has served as a courthouse and meetinghouse throughout its history, and today it continues to serve as a superior courthouse facility from April through June. During August an art exhibition is held inside the Courthouse, and various civic and community meetings are conducted there. Through the years many noteworthy attorneys have argued cases in the Courthouse, among them, Daniel Webster and Caleb Cushing. Also of interest is the Court's law library which contains legal opinions from 1833.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Currier, John H. History of Newburyport. Volume I. Newburyport Press, 1906.  
 Hale, Dr. Richard W., Jr. and the Junior League of Boston. Along the Coast of Essex County. 1970.  
 Smith, E. Vale, Damrell and Moore. History of Newburyport. Boston, 1854.  
Newburyport Daily News. September 10, 1904; July 26-27, 1918; May 28, 1938.  
Newburyport Town Records. Volumes 1 and 2.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,9	3 4,6 8,6,0	4,7 4,0 9,2,0	B	1,9	3 4,6 7,0,0	4,7 4,0 9,0,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1,9	3 4,6 5,8,0	4,7 4,0 8,6,0	D	1,9	3 4,6 5,6,0	4,7 3,9 1,4,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

E 19/346700/4739060

4741  
4741-060

The Superior Courthouse stands on the Bartlett Mall which is bounded by High Street, Auburn Street, Greenleaf Street, and Pond Street.

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

Kevin P. Burke, Essex County

Judy D. Dobbs, National Register Editor and Engineer's Office, Salem

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

March 19, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts 02108

# 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

*Elizabeth Reed Armon*

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

3/22/76

FOR NRS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4/30/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4.28.76



NAME OF PROPERTY Bartlett Mall Historic District STATE Mass.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

**7** Description: \_\_\_\_\_ **RECEIVED**  
OCT 23 1975  
MASS. HIST. COMM.

**8** Statement of Significance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9** Bibliography: \_\_\_\_\_

**10** Geographical Data -- Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM Reference(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**12** Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographic Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Map Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: The boundaries appear to be artificial, and the connection between the 3 elements - courthouse, mall, and jail - tenuous. Please either nominate courthouse separately or change district to include eligible, surrounding buildings.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Ward Jandl <sup>As per conversation w/ Pat W. 10/15/75</sup>  
on the National Register staff, telephone 202/523-5483

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Nathaniel H. Cole Date: 10.17.75  
Chief, Branch of Registration

INT:2105-74

Property Bartlett Mall Historic District

State Mass. Working Number 8.15.75.1550

TECHNICAL Sketch

Photos 4  
Maps 2

CONTROL

OK - pl  
8.19.75

Concur with Bill.

HISTORIAN

Return  
E. Smith  
9-29-75

Why not just nominate Courthouse  
and later nominate jail/warden house  
with others  
Bulfinch courthouse etc

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

called 9-8-75

Called  
Return 9-8-75  
Selovich

ARCHEOLOGIST

Talked with Pat W. — Mass. is willing to nominate Court  
House individually, but feels that the district submitted is a viable one  
I think we should return. Huffman 10/5/75

OTHER

HAER

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back State 10.17.75  
Re-submit 3.31.76

Entered APR 30 1976

INT:2106-74

Property Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall

Essex  
2nd  
Control

State Mass.

Working Number 8.15.75.1550

**TECHNICAL**

UTM appears incorrect

**CONTROL**

Photos 4  
Maps 2, sketch map

pl  
4.20.76

Close association between Court House and Mall.

**HISTORIAN**

Accept  
E. Smith  
4-21-76

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Accept  
S. Oldham  
4/26/76

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

This still isn't what we  
wanted but...

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
Cole  
4-27-76

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

Hungo  
4.28.76

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Register Entry 6-1-76

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

INT:2106-74



Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall  
Newburyport, MA (Essex Cty.)

Ronald A. Barnes, photographer

April 1975

Essex County Engineers' Office, 32 Federal  
Street, Salem, MA

Looking south across High Street at north and  
east facade of Superior Courthouse.

Photograph #1 of 4

Apr. 30, 1976

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Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall  
Newburyport, MA (Essex Cty.)  
photograph by Massachusetts Historical  
Commission

December 1972

294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Looking west across Frog Pond and Bartlett  
Mall with Superior Courthouse at right.

Photograph #344 April 30, 1976

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Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall

Newburyport, MA (Essex Cty.)

Ronald A. Barnes, photographer

April 1975

Essex County Engineers' Office, 32 Federal  
Street, Salem, MA

Looking north across Frog Pond at Bulfinch  
facade of Superior Courthouse.

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Photograph #4 *ok*

April 30, 1976

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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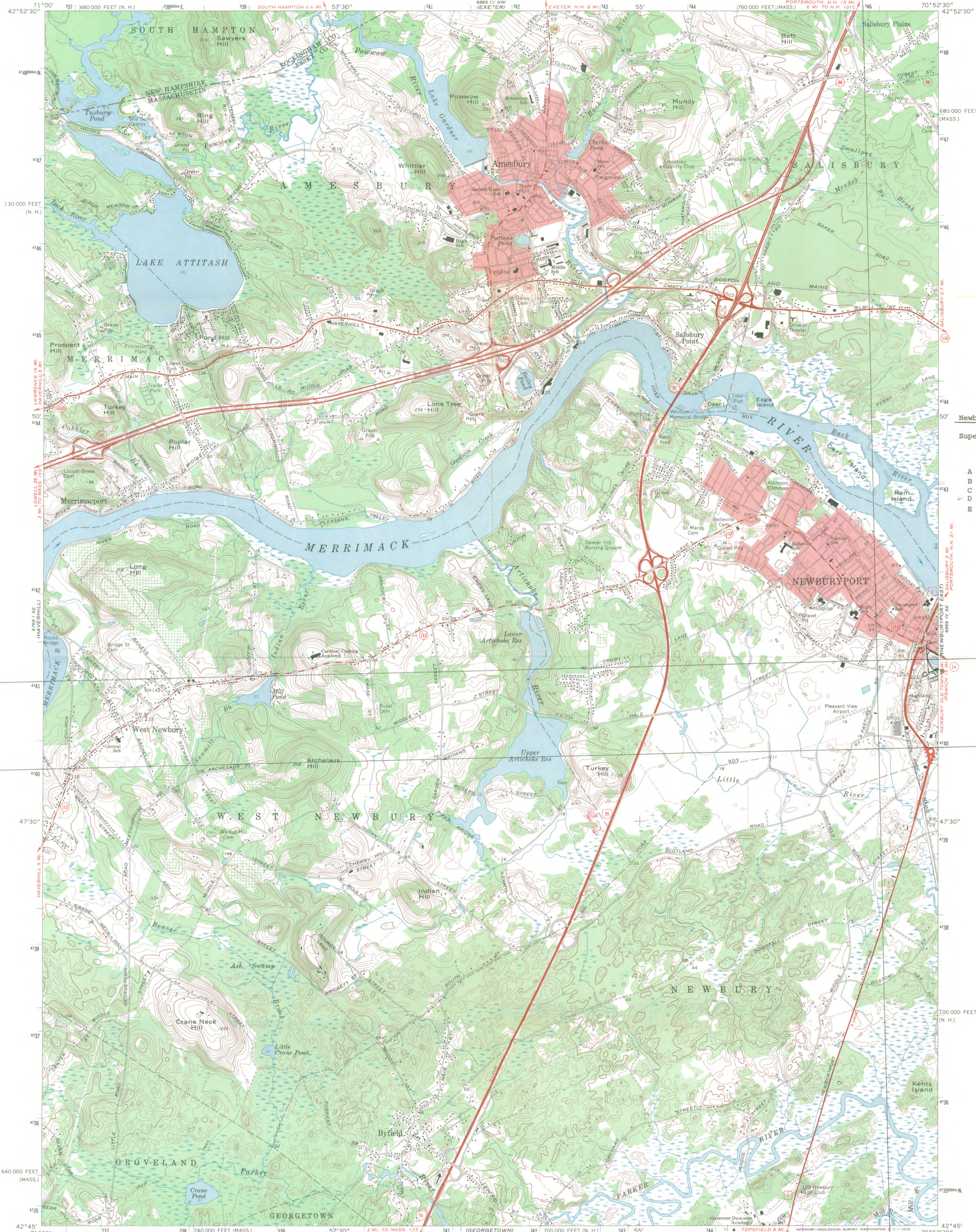
Property Name	County, State	Reference Number
Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall	Essex, Massachusetts	76000280

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Nomination Form

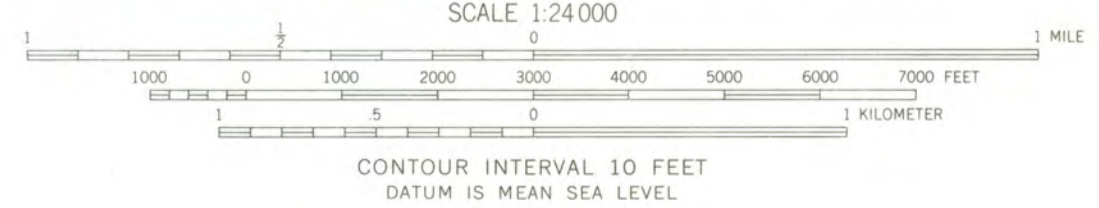
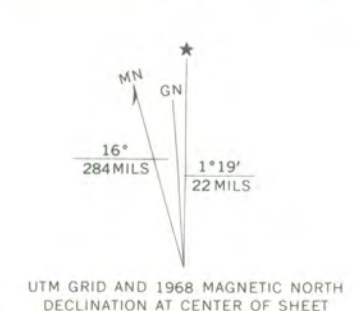
Photographs (#2)

USGS Map



- Newburyport, MA:  
Superior Courthouse and  
Bartlett Mall
- A 19/346860/4740920
  - B 19/346700/4740900
  - C 19/346580/4740860
  - D 19/346560/4739140
  - E 19/346700/4739060

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aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1968  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone, and New Hampshire coordinate system  
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



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  
U. S. Route  
State Route



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SW/4 EXETER 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4245-W7052.5/7.5



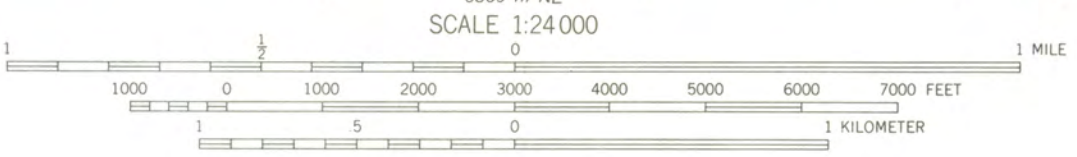
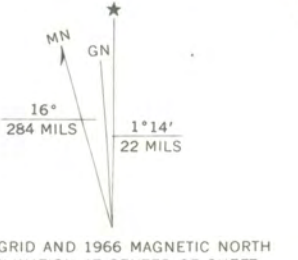
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FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Newburyport, MA:  
Superior Courthouse and  
Bartlett Mall

UTM:  
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1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information furnished  
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 8.3 FEET



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

NEWBURYPORT EAST, MASS.—N. H.  
N4245—W7045/7.5

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PAUL GUZZI

Secretary of the  
Commonwealth

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Office of the Secretary

### Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108  
(617) 727-8470

March 23, 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington  
Chief, Registration  
National Register  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find three nomination forms for the following properties:

1. Gloucester, Beauport
2. Newburyport, Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall
3. Springfield, McKnight District

Originally submitted as the Bartlett Mall Historic District, the Newburyport nomination was returned on October 17, 1975, with the suggestion that the Courthouse be nominated separately. The amended Courthouse and Mall nomination was voted eligible by the State Review Board on January 13, 1976, and we now resubmit it for your consideration.

The other two properties have also been voted eligible by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth R. Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia L. Weslowski  
Survey Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW/mw  
Enclosures



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **APR 30 1976**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Stone Building	Lexington Middlesex County
Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall	Newburyport Essex County
The Follen Community Church	Lexington Middlesex County
Sands, Hiram, House	Cambridge Middlesex County
Lexington Green Historic District	Lexington Middlesex County
South Congregational Church	Springfield Hampden County
Paine, Timothy House	Worcester Worcester County
Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House	Plymouth Plymouth County

5/4/76

PR:M Mott:coc

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
Hon. Paul Tsongas  
Hon. Michael J. Harrington  
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Hon. Edward P. Boland  
Hon. Joseph D. Early  
Hon. Gerry E. Studds

Also Notified

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region



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# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register:  Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall  
 2 OTHER NAMES:  
 3 date of entry: 4-30-76  
 4 county code: 009

5 LOCATION street & number reverse side: city / town: vicinity of: state: county: NPS REGION:  
 reverse side: Newburyport: MA: Essex: North Atlantic

7 OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name): 8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS  NADS  HAER  NHL 10 FUNDED?  YES  NO 11 CONGRESS DISTRICT: 6th 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES NAME: 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES NAME: 15 ACREAGE: 9 16 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

18 CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated  
 17 features:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  
 NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-4  UNKNOWN-5  
 NOT APPLICABLE-7  NOT APPLICABLE-8  NOT APPLICABLE-8

19 ACCESS  YES-Restricted  YES-Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown 20 ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO 21 SAVED?  YES 22 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

23 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY)  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25  
 24 CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

25 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: COURTHOUSE/INDUSTRIAL AREA  
 CURRENTLY: COURTHOUSE-COMMUNITY CENTER/PARK  
 26 dates of initial construction: 1805  
 major alterations: 1853  
 historic events:  
 27 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

28 architectural style(s): FEDERAL WITH ITALIANATE ELEMENTS  
 29 architect: 2 CHARLES BULFINCH  
 30 master builder:  
 31 engineer:

32 landscape architect / garden designer:  
 33 interior decorator:  
 34 artist:  
 35 artisan:  
 36 builder/contractor:

37 NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

38 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP BRICK, GRANITE TRIM; 2 1/2 STORIES OVER HIGH BASEMENT BUILT INTO HILLSIDE, RECTANGULAR, GABLED ROOF, INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR CHIMNEYS AND "EMERSON EJECTORS", FRONT CENTER paneled ENTRANCE WITH SEGMENTAL-ARCHED AND RUSTICATED FRONTSPIECE, GABLE END OGEE-ARCHED RECESS WITH ATTIC ROUND, REAR FACADE BASEMENT LEVEL LUNGES, 1ST-STORY SEGMENTAL-ARCHED OPENINGS EACH IN RECESS, WIDE OVERHANGING BRACKETED CORNICE; SOME ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS; SITUATED WITHIN THE BARTLETT MALL OR TOWN COMMON; FRONT FACADE ALTERED, 1853; MALL ALTERED, 1800 AND 1891. FEDERAL WITH ITALIANATE ELEMENTS. DESIGNED BY NOTED BOSTON ARCHITECT CHARLES BULFINCH; MALL AREA PROVIDES TRANSITION BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

reviewers initials: geoff date: 8.24 IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE

5. (location):  Bounded by High, Pond, Auburn, and Greenleaf Sts.