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DATA SHEET

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 Old Ship Street Historic District *use this*

AND/OR COMMON Pleasant Street Area

2 LOCATION *both sides of Pleasant St from Riverside*STREET & NUMBER multiple *Ave. to park St.*

CITY, TOWN

Medford

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE
025COUNTY
MiddlesexCODE
017**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME multiple

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Medford

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02155

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER 128 Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1974

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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14M 10

The Old Ship Street Historic District, Medford, contains 38 houses situated on approximately seven acres of land near the Mystic River and close to the site of Medford's old ship building industry. The houses are related historically and architecturally and are distinct from their more modern surroundings. Seven of the buildings were constructed between 1828 and 1844, twenty four between 1844 and 1855, and five between 1856 and the turn of the century. There are two modern houses, compatible in mass and height with their neighboring houses, included in the district.

The Judah Loring Double House (1), built c. 1845, and the Henry Ewell House (2), built in 1844, are good examples of 2½ story clapboard, gable end to the street, Greek Revival Houses typical of the area. Porches supported by Doric columns, wide cornerboards and plain entablature add to the simple dignity of these houses. The Foster Waterman House (3) built c. 1845, is simpler than the Ewell House on one side of it and the Japhet Sherman House (4), c. 1845, on the other side. It does have, however, a recessed, pedimented entrance with pilasters. The Sherman House (4), is similar to the Ewell House but has lost its shutters and porch balustrade.

Cudworth Cottage (6), at the corner of Riverside Avenue and Pleasant Street, was built later than the other cottages in the area (c.1889) and while it is compatible in scale with the Greek Revival buildings, it does not have the same detailing. The other houses on the west side of Pleasant Street (7-13) are all 1½ or 2½ story simple Greek Revival cottages, with front porches. The scale of the streetscape is small and unpretentious, and the gables facing front afford visual cohesiveness. The Bilodeau Cottages, (9,10), built in 1915, are much later than the other buildings on the street but are compatible in form. The Alvah Cotton Cottage (11), built c. 1846, has interesting acorn pattern carvings on the bargeboards. Though the D.E. Bangs House (12), built c. 1885, has projecting bays and slightly irregular massing, its 1½ story gable roof is compatible with the others on the street.

On the east side of Pleasant Street is the Mahalia Joyce House (14), built between 1855 and 1875, and now covered with green asphalt siding. The Curtis House (15), the Williamson House (16), the Alfred Ells House (17), and the Clark Cottage (18), all built c. 1845-50, are covered with white clapboards, and similar in plan and detailing to the Ewell House (2). Around the bend of Pleasant Street are the Covell Cottage and the Richards Cottage (20,21), white 1½ story Greek Revival cottages. The Fay Cottage (22) next door is similar to the Richards Cottage except that it is painted brown and has bargeboards.

The Hyers House (23) farther east on Pleasant Street, was also built c. 1845-50, but is slightly larger in scale than the cottages next to it. This white clapboard building, 2½ stories high, is three bays wide, and has fine detailing over the end door. The Wentworth House (25), the Russell House (26), the Gampson Cottage (27) and the Richardson Cottage (28) are all Greek Revival structures, built around 1850, with simple decorative detail.

On Park Street the Robert Ells House (33) was built c. 1828-30, earlier than the

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Greek Revival houses in the district. This $2\frac{1}{2}$ story white clapboard hip roof building, Medford's best extant example of Federal architecture, has interesting latticework trim around the windows and a balustrade between the two gabled dormers of the facade. The semicircular entrance portico with Doric columns and entablature was probably added in 1904.

The Keene House (35), the Sparrell House (36), the Lapham House (37), and the Teel House (38) were all built c. 1830-32, and are $2\frac{1}{2}$ story ridge roof buildings with five bay center entrance facades. Their similarity to one another, and to the Ells House (33) suggest that they were constructed at the same time. They are covered with different materials and have been altered, but their line and form still remain.

The area, composed mainly of small $1\frac{1}{2}$ or $2\frac{1}{2}$ story Greek Revival houses and cottages, is a cohesive whole. Most of the buildings have non-original exterior materials, such as siding or asphalt shingles, but the houses retain their small town neighborhood, Greek Revival character.

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1828-1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Ship Street Historic District, containing 38 properties, is closely associated with the ship building and shipyards which were Medford's major industry in the 19th century. In 1802 Thatcher Magoun established the first full time shipyard in Medford, at the southeast corner of the Old Ship Street district, and between that time and 1873, when the last shipyard closed down, 567 vessels (totaling 274,124 tons) were produced. The Old Ship Street area developed simultaneously with the ship building industry, both showing the greatest amount of growth between 1844 and 1855. Most of the buildings in the district are examples of small Greek Revival houses and cottages and the area stands apart from its surroundings as a separate and unique cohesive whole.

Robert Ells, ship joiner, was the first developer of the area. In 1828 he bought land on the west side of Park Street (then referred to as a "New Way leading to Magoun's ship building yards"). After the purchase of additional land from Thatcher Magoun in 1832, it is believed that Ells built five houses in the district (33,35,36,37,38). All of these houses are still standing, and one of them, the Robert Ells House (33) is Medford's most developed example of a Federal hip roof building. The Rogers House (5) on Riverside Avenue also dates from this period, but was constructed independently from the Park Street houses.

Starting in 1844, the rest of the area was developed by Oakman Joyce, housewright. The first lot was sold to Henry Ewell (2) at 158 Riverside Avenue. Lots were sold quickly after that, almost exclusively to small shipyard owners and craftsmen related to the industry. The earliest known owners include six ship builders, five ship carpenters, two housewrights, two blacksmiths, and two ship joiners and finishers. By 1855 the area was fully developed and appeared essentially as it does today. Because these later buildings were constructed in an eleven year span and because they were built by one man and his apprentices, most of the houses are similar in style: Greek Revival, with the gable end to the street. The Judah Loring Double House (1) and the Henry Ewell House (2) on Riverside Avenue, are among Medford's best examples of 2½ story, gable end to the street Greek Revival houses. The Alvah Cotton Cottage (11), the J. Clark Cottage (18), the J. Ewell Cottage (19), the Davis Richards Cottage (21), and the Nathaniel Fay Cottage (22), all on Pleasant Street, are good examples of Greek Revival cottages with bargeboards, pilasters and other details intact.

The area's survival with all of its pre-1855 buildings in their original settings, its proximity to the Mystic River and the sites of the former shipyards, and its association with the shipbuilders and craftsmen, provide a unique example of popular and vernacular tastes of an important period in Medford's development.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gleason, Hall. Old Ships and Ship Building Days of Medford, Medford, 1936
Woolley, Frederick C., "Old Ship Street", Medford Historical Register, Vol. 4, No.4

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 9 acres *UTM OK*

UTM REFERENCES *CG*

A	19	3271070	46971940	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The area's boundaries are defined by the back lot lines of the houses on Pleasant Street and Pleasant Court, and include five properties on Riverside Avenue and six properties on Park Street.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Christine Boulding, Assistant Survey Director and Brian Pfeiffer

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE March 1975

STREET & NUMBER 40 Beacon Street

TELEPHONE 617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN Boston

STATE 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.

SHPD
FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Elizabeth R. Amador

TITLE Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE March 24, 1975

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE 4/14/75

DATE APR 9 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Old Ship Street Historic District

Middlesex

State Massachusetts

Working Number 4.1.75.591

TECHNICAL

Photos 9
Maps 2

CONTROL

OK ^{cm} 4.4.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
4-7-75

← Old Ship St. is now called Pleasant St.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Why called old Ship St. H.D.? Sites of former shipyards might have made valuable addition to district. This definitely has the feeling of being a district - I walked through the area fall '74. Discrepancy in acreage? 7 is correct. Christie B. is checking on shipyards called 4/4/75 - no potential = 4/7/75 ACCEPT Hyland 4/4/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4/8/75

BRANCH CHIEF

accept
Hyland
4.9.75

KEEPER

[Signature]
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National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 6-3-75

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PHOTO NO. 7

north facade of the Nathaniel Fay Cottage (22)

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PHOTO NO. 3

east facades of Hanscomb House (7), Clark Cottage (8), Bilodeau Cottages (9,10), Cotton Cottage (11), Bangs House (12) and the Cushing House (13) on Pleasant Street

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PHOTO NO. 6

west facade of Ewell Cottage (19)

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PHOTO NO. 5

looking east at the north side of Pleasant Street at the Russell Double House (26), the Gampson Cottage (27), the Richardson Cottage (28) and the Kenrick House (29).

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PHOTO NO. 9

looking west on Park Street at the east facades of the Ells House (33),
the Tambone House (34), the Keene House (35), and the Sparrell House (36)

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PHOTO NO. 4

looking west at the south side of Pleasant Street at the Covell Cottage (20), the Richards Cottage (21), the Fay Cottage (22), and the Hyers House (23). The Cushing House (13) is at the end of the street.

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PHOTO NO. 2

south facades of Ewell House (2), Waterman House (3), Sherman House (4),
and Rogers House (5), on Riverside Avenue

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south facades of Judah Loring Double House (1) and Ewell House (2)
on Riverside Avenue

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east facade of Robert Ells House (33) on Park Street

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Key to Old Ship Street Area

1.	Judah Loring Double House	152-154 Riverside Avenue
2.	Henry Ewell House	158 " "
3.	Foster Waterman House	3-5 Pleasant Street
4.	Japhet Sherman House	166 Riverside Avenue
5.	H. P. Rogers House	170 " "
6.	Cudworth House	8 Pleasant Street
7.	Simond Hanscomb House	12 Pleasant Street
8.	George Clark Cottage	16 " "
9.	P. Bilodeau Cottages	20 " "
10.	" "	22 " "
11.	Alvah Cotton Cottage	26 " "
12.	D. E. Bangs House	30 " "
13.	Susan Cushing House	34 " "
14.	Mrs. Mahalia Joyce House	7 " "
15.	A. C. Curtis House	11 " "
16.	G. Williamson House	15 " "
17.	Alfred Eells (Ells) House	19 " "
18.	J. Clark Cottage	23 " "
19.	J. Ewell Cottage	31 " "
20.	Covell Cottage	43 " "
21.	Davis Richards Cottage	49 " "
22.	Nathaniel Fay (or Tay) Cottage	55 " "
23.	R. Hyers House	59 " "
24.	John Bently House	65 " "
25.	Wentworth House	60 " "
26.	J. Russell Double House	56-58 " "
27.	D. T. Gampson Cottage	50 " "
28.	Richardson Cottage	46 " "
29.	Colman Kenrick House	44 " "
30.	Joseph E. Condon House	57 " " (facing Pleasant St.Ct.)
31.	D. Tucker House	10 Pleasant Street Court
32.	R. Hyers Outbuilding	6 Pleasant Street Court
33.	Robert Ells House	50 Park Street
34.	A. Tambone House	46 " "
35.	Lewis Keene House	38 " "
36.	John Sparrell House	30 " "
37.	A. Lapham House	22-24 " "
38.	Teel House	14 " "



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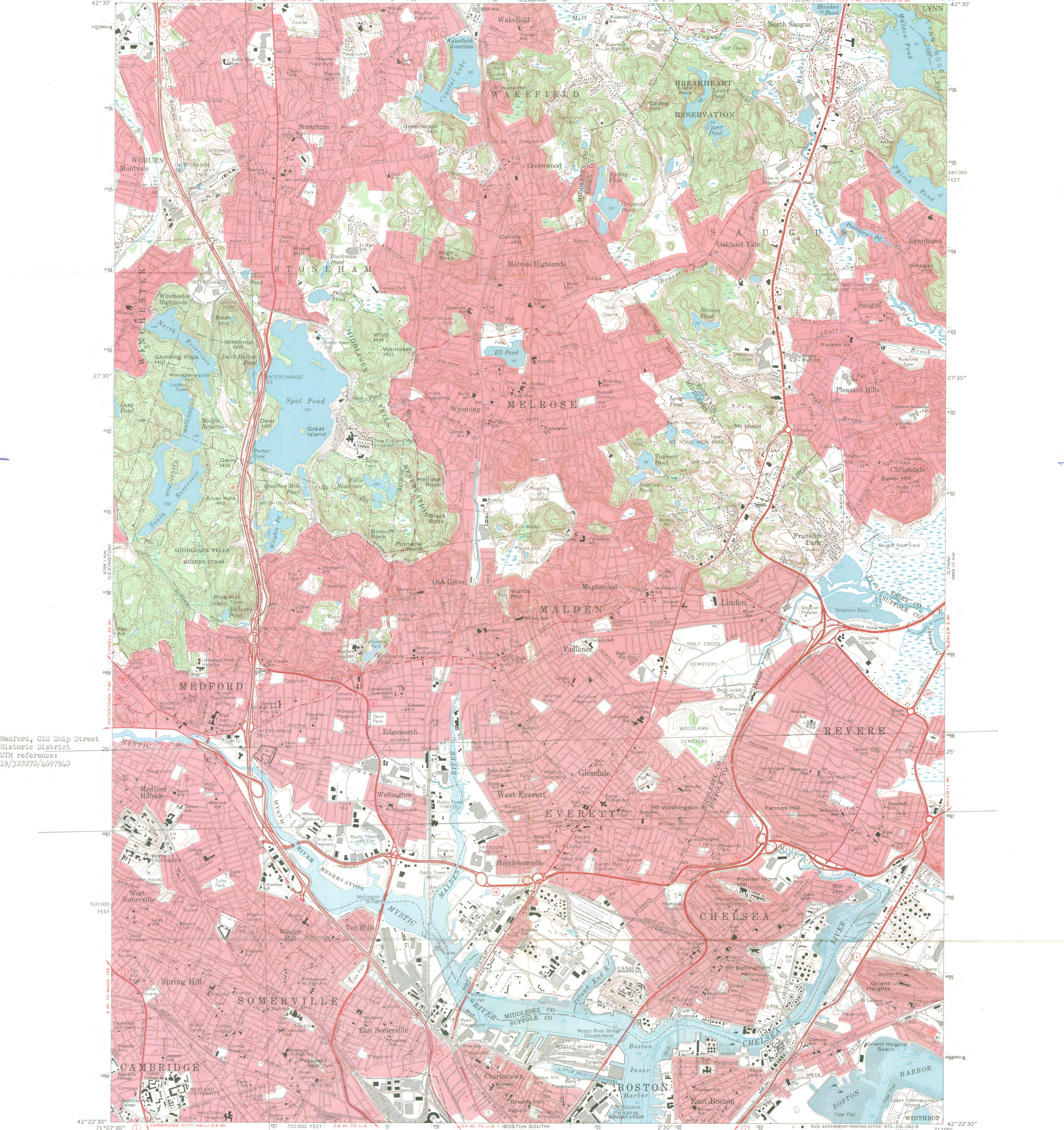
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SCALE 1:24,000 DATE 1971

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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

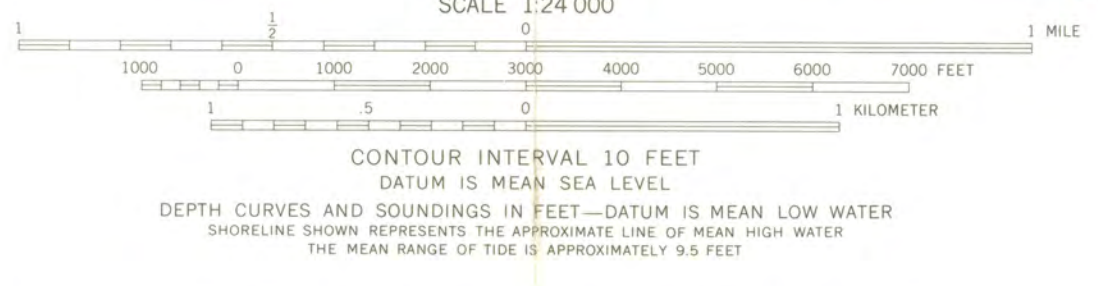
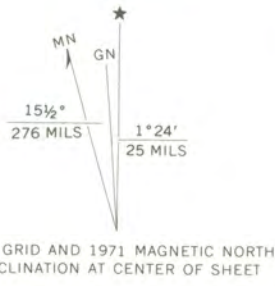
1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Medford, Old Ship Street
Historic District
UTM reference:
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 248 (1971)
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
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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 9.5 FEET

BOSTON NORTH, MASS.
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1971
AMS 6768 I NE—SERIES V814

Old Ship Street
Medford, Ma.
eastern section

Old Ship Street Area
Medford, Ma. 02155
western section

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED APR 1 1975

DATE ENTERED APR 14 1975

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

1 NAME

HISTORIC Old Ship Street Historic District

AND/OR COMMON Pleasant Street Area

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Medford VICINITY OF COUNTY Middlesex STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE City of Medford Assessors plans

SCALE 1":80' DATE 1974

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Paul Guzzi

Secretary of the Commonwealth

40 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

727-8470

28 March 1975

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



CERTIFIED MAIL
APPORTIONMENT WARRANT
NOMINATION

Dear Charles:

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

1. Cambridge, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Middlesex County
2. Medford, Judkins Square Historic District, Middlesex County
3. Medford, Old Ship Street Historic District, Middlesex County

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 R. Amadon.

Please note that the properties covered by these submissions plan to apply for FY '76 grants-in-aid. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia L. Weslowski

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW:pjj
Encl.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 14 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Old Ship Street Historic District	Medford Middlesex County
Fort Sewall	Marblehead Essex County
First Baptist Church, Cambridge	Cambridge Middlesex County
St. Stephen's Church	Boston Suffolk County
Fowle-Reed Wyman House	Arlington Middlesex County
Salem Cross Inn	West Brookfield vicinity Worcester County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Edward W. Brooke	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald	Executive Director
Hon. Michael J. Harrington	Massachusetts Historical Commission
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.	40 Beacon Street
Hon. John J. Moakley	Boston, Massachusetts 02108
Hon. Edward P. Boland	

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

4/15/75

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 4/4/77
Reviewer INITIALS: *gwp*
NR DOE April 14, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: ¹⁰ Old Ship Street Historic District

OTHER NAMES: Pleasant Street Area - *see*

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER both sides of Pleasant St. from Riverside Ave. to Park St.

CITY, TOWN Medford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7th

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

COUNTY code
Middlesex 017

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
- Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 4 unknown - 5 unknown - 6
 not applicable - 7 not applicable - 8 Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED
 Unexcavated

UNALTERED
 ALTERED
 Reconstructed
 Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED
 Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- *private residences*
now- *same*

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN recreation
 ARCHITECTURE - 4 ENGINEERING MILITARY SETTLEMENT socio/cultural
 ART EXPLORATION MUSIC TRANSPORTATION urban & commun
 COMMERCE INDUSTRY - 13 PHILOSOPHY OTHER (SPECIFY) planning
 COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: COLONIAL / GREEK RENIVAL / FEDERAL

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal - (1) ROBT. ELLS - ship joiner - early area developer and speculator.
events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

1828-1855

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

9

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT OF 36 SIGNIFICANT FRAMES, 2-- 2 1/2 STORY DWELLINGS; NOTABLE ARE THE FEDERAL STYLE ROBERT ELLS HOUSE (1828-30) with its latticework balustrades, the GREEK RENIVAL HENRY EWELL house (1844), and the 1 1/2-story GREEK RENIVAL FAT COTTAGE (1845-50) with intricate bargeboards. AREA INITIALLY DEVELOPED in 1828 by ship joiner^{SP} Robt. ELLS; prosperity and development tied to ^{to Medford's 19th C.} ~~the Medford ship yards~~ ~~and shipbuilding~~ ~~and major 19th C.~~ industry.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)