

DATA SHEET

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">Massachusetts</div>
COUNTY: <div style="text-align: center;">Middlesex</div>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <div style="text-align: center;">JAN 30 1976</div>

1. NAME

COMMON: * * * Commanding Officer's Quarters, Bldg. 111, AMMRC
AND/OR HISTORIC: Commanding Officer's Quarters, Bldg. 111, Watertown Arsenal

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 443 Arsenal Street (on property of Army Materials & Mechanics Research Center)			
CITY OR TOWN: Watertown		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Eighth Massachusetts	
STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 02172	COUNTY: Middlesex	CODE 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY <small>(Check One)</small>	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE <small>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</small>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" 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 <small>(Specify)</small> _____ _____
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. AGENCY

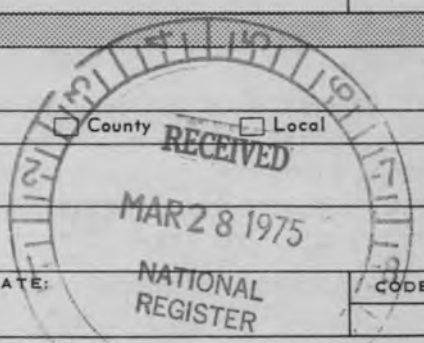
Headquarters, Army Materiel Command, Washington, DC			
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: <small>(If applicable)</small> Army Materials & Mechanics Research Center		STREET AND NUMBER: 443 Arsenal Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Watertown		STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 02172

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds,			
STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 68, 208 Cambridge Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge,		STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 02141

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One of the highlights of the Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center (formerly the Watertown Arsenal) is Building 111, the Commanding Officer's Quarters. After over a hundred years' residence by Watertown commanding officers, the house remains virtually unaltered.

The Commanding Officer's Quarters was built in 1865 in the Bracketed Style. The house is made of brick and is three stories with a cellar. Its hipped roof is crested with a wooden balustrade, and chimneys of paneled brickwork add to the irregular silhouette characteristic of the period. The form is further elaborated by porches, balconies and projecting pavilions.

A Victorian veranda surrounds part of the house, and supporting the porch roof are delicate single and paired Corinthian cast-iron columns from which spring arches of lacelike ironwork. Paneled brick pilasters place emphasis at the corners and a series of brackets supports the heavy cornice.

The evolution of the plan of the Commanding Officer's Quarters was an involved one. The first set of plans was sent by the US Ordnance Department in Washington to Commanding Officer Thomas J. Rodman in 1864. Assisted by his draughtsman George W. Horn of Watertown, Rodman made certain changes in the specifications and sent the revised plans to Washington. After several revisions in the first set of plans, Rodman later was granted permission by the Ordnance Chief to follow an entirely new design, that of the Springfield Armory Commanding Officer's residence. It was not until a year later after many revisions and deliberations that master mason Thomas L. French was able to begin the foundations of the house.

The plan of the main portion of the house is built around a large central hall which provides access to the principal rooms. It appears that originally skylights in the first and second floor hallways provided some illumination, although today only the second floor skylight remains. The first floor hall has lofty ceilings at the top of which is a handsome decorative frieze. Other rooms on the first floor are richly ornamented with heavy moldings and ceiling medallions.

Extending at a right angle from the hall is an arched stairway which is begun by a monumental main newel. The stairway leads to the second story hall around which are arranged four corner chambers with intervening dressing rooms and baths. The third floor contains storage space and servants' quarters. To the west of the main body of the house is an ell which provides additional chambers and service rooms. In the basement are more servants' rooms as well as a drying room.

Throughout the house typical marble Victorian fireplaces are abundant. The use of wood also enhances the decorative program. Among the building materials ordered in 1865 were large amounts of cedar, chestnut, black walnut, butternut and spruce -- many of which were used in the beautiful polychromatic hardwood floors in the main portion of the house.

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Architectural Significance (continued)

Overlooking the Charles River, the Watertown Commanding Officer's Quarters is beautifully sited. It is approached from Arsenal Street by way of the tree-lined Talcott Avenue, traditionally known as the "Avenue of a Hundred Trees." In 1919 the Watertown Arsenal grounds were landscaped by the Olmsted Brothers, the son and adopted nephew of the famous Frederick Law Olmsted. The Olmsted Brothers paid particular attention to the area surrounding the Commanding Officer's Quarters. The land stretching to the riverbank was cleared of obstructions impairing a view of the Charles, and the porch steps were shifted to provide the house with a southern orientation toward the water. Much of the early landscaping and plantings remain today providing a park-like atmosphere for the residence of Watertown commanders.



B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1865

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Building 111, the Commanding Officer's Quarters at the Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center (formerly the Watertown Arsenal) was built in 1865 as the residence of Major Thomas J. Rodman who commanded the Arsenal during the Civil War period. Since that time the house has been occupied by 49 commanders of the installation. Many of these men have been officers of outstanding achievement who have played a significant role in the arms development and materials research for which the Watertown Arsenal was so well known.

Major Rodman distinguished himself through his development of the revolutionary "Rodman Casting Process" for making guns, and he also became nationally known for his experiments in the field of gun powder. Lt. Col. Theodore T. S. Laidley who commanded the Watertown Arsenal from 1871 to 1882 is credited with devising various maneuvering implements for handling Rodman guns and carriages, especially the "Laidley Gun Lift."

In 1909 Col. Charles B. Wheeler, commander from 1908 to 1917, introduced the Taylor System of Scientific Management into the Watertown Arsenal. Watertown led all other arsenals in the country in the adoption of such a system which enabled the installation to reduce costs and increase productivity, thus making it more competitive with private manufacturers. Col. Wheeler was also responsible for introducing the manufacture of armor piercing projectiles at Watertown.

Another notable occupant of the Commanding Officer's Quarters was Lt. Col. (later Brigadier General) Tracy C. Dickson (1917-1932). Dickson inaugurated the use of the centrifugal casting process in making gun tubes, a method which increased efficiency by 700%. Dickson's supervision of experiments in the cold-working or autofrettage process of strengthening gun tubes also brought about advances in arms manufacture.

In addition to many of their individual achievements at Watertown, a number of the commanding officers there later served as United States Chief of Ordnance in Washington.

The actual building of the Commanding Officer's Quarters brought about a controversy which contributed to the removal of Major Rodman from command at the Arsenal. Opponents of the spacious new quarters charged that they were

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dickson, Col. T. C. History of the Watertown Arsenal, 1928. Typed manuscript located at the Technical Library, AMMRC, Watertown, Massachusetts.
History of the Watertown Arsenal (Sept. 1916-Dec. 1942) and Related Records, Record Group 156, Entry 1401, National Archives Building, GSA, Washington, DC.
 Mather, Col. John. History of Watertown Arsenal (Nov. 1942). Typed manuscript located at Technical Library, AMMRC, Watertown, Massachusetts.
 "Papers Relating to the alleged mismanagement of the Watertown Arsenal by Maj. Thomas Rodman, Sept. 1864-July 1865" National Archives microfilm, M619, Roll 443, File 2293, National Archives, GSA, Washington, DC.

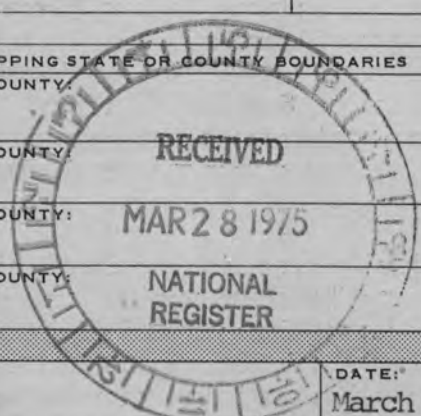
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	4691	840	
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Philip J. Corbett, Historical Officer DATE: March 1, 1975

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center

STREET AND NUMBER: 443 Arsenal Street PHONE: 923-3278

CITY OR TOWN: Watertown STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None
Elizabeth R. Amodon
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Frank B. Roche 12/23/75
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 Director, Real Property & Natural Resources, Title OASD (I&L)

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Joseph P. ...
 Acting Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/30/96

ATTEST:
Charles ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 1.21.76

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Historical Significance

being built for Rodman's own benefit and that the costs would reach an astronomical \$100,000 to \$150,000. Other testified that expenses would range between \$40,000 and \$60,000 -- much closer to the final \$63,478.65 cost than what critics estimated. Rodman himself left Watertown in July, 1865, never having the opportunity to live in the house which he had so laboriously planned and fought for.



Attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for completion of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS SUBMITTED.

Description: _____

Statement of Significance: Please justify "architectural significance" in this section. (Is this house architecturally distinct from its neighbors?) Two or three concise statements will suffice.

Bibliography: _____

Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s):

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

Certification: ~~The Fed. Rep.'s signature is required in this section.~~ ✓

Photographic Coverage: Duplicate photographs are not required by the Register.

Map Coverage: _____

Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Ward Jandl

of the National Register staff, telephone 202/523-5483.

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Charles R. [Signature]
Chief, Branch of Registration
DNCR

Date: 5.5.75

(NPS Worksheet) INT:2105-74

JUSTIFICATION OF ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The Commanding Officer's Quarters distinguishes itself from other structures in the area by being the most pretentious building on the old Arsenal grounds and, indeed, one of the most outstanding residences in the Town of Watertown. It is the only building associated with the Watertown Arsenal which exhibits a conscious effort to reflect current fashion in style and workmanship. Both the exterior and interior of the house are lavishly embellished with ironwork, wood carving, brickwork, and other detail which have no match in the simple military structures nearby. The magnificent scale and superb setting further distinguish the Commanding Officer's Quarters from other buildings in the vicinity.

Property Commanding Officer's Quarters, Bldg. III, Watertown

Middlesex

State Mass.

Working Number 3-28-75 486

Arsenal

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 2

Fed Rep didn't sign. - OK
pl 1.13.76
ditto OK

CONTROL

cm
3.31.75

with signature

HISTORIAN

Accept
W. R. Luce
4/28/75

Basically a good nomination — a separate ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
Statement justifying arch. significance would help. Return for Fed. Rep.
to sign — then ACCEPT.

H. W. Janell
4/1/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
5.1.75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

accept
Hunt
for Mantox 1.21.76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back 5.5.75

Entered JAN 30 1976

Federal Register Entry 3-2-76

Re-submit 1.12.76

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Photo 1

Commanding Officers Quarters
Stairway
Army Materials & Mechanics Res. Ctr. (Watertown Arsenal)
Watertown, Mass.

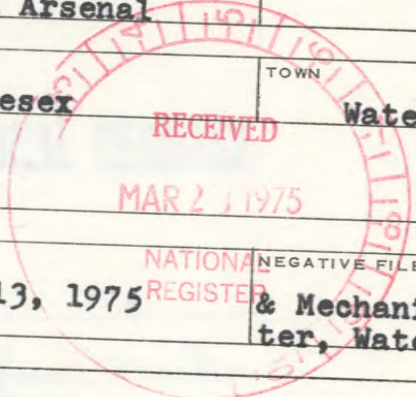
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

Photo 2

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		COMMON NAME		AND/OR HISTORIC NAME		NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)	
Commanding Officer's Quarters, Building 111 AMMRC		Commanding Officer's Quarters, Building 111 Watertown Arsenal					
2. LOCATION				STATE			
Massachusetts				COUNTY		TOWN	
Middlesex				Watertown			
STREET AND NUMBER							
443 Arsenal Street							
3. PHOTO REFERENCE				DATE			
PHOTO CREDIT				NEGATIVE FILED AT			
John Correggio				February 13, 1975			
				Army Materials & Mechanics Research Center, Watertown, Mass.			
4. IDENTIFICATION							
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.							



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Interior: Main stairway, central hall, first floor

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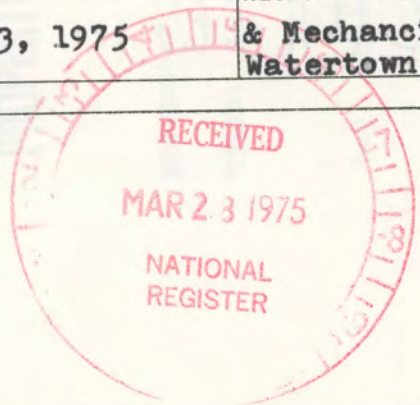
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Commanding Officer's Quarters, Bldg. 111, AMMRC	Commanding Officer's Quarters, Bldg. 111, Watertown Arsenal	JAN 30 1975

2. LOCATION STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Middlesex	Watertown

STREET AND NUMBER
443 Arsenal Street

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John Correggio	February 13, 1975	Army Materials & Mechancis Research Ctr. Watertown, Mass.

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Interior: fireplace first floor



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Commanding Officers Office
Fire place
Army Materials and Mechanics Res. Ctr. (Watertown Arsenal)
Watertown, Mass



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Commanding Officers Quarters
Fire place
Army Materials & Mechanics Res. Ctr. (Watertown Arsenal) Watertown, Mass.

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2. LOCATION	COUNTY	TOWN
STATE	Middlesex	Watertown

STREET AND NUMBER
443 Arsenal Street

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Interior: first floor fireplace

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Living room to right of
showing window architecture
Army Materials & Mechanic
Watertown Mass.

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		
Interior: living room to right of central hall, showing window architecture.		

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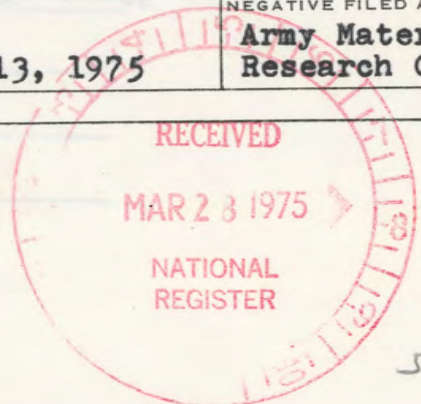
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2. LOCATION		
STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN Watertown
STREET AND NUMBER 443 Arsenal Street		

3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT John Correggio	DATE February 13, 1975	NEGATIVE FILED AT Army Materials & Mechanic Research Ctr., Watertown

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. East elevation



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Army Materials & Mechanics Research Center (Watertown Arsenal)
Watertown, Mass.
John Correggio, Photographer
Negatives on file AMMRC, Watertown

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

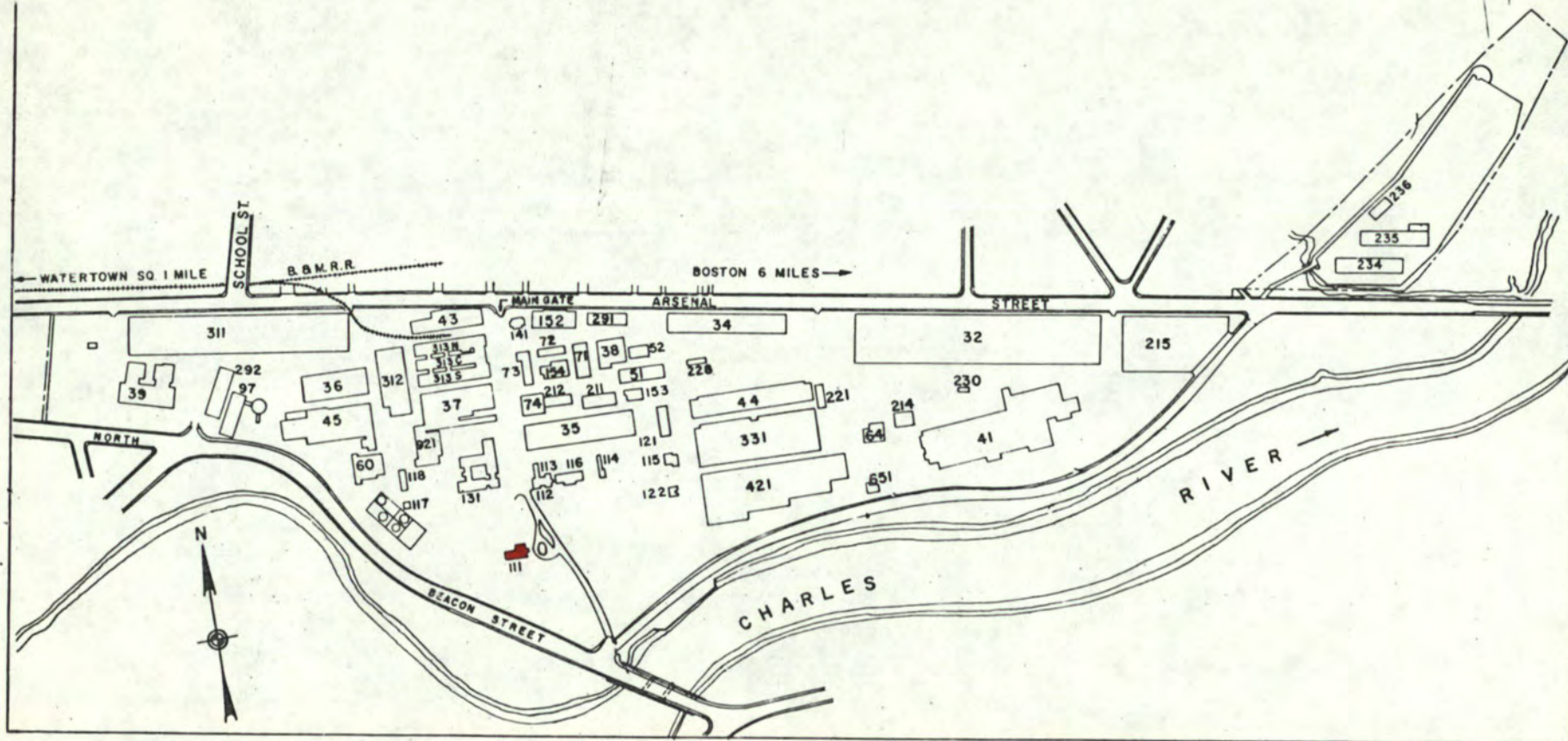
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443 Arsenal Street		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
AMMRC map showing lo- cation of COQ within Arsenal grounds	1974	

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



Location of the Commanding Officer's Quarters, Building 111 at the Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center (former Watertown Arsenal), Watertown, Mass.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

9113

1. NAME

COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Commanding Officer's Quarters, Building 111, AMMRC	Commanding Officer's Quarters, Building 111, Watertown Arsenal	30 1916

2. LOCATION

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Middlesex	Watertown

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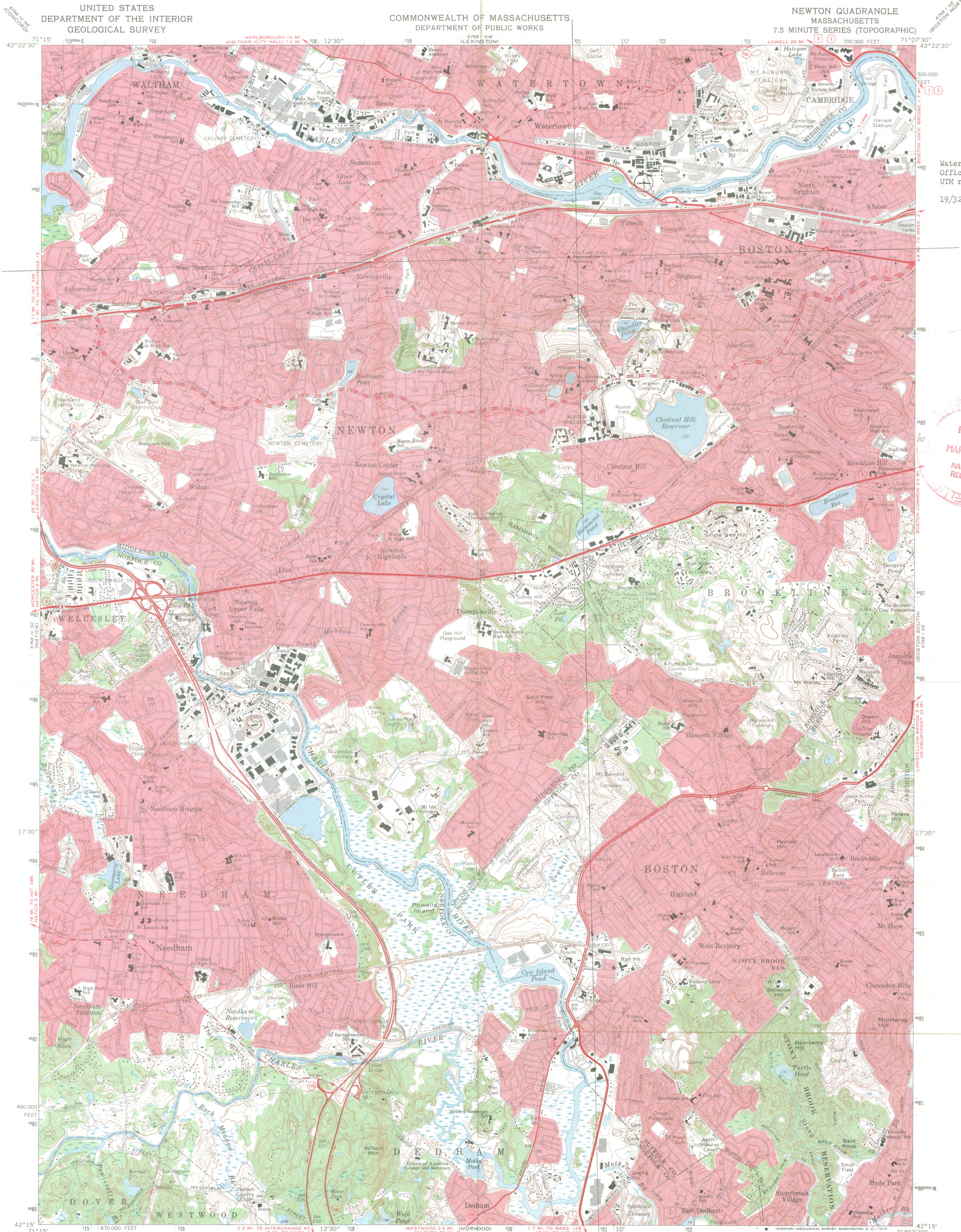
443 Arsenal Street

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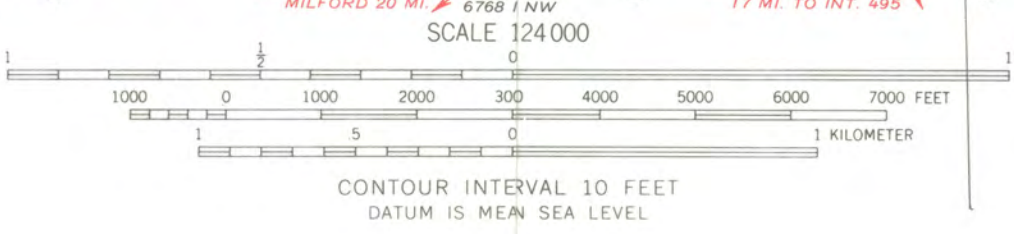




Watertown, Commanding
Officer's Quarters
UTM reference:
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taken 1939. Topography by planetable surveys 1943.
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone.
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
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



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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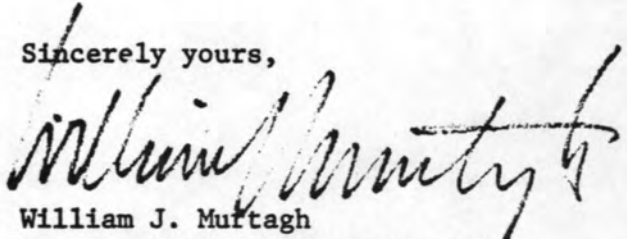
May 5, 1975

Dear Federal Representative:

This National Register nomination is returned to you for technical or professional revision as requested on the enclosed sheet. During the period when you are completing the revisions necessary for re-submission to the National Register, the property will be protected by the provisions of Executive Order 11593, Section 2(b), as it is likely to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register. The name and address of the property will also appear in the "Federal Register" as a 2(b) determination until the formal nomination is approved, at which time it will appear in the "Federal Register" with the other entries.

Should any situation arise concerning Federal action which will affect this property, please consult the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1522 K Street, N.W., Suite 430, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DAEN-MCP-A

31 December 1975

Mr. Charles A. Herrington
Chief, Branch of Registration
National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Inclosed nomination form and the additional supporting data you requested for the Commanding Officer's Quarters Building III, at the Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center, Massachusetts, are returned for further processing.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT J. FITZ
Chief, Program, Planning and Civil
Preparedness Division
Directorate of Military Construction

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1. NPS Worksheet
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **JAN 30 1976**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Commanding Officer's Quarters, Bldg. III, Watertown Arsenal	Watertown Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Mr. Robert F. Crecco, DOT

Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: **Commanding Officer's Quarters, Watertown Arsenal** ② OTHER NAMES: _____ ③ date of entry: **1-30-76** ④ county code: **017**

⑤ LOCATION street & number: **443 Arsenal St.** city / town: **Watertown** vicinity of: _____ state: **MA** county: **Middlesex** ⑥ NPS REGION: **North Atlantic**

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (Agency name) **U.S. ARMY** ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: _____

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS NAD NAER NHL ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: _____ ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL (if state who prepared form?) _____

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME: _____ ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME: _____ ⑮ ACREAGE: **.5** FEDERAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed unexcavated altered unaltered reconstructed excavated original site moved unknown 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 ENRONS 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: ARCHAELOGY - prehistoric-2 ARCHAELOGY - historic-1 AGRICULTURE-3 ARCHITECTURE-4 ART-5 COMMERCE-6 COMMUNICATIONS-7 CONSERVATION-8 ECONOMICS-9 EDUCATION-10 ENGINEERING-11 ENTERTAINMENT-26 EXPLORATION-12 HEALTH-27 INDUSTRY-13 INVENTION-14 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 LAW-16 LITERATURE-17 MILITARY-18 MUSIC-19 PHILOSOPHY-20 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RELIGION-22 SCIENCE-23 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25 RECREATION-28 SETTLEMENT-29 URBAN PLANNING-31 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____ ㉓ CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

㉔ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **Residence** CURRENTLY: **ditto** ㉕ dates of initial construction: **1865** major alterations: _____ historic events: _____ ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: _____

㉗ architectural style(s): **Italianate** ㉘ architect: _____ 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: **Maj. Thos. J. Rodman - commandant - helped design house & invented "Rodman Casting process" for forging guns.** EVENTS: _____ INSTITUTIONAL: _____

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP **Brick, 2 1/2 stories, irregular, truncated hipped roof, paneled interior chimneys with corbeled caps, front center double-door entrance with transom, projecting gabled center pavilion, 1-story balustraded porch, flanking 1-story porches, ~~paneled~~ corner pilasters, balustraded roof deck; Victorian interior fittings Italianate. Built as residence for Major Thomas J. Rodman, commander of arsenal who experimented with gun-powder and invented the "Rodman Casting Process" for making ^{shells} because of expense of residence, Rodman who had helped design it, was removed from command.**