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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME** Lothrop, Caleb, House* * HISTORIC
Caleb Lothrop House
AND/OR COMMON
same**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER
14 Summer StreetCITY, TOWN
CohassetNOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
12STATE
MassachusettsVICINITY OF
CODE
025COUNTY
NorfolkCODE
021**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
☐ DISTRICT	☐ PUBLIC	☐ OCCUPIED	☐ AGRICULTURE ☒ MUSEUM
☒ BUILDING(S)	☒ PRIVATE	☐ UNOCCUPIED	☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ STRUCTURE	☐ BOTH	☒ WORK IN PROGRESS	☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ OBJECT	☐ IN PROCESS	☒ YES: RESTRICTED	☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
	☐ BEING CONSIDERED	☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED	☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
		☐ NO	☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME
Cohasset Historical Society, Inc.STREET & NUMBER
Elm Street, P.O. Box 324CITY, TOWN
CohassetSTATE
Massachusetts

02025

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Norfolk County Registry of DeedsSTREET & NUMBER
650 High StreetCITY, TOWN
DedhamSTATE
Massachusetts**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**TITLE
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the CommonwealthDATE
1975☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical CommissionCITY, TOWN
BostonSTATE
Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Caleb Lothrop House, built about 1823, is located in a residential section of Cohasset. It is located on about half an acre of land, protected by trees in the side and back yards and large evergreen bushes in the front.

The two story house has a hip roof and brick ends with a clapboard facade and a shingled rear elevation. Portions of the roof are still slated, but many parts have been covered with composition shingles. The house rests on a granite foundation and has a full basement. A two story clapboard ell, built c. 1900, has been added to the northeast rear of the house. Two tall inside end chimneys, both in need of repair, serve the four main fireplaces.

The house is symmetrical, with a five bay facade; the brick ends are two bays deep. All of the windows in the main part of the house have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters; those on the ell have 2/2 sash. The centered front door, covered by a non-original flat hood, is flanked by half sidelights and slender pilasters. The door itself, also probably not original, has six finely molded panels; a large granite slab serves as a step up to the door.

The plan of the interior of the house has been slightly altered over the years, but a surprising amount of original paneling and molding are extant. The mantels in the two first floor front rooms are original, and finely molded; the mantels on the second floor are simplified versions of those below. The upstairs ceilings appear to have been slightly raised, which incongruously reveals the building's structural members in a manner more appropriate to early Georgian architecture than to Federal.

As the building has been empty for the last three years and was not well maintained for several years before that, the house has begun to deteriorate. None of the damage is structural, however, and the original fabric can be stabilized easily. The house has been recently acquired by the Cohasset Historical Society and will, when restored, serve as the headquarters for historical and preservation groups in the town.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☒ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1823

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Caleb Lothrop House is not only significant architecturally but also has strong associations through the Lothrop family with the development of Cohasset.

The house was built c. 1823 by Caleb Lothrop, who was the grandson of Revolutionary War hero Thomas Lothrop. Caleb was a ship owner and ship Chandler, and served the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as town treasurer. The Lothrop family for many years owned a wharf at the cove end of Cohasset Harbor, and were involved in the town's principal industry, mackerel fishing.

Members of the Lothrop family lived in the house until 1966, and while none of them achieved outstanding significance the family was always an important part of the community life. In 1966 the house was sold to St. Anthony's Church to be used as housing for nuns; when that plan did not materialize the house was rented out for a number of years. The building has been vacant for three years but plans are now underway to restore the house and turn it into a community historic resource center.

The Lothrop House is significant architecturally to the town of Cohasset because it is one of two brick end Federal period houses left in the community. Brick was not commonly used for residential purposes in Massachusetts until the latter half of the nineteenth century, so brick walls on an earlier house usually denoted affluence and importance. The house, which has been very little altered through the years, is a good example of the architectural style once so popular in Massachusetts' seaports.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bigelow, E. Victor, A Narrative History of the Town of Cohasset, Massachusetts, originally published in 1898, bicentennial edition reprinted in 1970, by Cohasset Historical Society and Town Bicentennial Committee

The Genealogies of the Families of Cohasset, Massachusetts, Cohasset, 1909

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY c. one half acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 13 51 66 0 46 77 38 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D

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

Christine Boulding, Preservation Planner, and Constance Parker

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

March 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington 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 X

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 Amodon

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

3/26/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Acting

William Smith

DATE

5/3/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles A. Smith

DATE

5.3.76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Lothrop, Caleb, House

State Massachusetts Working Number 4.5.76.2956

Norfolk

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{cm} 4.6.76

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
L. Wengert
22 Apr 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
M. J. Hutz
4-22-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

Statement of significance is minimal

OTHER

Accept
W. R. Lane
4/27/76

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4/28/76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hump
5.3.76

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 6-1-76

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Caleb Lothrop House
14 Summer Street
Cohasset, Ma. 02025

Photo No. 3

owned by the Cohasset Historical Society, P.O. Box 324, Cohasset, Ma. 02025

President: Mrs. E. L. Parker

Parker Avenue

Cohasset, Ma. 02025

383-0773

Date of photograph: April 1975

Location: Cohasset, Ma. looking northwest

Looking Northwest

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Norfolk County

Caleb Lothrop House, Cohasset, MA
Althea Stamp, April 1975
Cohasset Historical Society
looking northwest at south facade and
east elevation
photo #1 of 2

APR 5 1976

Date Entered May 3, 1976

PLEASE CREDIT

PHOTO BY

ALTHEA STAMP

BOX 116, COHASSET, MA. 02025



Caleb Lothrop House
14 Summer Street
Cohasset, Ma. 02025

Photo No. 4

Owned by the Cohasset Historical Society, P. O. Box 324, Cohasset, Ma. 02025

President: Mrs. E. L. Parker

Parker Avenue.

Cohasset, Ma. 02025

383-0773

Date of photograph: April 1975

Location of negative: See photograph, Stamp

View looking South

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Caleb Lothrop House, Cohasset, MA
Althea Stamp, April 1975
Cohasset Historical Society
looking north at south facade
photo #2 of 2

Norfolk
County

APR 5 1976

Date Entered May 3, 1976

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ALTHEA STAMP
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Cohasset, Caleb Lothrop House
UTM reference:
19/351660/4677380



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
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photographs. Topography by planimetric surveys 1935-1936
Revised 1961

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 244 (1960)

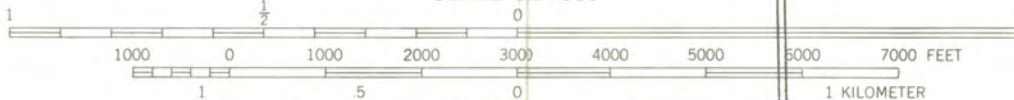
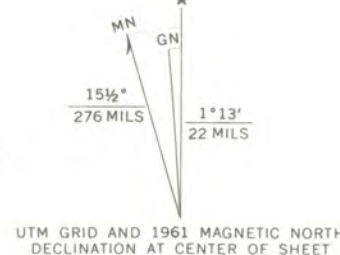
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue

Boundaries in tidalwater 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 8.8 FEET



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

COHASSET, MASS.
N4207.5—W7045/7.5

1961

AMS 6868 III NE—SERIES V814

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 3 1976

Name

Location

State Armory

Springfield
Hampden County

Lothrop, Caleb, House

Cohasset
Norfolk County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Edward P. Boland
Hon. Gerry E. Studds

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 5/5/76

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 4-22-76
Reviewer INITIALS: MJL

NR DOE

(5-3-76)

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Caleb, Lothrop, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 14 Summer St.

CITY, TOWN Cohasset

STATE MA

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12

COUNTY Norfolk code 021

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

- ☐ Substantially intact-1
- ☒ unknown - 4
- ☐ not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR

- ☒ Substantially intact-2
- ☐ unknown - 5
- ☐ not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

- ☐ Substantially intact-3
- ☐ unknown - 6
- ☒ 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- dwelling

now- vacant- plans for restoration are in the works to make building into preservation center

SIGNIFICANCE:

☒ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

☒ AGRICULTURE

☐ ARCHITECTURE

☐ ART

☒ COMMERCE

☐ COMMUNICATIONS

☐ CONSERVATION

☐ ECONOMICS

☐ EDUCATION

☐ ENGINEERING

☐ EXPLORATION

☐ INDUSTRY

☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

☐ LAW/Gov't/politics

☐ LITERATURE

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSIC

☐ PHILOSOPHY

☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION

☐ SCIENCE

☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

☐ entertainment

☐ health

☐ recreation

☐ settlement

☐ socio/cultural

☐ urban & commun

☐ planning

Claims

"first?"

YES

NO

"oldest?"

YES

NO

"only?"

YES

NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Georgian and Federal elements

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal

Caleb Kothrup, c. 1823 -

- grandson of Thomas Kothrup, Revolutionary War hero
- prominent local resident

events

- involved in town's principal industry - mackerel fishing

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): ~~1800-1825~~ (c. 1823)

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: c. 1900 rear ell

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Frame, clapboarded front and rear facades, brick ^{ends} ~~sides~~, 2 stories, modified L-shape, hipped roof, interior end chimneys, front center entrance with simple classical architrave and side lights, ~~DE~~ 2-story frame ell with bracketed hood over entrance, ^{added c. 1900;} some original interior features, Georgian and Federal elements.

SIGNIFICANCE! (maximum two sentences)

Association with Caleb Kothrup, prominent local citizen, one of two

brick end "Federal period" houses remaining in community. Houses of this type remaining in community; home of Caleb Kothrup, prominent local citizen.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Lothrop, Caleb, House
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: 5-3-76
 ④ county code: 021

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 14 Summer St.
 city / town: Cohasset
 vicinity of:
 state: MA
 county: Norfolk
 ⑥ NPS REGION: North Atlantic

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

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL
 ⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 12
 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 ACRES: .5
☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION
☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☒ altered ☒ original site
☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ unaltered ☐ moved
☒ fair ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown
☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated
 ⑰ features:
 INTERIOR ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRON ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☒ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS ☒ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO
 ⑳ SAVED? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

㉒ 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 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31
☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain
 'first' ☐
 'oldest' ☐
 'only' ☐

㉔ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: HOUSE
 CURRENTLY: MUSEUM
 ㉕ dates of initial construction: c. 1823
 major alterations: ell, added c. 1900
 historic events:
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s): Federal
 ㉘ architect: unknown
 ㉙ master builder:
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:
 ㉜ interior decorator:
 ㉝ artist:
 ㉞ artisan:
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: Caleb Lothrop, builder of house, ship owner and Chandler, town selectman and treasurer

EVENTS:

INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: Brick, frame, clapboarding; 2 stories, L-shaped, low-pitched hipped roof, interior end chimneys, front center entrance with sidelights and hooded architrave; ~~front~~ moldings and paneling intact; side ell with entrance added, c. 1900; alterations.

One of two extant examples of brick-end Federal period houses in community; built for Caleb Lothrop, ship owner and Chandler, town selectman and treasurer. Museum