

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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MAY 4 1976

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

* *

General Artemas Ward Homestead

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Main Street, opposite Dean Park

CITY, TOWN

Shrewsbury

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE
025

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED (curator's house)☒ UNOCCUPIED (main house)

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

☒ MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Harvard University

STREET & NUMBER

Harvard Square, Holyoke Center

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02138

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1975

FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The General Artemas Ward Homestead consists of the country house of General Artemas Ward, a curator's residence, smoke house, and barn. The complex is located on 5½ acres of the original 100-acre estate, and overlooks Dean Park to the north.

The main house faces onto Main Street, formerly the Boston Post Road, which leads into Shrewsbury Center. The early section of the house was built in 1727 and was enlarged in 1785. The two-story clapboard building has a seven-bay facade with two front entrances leading into either portion of the house. The overall appearance is one of symmetry, although there is only one window to the left of the east entrance and two to the right of the west entrance. The shuttered windows have twelve-over-twelve lights except for those over the doors which have eight-over-twelve sash. Molded lintels project over the first floor windows, while windows on the second story are positioned close under the eaves. The two doorways are identical, and have heavy paneling accented with large brass knockers. The entrances have pilasters and shutters on either side surmounted by a full entablature and pediment. Large granite stones are at each threshold. The building is painted grey, with white trim and black shutters and doors. The ridge roof is topped with two brick chimneys. Another chimney stands over the ell which projects to the southeast.

On the interior, most features have undergone little alteration. Two enclosed stairways lead to the second floor in either portion of the house, and handsome wainscoting is in evidence throughout. There are also wide floor boards and solid shutters which slide across the windows on the interior. One particularly interesting feature is a hanging partition in an upstairs room which can be hooked up on the ceiling to open up two bedrooms to make a ballroom.

Near the main house is a large barn, approximately 200 feet long. The handsome cow barn has painted chestnut exterior siding and is distinguished by its lantern centered atop its ridge roof.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☒ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☒ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1727; 1785

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The General Artemas Ward Homestead is significant as the home of a well-known Revolutionary War leader and as the most handsome eighteenth century structure in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

General Artemas Ward (1727-1800) was probably the most noteworthy and prominent of the sons of Shrewsbury. His father, Colonel Nathum Ward was born in Marlboro, and later was among the first settlers of the Town of Shrewsbury. There he became a proprietor and founder of the church. He rose to the rank of Colonel and served as magistrate of the Court of Common Pleas of Worcester County.

In 1727 Nathum Ward built the Ward Homestead, one of a number of Ward family homes in Shrewsbury. In 1760 his son Artemas and his wife moved to the country home from the center of Shrewsbury. In 1785 the house was doubled with the addition of a section to house General Artemas Ward's son and daughter-in-law.

Artemas Ward is best known for his contributions to the patriot effort in the Revolutionary War. Before the outbreak of war, Ward represented Shrewsbury in the General Court and took an active role in the controversies between the Colonial Royal Governors and the House of Representatives. He boldly denounced Parliamentary measures enforced by the Governors which encroached on the rights of the colonies. Ward succeeded Abraham Williams as commander of the Third Regiment and gave political as well as military instruction to troops under his command -- an action which incited the anger of the Governor. In 1768 he was elected to the House of Representatives, and when hostilities broke out at Lexington and Concord in April 1775, he rode to Cambridge to take command of militiamen there. With them he began the siege of Boston, which eleven months later resulted in expelling the British. Ward's outstanding service to the patriot cause was soon recognized, and the Continental Congress made him the first Major General under George Washington. In 1779 he was appointed a member of the Second Continental Congress and later became Speaker of the House of Representatives. He also served as Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of Worcester County from 1775 to 1792 and during Shays' Rebellion in 1787.

The General Artemas Ward Homestead remains today in an excellent state of preservation. Throughout the house are furnishings which belonged to Ward's family, including the General's desk, bed, family portraits, china, pewter, garments, and records. Owned by Harvard University, the house is now operated as a museum which is open to the public by appointment. A resident curator/caretaker lives in the house behind the main house.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Drake, Samuel G. Ward's Family Register, Andrew Ward. Boston, 1851.
Harlow, Henry. Historical Shrewsbury. Old Sturbridge Village.
Ward, Elizabeth. Old Times in Shrewsbury. New York: McGeorge Printing Company, 1892.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.5

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 277650 4685860
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Shrewsbury Historic District
Commission

Judy D. Dobbs, National Register Editor and Darle A. Hand,

ORGANIZATION

DATE
December 5, 1975

Massachusetts Historical Commission

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 Amador

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

Dec. 8, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Acting

W. M. M. M.

DATE

6/4/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles A. M. M.

DATE

5.3.76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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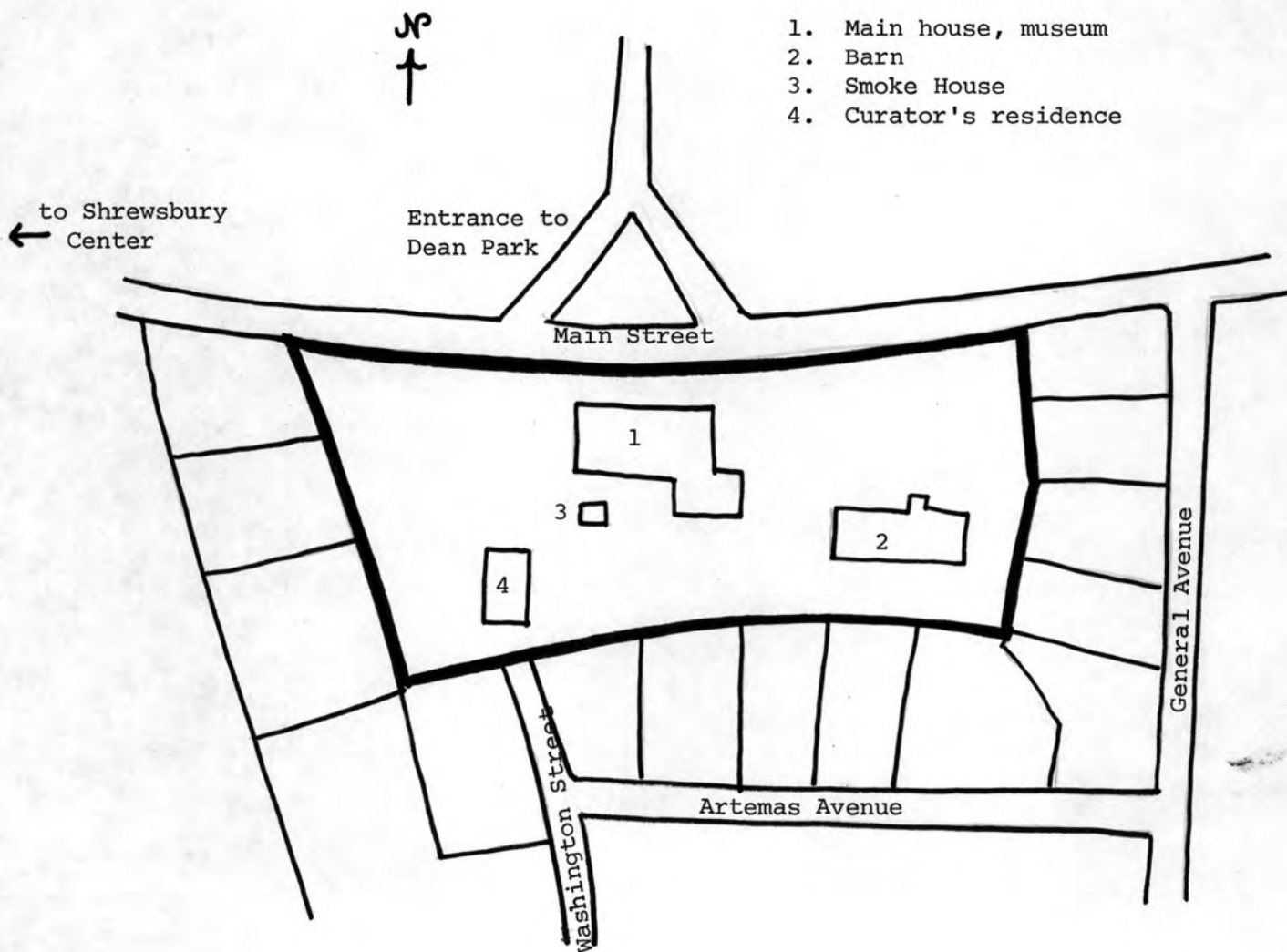
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GENERAL ARTEMAS WARD HOMESTEAD
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts



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Same

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Shrewsbury

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Worcester

STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE Sketch

SCALE Not to scale

DATE 1975

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

Property Ward, General Antemas, Homestead

76000308

State Mass.

Working Number 12.12.75.2156

Worcester

TECHNICAL

Photos 3

Maps 1, Sketch

CONTROL

OK pl
12.18.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
W.R. Luce
1/20/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Not much on architectural
significance ACCEPT Ward
1/12/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4-27-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hunt
5.3.76

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered MAY 4 1976

Federal Register Entry 6-1-76

Re-submit

INT:2106-74



SHREWSBURY MASS.

HISTORIC DISTRICT #2

"ARTEMAS WARD HOMESTEAD"

10

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 5.4.76

Title: Ward, Gen'l Artemis Homestead
Worcester, City, Mass.

Loc. Main house, views S.

1 of 3

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AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Shrewsbury

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Worcester

STATE MA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Darle A. Hand

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Shrewsbury Historic District Commission, 35 Boylston Circle,
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Main house, looking south.

PHOTO NO 1 43



SHREWSBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT # 2 1975

FRONT DOORS - FACADE -

ARTEMAS WARD HOMESTEAD

DETAIL
①

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 5.4.76

Title: Ward, Gen'l Artemis Homestead
Worcester Cty. Mass

Loc. Detail, main house
look S.

2 1/2



SHREWSBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT #2

1975

BARN. ARTEMAS WARD HOMESTEAD

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 5.4.76

Title: Ward, Gen'l Artemas
Homestead

Loc. Worcester Cty, Mass.
East from Main St.,
Views SW.

3/2

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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Leonard Stranieri DATE OF PHOTO 1975

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4 IDENTIFICATION

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Barn, as seen from Main Street, looking southwest.

PHOTO NO 343

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CITY, TOWN Shrewsbury VICINITY OF COUNTY Worcester STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS, Shrewsbury Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24000 DATE 1969

4 REQUIREMENTS

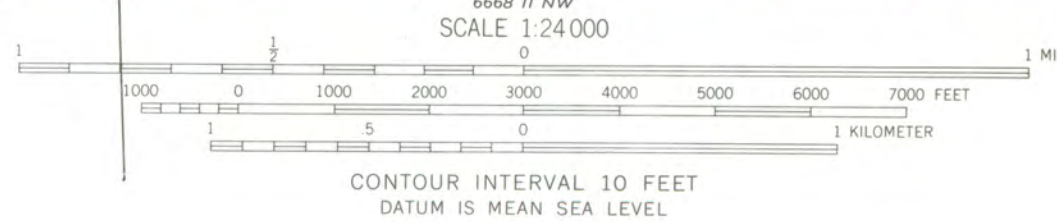
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3. UTM REFERENCES

Shrewsbury: Artemas Ward
Homestead
19/277650/4685860



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1941. Revised from aerial photographs
taken 1966. Field checked 1969
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 area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject
to controlled inundation



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

SHREWSBURY, MASS.
N4215—W7137.5/7.5

1969
AMS 6668 I SW—SERIES V814



UNDERWOOD ARMS COMPANY
Main & Spring Streets
Shrewsbury, Mass.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street
~~100 Brookline Street~~ Boston, Massachusetts 02108

727-8470

Paul Guzzi

Secretary of the Commonwealth

December 9, 1975

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



Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find three National Register nominations for the following properties:

1. Salem, Derby Waterfront District
2. Shrewsbury, General Artemas Ward House
3. Springfield, State Armory

These properties have been voted eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (the State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Reed Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia L. Weslowski

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW/mw

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 4 1976

Name

Location

Barre Common District

**Barre
Worcester County**

Ward, General Artemas, Homestead

**Shrewsbury
Worcester County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Edward P. Boland
Hon. Joseph D. Early**

**Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region**

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

PR MOTT:djb 5/10/76

Ward Homestead is National Historic Place

The General Artemas Ward Homestead, Main Street, Shrewsbury, nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, has been accepted. Word was received by State Secretary Paul Guzzi, Chairman of the Commission, from Gary Everhardt, Director of the National Park Service in the United States Department of the Interior.

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TELEGRAM (M)
WORCESTER, MASS.
D. 50.219

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New
England
Newspaper

MAY 26 1976

Ward, Paine Homesteads On Register

The Gen. Artemas Ward Homestead in Shrewsbury and "The Oaks," the historic Timothy Paine house at 140 Lincoln St., have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The National Register, kept by the U.S. Interior Department's National Park Service, lists historic sites throughout the country.

State Secretary Paul Guzzi, commission chairman, said the director of the Park Service told him that the Ward Homestead is on the register. It was built in 1727. Mrs. Edward D. Harrington Jr., a member of the Col. Timothy Bigelow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which owns the house, announced that the Paine house had been listed in the register.

Ward, perhaps Shrewsbury's most illustrious historical figure, is best known for his con-

tributions in the Revolutionary War. He took command of militiamen in Cambridge after the battles of Lexington and Concord in April, 1775, making him the first commander-in-chief of the American Revolution. He began the blockade and siege of

Boston that resulted in the expulsion of the British 11 months later.

The Continental Congress made him the first "major general" under George Washington. In 1779, he was appointed a member of the Second Continental Congress and later became Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The homestead remained in the Ward family until it was left to Harvard College in the early 1920s, comprises the country house, a curator's residence, smoke house and barn. It's located on Main Street on 5 and 1/2 acres of the original 100-acre site and overlooks Dean Park to the north.

"The Oaks" has been a Lincoln Street landmark to generations of Worcester residents. It was built about 1768 by Col. Paine and was bought by the DAR in 1914 and restored.

"Most of the things in the house belonged to the family, including the said Mrs. Harrington was a member of the state Commission. The house, she said, had been threatened by the original route. Although the listing sure the house can survive a public hearing will be required before it is torn down by eminent domain to make way for state highways, she said.



The Artemas Ward Homestead in Shrewsbury is in the National Register of Historic places.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Ward, General Artemas, Homestead
 2 OTHER NAMES:
 3 date of entry: 5-4-76
 4 county code: 027
 5 LOCATION Street & number: Main St., opposite Dean Park
 city / town: Shrewsbury
 vicinity of:
 state: MA
 county: Worcester
 6 NPS REGION: North Atlantic
 7 OWNER: ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)
 8 ADMINISTRATOR:
 9 EXISTING SURVEYS: ☐ NABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL
 10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 5
 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION: ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL
 If state who prepared form?
 13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☒ NO
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☒ NO
 15 ACREAGE: 5.5
☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION
 16 CONDITION: ☒ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☒ altered ☒ original site
☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ unaltered ☐ moved
☐ fair ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown
☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated
 17 features: ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0
☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ UNKNOWN-6
☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9
 18 ACCESS: ☒ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☒ Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE: ☒ YES ☐ NO
 20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☒ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29
☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31
☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☒ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30
☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25
 22 CLAIMS: explain
 'first' ☐
 'oldest' ☐
 'only' ☐
 23 functions:
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: HOUSE
 CURRENTLY: MUSEUM
 24 dates of initial construction: 1727
 major alterations: 1785
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION:
 26 architectural style(s): Georgian Colonial
 27 architect:
 28 master builder:
 29 engineer:
 30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan:
 34 builder / contractor:

25 NAMES give role & date

PERSONAL: Colonel Nathum Ward, 1 of earliest settlers of Shrewsbury, founder of Shrewsbury's church, father of Artemus Ward, builder of house
 EVENTS: General Artemas Ward (1727-1800), leading participant in Battle of Lexington and Concord and siege of Boston (1775), appointed 1st major general under Washington by Continental Congress (1775), member of 2nd Continental Congress and Speaker of House of Representatives, Chief Justice of Worcester County Court of Common Pleas during Shays' Rebellion (1787).
 INSTITUTIONAL:

35 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: Frame, ~~shingling, flush siding~~ 2 1/2 stories, L-shaped, gabled roof; interior chimney, twin front entrances each with transom and architrave; enclosed interior stairs; original section (1727) enlarged, 1785. Georgian Colonial.

Built for Colonel Nathum Ward, one of town's first settlers and father of General Artemas Ward, leading participant in Battle of Lexington and Concord and Siege of Boston (1775), ~~first~~ 1st major general under Washington by Continental Congress (1775), member of 2nd Continental Congress, and Speaker of House of Representatives, Chief Justice of Worcester County's Court of Common Pleas during Shays' Rebellion (1787). museum.