

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

For HCRS use only

received

date entered

AUG 31 1982

1. Name

historic The Colonel Adelbert Mossman House

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 76 Park Street N/A not for publication

city, town Hudson N/A vicinity of congressional district 3rd, Massachusetts

state Massachusetts code 025 county Middlesex code 017

3. Classification

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

street & number 76 Park Street

city, town Hudson, MA N/A vicinity of state Mass.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

street & number Southern District

city, town Cambridge state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historical Assets of the Commonwealth, #110 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington St.

city, town Boston, state MA 02108

7. Description

The Colonel Adelbert Mossman House, 76 Park St., Hudson

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date NA

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Colonel Mossman House stands in a residential neighborhood on the southern edge of downtown Hudson. Its 3/4 acre lot is situated at the northeast corner of Park and Rutland Streets; a slight rise upward to the north gives the house additional physical prominence.

Located in a neighborhood of contemporary Victorian development, the Mossman House is placed about 75 feet distant from Park Street and approximately 100 feet from adjacent houses. Directly across the street is the town green, which borders on a tranquil section of the Assabet River. An historic footbridge across the river is visible from the front veranda of the Mossman House -- a romantic suburban setting echoed by the property's landscaping. To the rear (north) of the main building is a small, detached garage built in 1952.

The Mossman House is a 2 1/2 story wood frame structure with a slate-tiled hip roof. The basically rectangular floor plan is relieved by a 2 1/2 story gabled pavilion set asymmetrically on each elevation and by a 3-story tower with conical roof on the southeast corner. All walls are sheathed in clapboard except for the tower and the attic story of the pavilions, which are covered with decorative wood shingles. A one-story veranda curves 100 feet around the facade (south) and east elevations.

Queen Anne ornamentation is found in characteristic profusion. Plain corner boards and fascia frame the walls, while the large 1/1 windows have simple moldings and functional blinds. This simple backdrop emphasizes the decorative shingling, ornately carved scroll brackets of the pavilions (with their cut-back corners) and tower, and the highly ornate veranda. The main decorative element, the veranda rests on a geometric latticework. Its paired posts, shaped like ungainly furniture legs, stand on paneled plinths, which are spanned by a short, heavy balustrade; scrolled brackets flank the tops of the posts. Marking the entrance to the house is a pedimented gable, supported on semicircular sunburst brackets. Bay windows are found on the east and west sides of the house, and the west side also contains a smaller second veranda leading to the servant stairs and kitchen.

The 20-room interior of the Mossman House is equally elaborate. The more significant architectural features include rich Victorian moldings and frames, intricately carved mantels with marble trim, several curved walls, sliding doors, and a fine gas-lit stairway. The first floor was designed for 8 rooms (counter-clockwise from the north corner): coachman's room, parlor, sitting room, kitchen, pantry, full bath, breakfast room, and dining room. On the second floor are (in the same order): a sewing room, master bedroom, bedroom, game room, laundry room, full bath, linen room, and bedroom. The third floor contains two small bedrooms and two storage rooms.

The house remains today in largely original conditions and setting. The original carriage house, however, was replaced in 1952. The present garage is a 1 1/2 story gabled structure, sheathed in clapboards.

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"/> invention		

Specific dates 1895 **Builder/Architect** Colonel Adelbert Mossman

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Mossman House retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location, and setting. It is significant for its associations with a figure prominent in local and state history and for its architectural importance in the development of the community. The property thus meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Colonel Adelbert Mossman (1848-1945) was the designer, building supervisor, and first owner of the Mossman House. Col. Mossman was a veteran of the Civil War and in 1887 founded, organized and commanded Hudson's first militia. He rose from the rank of Captain to Colonel in this unit. Upon his retirement from the Hudson militia in 1901, Mossman was appointed assistant Adjutant General of the Commonwealth. Concurrently, he received appointments as Sergeant-At-Arms of the State House and supervisor of the purchasing of building supplies for the state Superintendent of Buildings.

Mossman was a gentleman of means and social prominence. He was a member and leader of several chapters of the Masons, and frequently entertained local, state, and military officials in his Park Street house.

Founded in 1866 from parts of Marlborough and Stow, Hudson developed rapidly as an industrial community during the 19th century. However, much of early Hudson was destroyed in a devastating fire in 1894. Mossman and other community leaders contributed to a remarkable decade of rebuilding, which resulted in an unusual harmony of architectural style and character.

Colonel Mossman combined his personal wealth and unique position of purchasing building supplies for the state to create an architectural showplace for the community. Further, he had the foresight to locate his residence opposite the town park and Assabet River, assuring its protection from undesirable future development. The house has had only three owners in its 80 year lifetime.

The Mossman House represents an age of luxury and a lifestyle of elegance. The rich architectural detailing and grand interior plan are clear reflections of the high style character - both aesthetic and social - of the period. The vivacity and integrity of this particular design distinguish the Mossman House from many of its contemporaries in Hudson.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Mossman Family History, Hudson Public Library, Hudson Historical Society, Hudson, MA 1938.
 Hudson News-Enterprise, "Mossman Obituary," Hudson Historical Society, Hudson Public Library, May 3, 1945.
 Registry of Deeds, 76 Park St. Hudson, MA Book 6990, Pg. 356, June 8, 1946.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3/4 acre
 Quadrangle name Hudson, MA Quadrangle scale 1:25,000
 UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof at the corner of said Streets and running thence by said Park Street, North 42 1/4' East two-hundred, twenty-two and one-half (222 1/2) feet to land formerly of Beebe; thence by said land formerly of Beebe South 47 3/4' East

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title WENDY FRONTIERO with Bernard M. Flavhan, D.D.S., Member Hudson His. Society
 organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date February 24, 1982
 street & number 294 Washington St. telephone (617) 727-8470
 city or town Boston state MA 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Valerie Ann Talmage
 title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date August 24, 1982

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 Entered in the National Register date 9/30/82
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

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

**National Register of Historic Places
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Continuation sheet

Col. Mossman House

Item number 9 & 10

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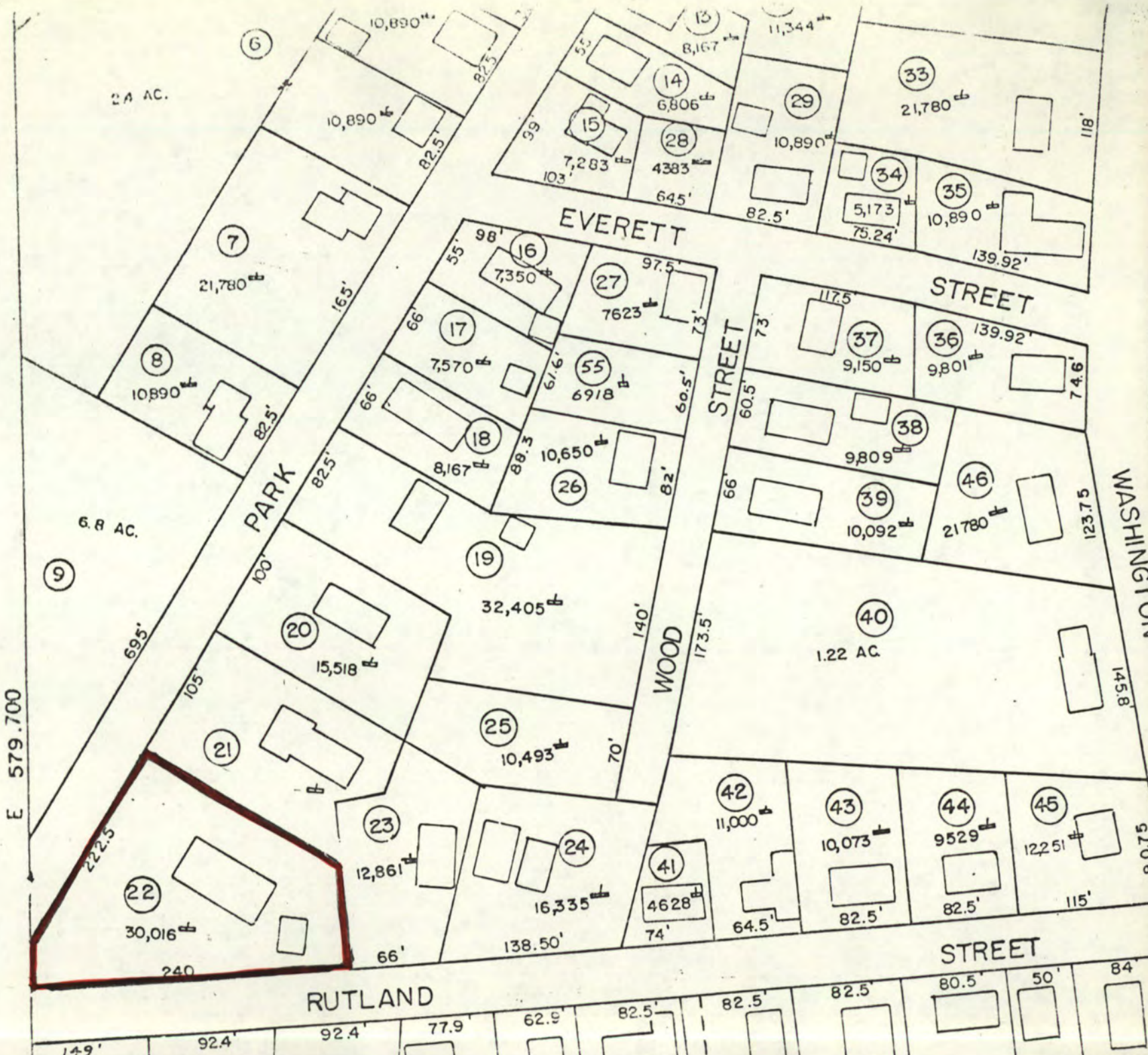
Item 9.

Personal Communication - Rev. Robert Whittington (ret. Col. U.S.A.) Past President, Hudson Historical Society and officiator at the Mossman funeral, 12 Lincoln St., Hudson (617-562-6049), October, 1981.

Personal Communication - Mr. Alfred M. Braga (acquaintance of Col. Adelbert Mossman), Past President, Hudson Historical Society, 102 Washington St., Hudson, MA (617-562-3296), September, 1981.

Item 10.

one hundred seventy-two and 6/10 (172.6) feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Edmonson; thence by said land now or formerly of Edmonson Southerly eighty and 5/10 (8.5) feet to said Rutland Street; and thence by said Rutland Street Westerly two-hundred and sixty-nine (269) feet to the corner first mentioned.



2.4 AC.

6.8 AC.

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Col. Mossman House
76 Park St.
Hudson, Mass.

Map 40
Parcel 22
Book 6990
Page 356

Scale 1" = 100'
Source: Assessors Maps

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Mossman, Col. Adelbert, House
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 8/31/82-2381

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 9/30/82 - 10/15/82

Action: ACCEPT 9/30/82

Entered in the RETURN

National Register REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

- 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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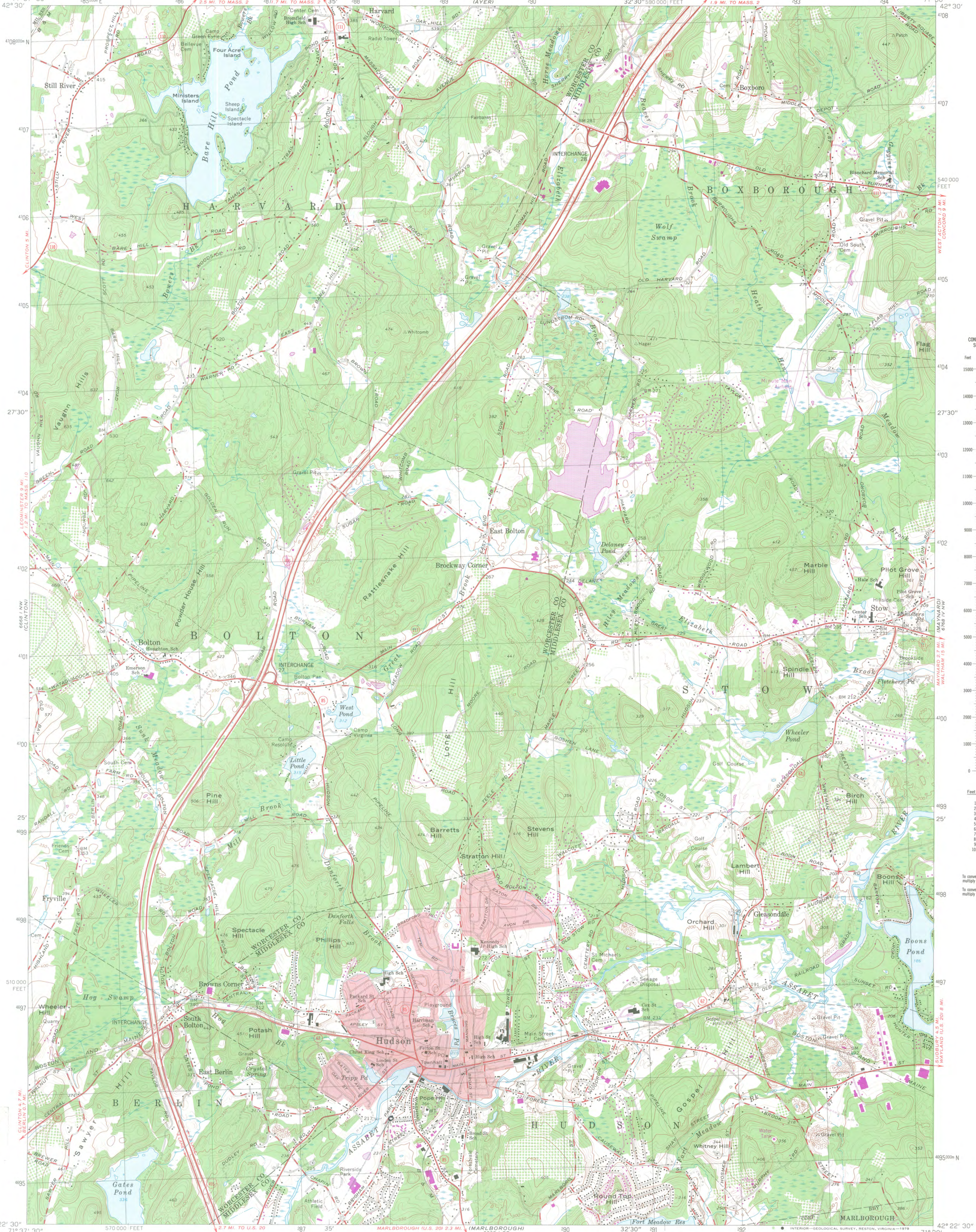
The Colonel Adelbert Mossman House
76 Park Street
Hudson, MA

Photographed by Bernard Flavhan,
76 Park St.
Hudson, MA

July 1982
Negative filed with photographer

Looking southeast.

Photo 1 of 1

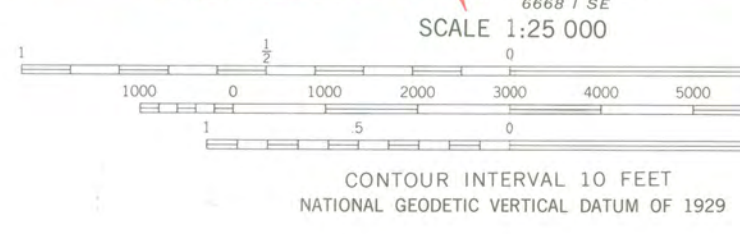


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To convert feet to meters multiply by 3.048
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HUDSON, MA
Col. Mossman House
UTM Reference:
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 19
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
Interstate Route (thick red line with shield) State Route (red line with shield)



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MAR 11 1982

MASS. HIST. COMM.

TOWN OF HUDSON
MASSACHUSETTS 01749

Office of the:

Hudson Historical Commission
March 11, 1982

Ms. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Weslowski:

Thank you for your letter of March 2, 1982 informing me that the Col. Adelbert Mossman House, 76 Park Street, Hudson will be considered by the State Review Board on April 14 for nomination to the National Register of Historic places.

The Hudson Historical Commission is fully supportive of the nomination and feels the Mossman home is an outstanding example of the distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne Period.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred M. Braga
Alfred M. Braga
Chairman

102 Washington Street
Hudson, MA 01749



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

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

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

August 24, 1982

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

- Adams - Phillips Woolen Mill (local)
- Adams - Renfrew Mill #2 (local)
- Belchertown - Walker Collis House (local)
- ✓ Hudson - Col. Adelbert Mossman House (local)
- Lenox - Lenox Academy (state)
- Lenox - The "Church on the Hill" (local)
- New Bedford - Dawson Building (local)
- New Marlborough - New Marlborough Village Historic District (local)
- North Andover - Machine Shop Village (state)
- Pittsfield - Wollison- Shipton Building (local)
- Rockport - Sewall-Scripture House (local)

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 considerations 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosures

CJ/mas

