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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Center Village District

AND/OR COMMON Center Village District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER multiple

CITY, TOWN Lancaster

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

STATE Massachusetts

CODE 025

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
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ 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 multiple

STREET & NUMBER multiple

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET & NUMBER 2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

National Historic Landmarks Site Survey

TITLE Historic American Buildings Survey

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1969, 1941, 1975

☒ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Washington, D.C.
Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

— EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
— FAIR

— DETERIORATED
— RUINS
— UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

— UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

— ORIGINAL SITE
— MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Center Village Historic District is composed of a fine sampling of high style and vernacular eighteenth and nineteenth century architecture. It includes seventy-one private residence, ranging in style from Federal to twentieth century Colonial Revival, and seventeen public buildings, including Bulfinch's renowned Lancaster Meeting House.

The district extends from the Sprague-Vose Bridge north along Main Street for eight-tenths of a mile. It is bounded on the west by the wide flood plain of the Nashua River and on the south by the Nashua River. Open fields surround its boundaries on the north and east.

At the center of the historic district is the rectangular town green. The green is the focal point of the town and around it stand five handsome public buildings: the Town Hall, Center School, First Church of Christ Unitarian, Center School and Tercentenary Building.

The Town Hall (25), designed by Boston architect A.W. Longfellow and built in 1908, is a Georgian Revival building. It is a two story brick structure erected on a rusticated granite foundation. The brick is New Hampshire water struck, laid in Flemish bond, and is trimmed with white marble. A hipped roof, with a balustrade that runs between two pairs of chimneys, covers the Hall. The facade of the building is symmetrical, with a slightly projecting central wing. Located at the center of the facade is the main entrance which is sheltered by a pedimented portico. The portico is composed of four wood-encased steel columns, a simple entablature with a dentilated cornice, and a deep pediment containing an elaborately decorated oculus window. The entrance door is double, with transom lights and a marble cornice cap. The Hall's fenestration is varied. The windows on the first floor are multi-paned with keystone lintels; those on the second floor are rounded with keystones. There are also two oculus windows, decorated with swags and garlands, on the second floor.

The Center School (26), built in 1904, was designed by Boston architect, Herbert Hale. It is a two story brick, neoclassical school building. Its symmetrical facade is composed of four white pilasters which support a large pediment. Within the pediment is the town crest, designed in high relief, and painted blue, gold, white and red. The windows in the school are eight over eight double hung sash and painted white. The corners are articulated by brick quoins and the roof is hipped.

The First Church of Christ Unitarian (29), built in 1816 by Charles Bulfinch, is considered to be a masterpiece of ecclesiastical design. It is an advanced neoclassical, finely scaled brick building that breaks from the traditional meeting house form in mass and geometric form. The roof is ridged and has a steeple with a bold theme of block, cylinder and sphere. The block of the steeple, which houses the clock, is graced with delicate fan-like motifs. The cylinder, where the bell is located, is formed by thin Corinthian columns and round-arched openings. The sphere which tops the steeple, is decorated with federal detail, including two dentil courses and swag and garland motifs. A pedimented porch, formed by five soaring arched openings, protects the symmetrical front entrances of the church. It is constructed of brick and articulated by six pilasters and a simple entablature that are painted white.

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The Public Library (28), erected in 1868, is Renaissance Revival brick building. It is a two story structure, with a two story rear wing, built on a rusticated stone foundation. Its symmetrical facade is dominated by a double stepped, pedimented pavillion. The second story of the pavillion is built of brownstone and forms a narrow porch. The porch is composed of two Corinthian columns and square corner pilasters which support a simple entablature and pediment. It is entered from the second story through a door flanked by simple side lights and capped with an elaborate fanlight. The windows in the main library building are six over six double hung sash, with keystone lintels. In the wing, the windows are adjoining six over six double hung sash, with the top sash round-arched. These windows are adorned with round-arched Italianate window caps.

The Tercentenary Building (27), is a Colonial Revival, multipurpose building. It was designed by Arland Dirlam and built in 1953. It is a one story structure with a ridge roof. The facade of the building is asymmetrical, with double doors graced with pilasters and capped with a broken pediment on the right side. The windows are twelve over eight sash.

The other public buildings are spread throughout the district. They include two small wood frame railroad buildings, three churches, three stores, the Post Office, Water Dept. Building, and the Perkins School which will be described below with the private residences in the district.

The private residences in the historic district, although they vary in style and date of construction, are unified by their common building materials and rural setting. They are of wood frame construction, of one and one half and two stories, with large tree-lined yards. A sampling of the houses in the district is described below.

The Aaron Willard House (16), built in 1750, is a Federal style house. It is a three story dwelling with a gently sloped hipped roof that is pierced by two stuccoed chimneys. The symmetrical facade of the house is of five bays, with a handsome Federal doorway. The doorway is composed of delicately fluted pilasters, a fanlight window, and a simple entablature with a dentilated cornice. The house is painted white and has black shutters.

The Joseph Andrews House (3), is a two story Greek Revival temple style house, built in 1830. The three bay facade (gable end) of the house is dominated by a massive two story portico. The portico is composed of four fluted Corinthian columns which support a simple entablature and pedimented roof. The first floor windows of the house are floor length; while those throughout the rest of the house are double hung six over six sash windows. The house is covered with clapboard and painted white.

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The Abby Carter Lane House (57), erected in 1870, is a two story dwelling with Gothic and Italianate detail. Its symmetrical facade is composed of three bays and is distinguished by its powerful central orientation. The dominating central focus is created by the vertical alignment of an elaborately decorated portico, round-arched window with round ended shutters and adorned with a decorative motif, and a small gable in the overhanging roof. The windows of the house are two over two double hung sash with black shutters. The first floor windows are topped by caps with delicate carved motifs. The roof of the house is hipped, with a large overhang that is articulated by small brackets. The roofline is highlighted with simple carved wood detail.

The Iver Johnson House (50), built in 1910, is a two and one half story dwelling. Its plan is irregular, yet balanced. The central entrance is reached through three round-arched openings that form a simple portico. On either side of the entrance are two projecting wings which combine to form the main house. They are adjoined, in a step-like fashion, by several smaller wings. The corners of the house are defined by brick quoins. Its fenestration is varied, but unified by the use of small paned windows throughout the house. The roof, which is pierced by numerous gables, is covered with slate. The house is currently owned and occupied by the Perkins School.

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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Center Village Historic District is a good example of a twentieth century New England town that has retained its nineteenth century character. Its fine vernacular and high style buildings, located in an essentially untouched rural setting, form an architecturally significant unit.

The town of Lancaster was first settled in 1643 as an outpost for trading with the Nashaway Indians. Within ten years, nine families has settled in Lancaster and the town was incorporated in 1653. (It is the oldest town in Worcester County.) None of the houses that were built during the seventeenth century remain. During the eighteenth century more permanent houses were built in the town and six of them are still standing. The majority of the houses within the district, however, were built in the nineteenth century. In 1849, the railroad was built through Lancaster and resulted in a period of rapid growth for the town. During this time the town and many small businesses, including: Carter-Andres Publishing Company, a hat shop, jewelry store, bookstore and bank. Today, most of these small businesses are gone and the town's center has assumed a residential character.

The architectural significance of the district is derived from the outstanding quality of several of the buildings within the district, as well as from the unified character of the structures. Bulfinch's Fifth Lancaster Meeting House, now the First Church of Christ Unitarian, is a recognized masterpiece in ecclesiastical design. It is considered to be Bulfinch's most innovatively and successfully designed building. The church is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Town Hall, designed by A.W. Longfellow, a prominent Boston architect, is also architecturally significant. Longfellow is noted for his Colonial and Georgian Revival buildings, and the Town Hall, with its excellent brick work and classical detail, is a fine example of his work. The Iver Johnson House is a fine example of an early twentieth century estate. When it was built in 1910, it was considered to be one of the most advanced complexes of buildings of its kind in the Northeast.

There are also numerous examples of good vernacular architecture within the district, including: the James Carter House, Murray A. Potter House, and Anthony Lane House. These outstanding buildings are complimented by the other houses and public buildings within the district, and together they form a coherent and architecturally significant unit.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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James G. Carter Map of 1831
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 254

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 280620 4704460
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C 19 280040 4703070

B 19 280470 4703020
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D 19 280000 4704460

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point at the northwest corner of the district and then running easterly along the northern property line of 966 Main Street, then proceeding across Main Street, then continuing easterly along the northern property line of 1003 Main Street, then proceeding southerly along the eastern property line of the same property, then easterly along the northern property line of 971 Main Street, then southwesterly along the eastern property line of the same property, then westerly along the southern property

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

Andrea Gilmore, Mass. Historical Commission & Phyllis Farnsworth, Lancaster Hist. Com.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

October 8, 1976

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 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

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

10/22/76

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Verbal Boundary
Description

line of 875 Main Street, then southerly along the eastern property line of 832 Main Street, then westerly along the southern property line of the same property, then southerly along the eastern property line of 809 Main Street, then easterly along the property line of the same property, then southwesterly along the same property line, and continuing southerly along the eastern property line of 26 Packard Street, then across Packard Street, and continuing southerly along the eastern property line of 35 Packard Street, and continuing southerly along the eastern property line of 28-30 Harvard Road, then along the southern line of the Harvard Road right of way, then southerly along the eastern property line of the town owned land at 693 through 711 Main Street, then southerly along the eastern property line of 30 Carleton Place, then easterly along the northern property line of 24 through 82 Neck Road, then southwesterly along the western border of the Boston and Maine right of way until Neck Road, then proceeding southeasterly across Neck Road, then southwesterly along the eastern property line of 96 Center Bridge Road, then across Center Bridge Road and proceeding southeasterly along the western line of the Center Bridge Road right of way, then proceeding southwesterly along the southeastern property line of 99 Center Bridge Road, then along the southwestern property line of the same property, then proceeding northwesterly across the Boston and Maine right of way, then southwesterly along the southeastern property line of 85 Center Bridge Road, then proceeding northwesterly along the eastern bank of the Nashua River to a point 200' west of Main Street, then continuing northerly along a line 200' west of Main Street, then running easterly along the northern property line of 976 Main Street, then northerly along the western property line of 966 Main Street and continuing to the starting point.

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- (2) Blanche Willard House, 61 Center Bridge Rd.
- (3) Joseph Andrews House, 77 Center Bridge Rd.
- (4) Matthews Woods Store, 85 Center Bridge Rd.
- (5) Breck Seed Barn, 99 Center Bridge Rd.
- (6) Railroad Warehouse, 96 Center Bridge Rd.
- (7) Lancaster Depot, 90 Center Bridge Rd.
- (8) Ezra Sawyer House, 66 Center Bridge Rd.
- (9) Dr. Calvin Carter House, 13 Neck Rd.
- (10) Elias Danforth House, 43 Neck Rd.
- (11) Church of the New Jerusalem, 59 Neck Rd.
- (12) Col. Samuel Willard House, 82 Neck Rd.
- (13) Henry Wilder House, 56 Neck Rd.
- (14) Richard Ward House, 36 Neck Rd.
- (15) George A. Johnson House, 24 Neck Rd.
- (16) Aaron Willard House, 14 Neck Rd.
- (17) Dr. J.L.S. Thompson House, 2 Neck Rd.
- (18) Mary Whitney House, 659 Main St.
- (19) Edward L. Greene House, 669 Main St.
- (20) Lancaster Academy, 19 Carleton Place
- (21) Raymond Joyce House, 30 Carleton Place
- (22) Filius Noel House, 20 Carleton Place
- (23) Tidd-Carleton House, 679 Main St.
- (24) Elmer Cheney House, 687 Main St.
- (25) Town Hall, 693 Main St.
- (26) Center School, 701 Main St.
- (27) Tercentenary Building, 709 Main St.
- (28) Town Library, 717 Main St.
- (29) Bulfinch Church, 725 Main St.
- (30) Lancaster Hotel Annex, 29 Harvard Rd.
- (31) Stedman Nourse House, 28-30 Harvard Rd.
- (32) Raymond Wright House, 22 Harvard Rd.
- (33) Carter-Andrews Co. Printing Office, 16 Harvard Rd.
- (34) Poplar Sweete Shoppe, 765 Main St.
- (35) Post Office, 771 Main St.
- (36) Old Store and Post Office, 779 Main St.
- (37) Brick Store, 783-5 Main St.
- (38) Lemuel Sawyer House, 15 Packard St.

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- (39) Charles Lyman House, 25 Packard St.
- (40) John Haskell House, 35 Packard St.
- (41) Catholic Church Parsonage, 26 Packard St.
- (42) Evangelical Congregational Church, 793 Main St.
- (43) Congregational Church Parsonage, 801 Main St.
- (44) Immaculate Conception Church, 809 Main St.
- (45) Benjamin Pickman House, 832 Main St.
- (46) Rev. Abijah P. Marvin House, 843 Main St.
- (47) Laura A. Burrage House, 863 Main St.
- (48) Russell McElhiney House, 875 Main St.
- (49) Francis Fleischner House, 887 Main St.
- (50) Mrs. Iver Johnson House, 971 Main St.
- (51) Memorial Building, 991 Main St.
- (52) Hermon Marshall House, 1003 Main St.
- (53) Hon. John Sprague House, 602 Main St.
- (54) Francis Whittemore House, 620 Main St.
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- (59) Cobb and Johnson Pocketbook Shop, 674 Main St.
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- (66) Samuel J. S. Vose House, 732 Main St.
- (67) George Carter House, 742 Main St.
- (68) Carter-Andrews Co. Tenants House, 20 Barnes Ct.
- (69) George Richards House, 24 Barnes Ct.
- (70) Parks-Barnes House, 32 Barnes Ct.
- (71) Carter-Andrews Publishing House, 762 Main St.
- (72) Rand-Hintington-Dorr House, 780 Main St.
- (73) Moses Smith House, 792 Main St.
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- (78) Murray Potter House, 850 Main St.
- (79) Dwight Goddard House, 868 Main St.
- (80) Benjamin Foster House, 892 Main St.
- (81) Robert Scalley House, 908 Main St.
- (82) John Greene Chandler House, 916 Main St.
- (83) John G. Chandler Carriage House, 922 Main St.
- (84) William McNeil House, 928 Main St.
- (85) James Carter House, 942 Main St.
- (86) Dudley Dorr, Sr. House, 962 Main St.
- (87) Nelson True House, 976 Main St.
- (88) Joslyn House, 996 Main St.

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- (2) Blanche Willard House, 61 Center Bridge Rd. 1914
- (3) Joseph Andrews House, 77 Center Bridge Rd. 1830
- (4) Matthews Woods Store, 85 Center Bridge Rd. 1851
- (5) Breck Seed Barn, 99 Center Bridge Rd. 1831
- (6) Railroad Warehouse, 96 Center Bridge Rd. 1849
- (7) Lancaster Depot, 90 Center Bridge Rd. 1849
- (8) Ezra Sawyer House, 66 Center Bridge Rd. 1834
- (9) Dr. Clavin Carter House, 13 Neck Rd. 1840
- (10) Elias Danforth House, 43 Neck Rd. 1845
- (11) Church of the New Jerusalem, 59 Neck Rd. 1881
- (12) Col. Samuel Willard House, 82 Neck Rd. 1727
- (13) Henry Wilder House, 56 Neck Rd. 1808
- (14) Richard Ward House, 36 Neck Rd. 1887
- (15) George A. Johnson House, 24 Neck Rd. 1876
- (16) Aaron Willard House, 14 Neck Rd. c.1750
- (17) Dr. J.L.S. Thompson House, 2 Neck Rd. 1846
- (18) Mary Whitney House, 659 Main St. 1851
- (19) Edward L. Greene House, 669 Main St. 1901
- (20) Lancaster Academy, 19 Carleton Place 1825
- (21) Raymond Joyce House, 30 Carleton Place, 1947
- (22) Filius Noel House, 20 Carleton Place, 1935
- (23) Tidd Carleton House, 679 Main St. c.1750
- (24) Elmer Cheney House, 687 Main St. 1923
- (25) Town Hall, 693 Main St. 1908
- (26) Center School, 701 Main St. 1904
- (27) Tercentenary Building, 709 Main St. 1953
- (28) Town Library, 717 Main St., 1868
- (29) Bulfinch Church, 725 Main St. 1816
- (30) Lancaster Hotel Annex, 29 Harvard Rd. 1900
- (31) Stedman Nourse House, 28-30 Harvard Rd. 1840
- (32) Raymond Wright House, 22 Harvard Rd. 1947
- (33) Carter-Andrews Co. Printing Office, 16 Harvard Rd. 1832
- (34) Poplar Sweete Shoppe, 765 Main St. 1913
- (35) Post Office, 771 Main St. 1961
- (36) Old Store and Post Office, 779 Main St. 1913
- (37) Brick Store, 783-5 Main St. c.1825
- (38) Lemuel Sawyer House, 15 Packard St. 1831
- (39) Charles Lyman House, 25 Packard St. 1835
- (40) John Haskell House, 35 Packard St. c.1825
- (41) Catholic Church Parsonage, 26 Packard St. 1915
- (42) Evangelical Congregational Church, 793 Main St. 1951

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- (43) Congregational Church Parsonage, 801 Main St. 1902
- (44) Immaculate Conception Church, 809 Main St. 1943
- (45) Benjamin Pickman House, 832 Main St. 1814
- (46) Rev. Abijah P. Marvin House, 843 Main St. 1872
- (47) Laura A. Burrage House, 863 Main St. 1885
- (48) Russell McElhiney House, 875 Main St. 1957
- (49) Francis Fleischner House, 887 Main St. 1961
- (50) Mrs. Iver Johnson House, 971 Main St. 1910
- (51) Memorial Building, 991 Main St. 1955
- (52) Hermon Marshall House, 1003 Main St. 1893
- (53) Hon. John Sprague House, 602 Main St. 1785
- (54) Francis Whittemore House, 620 Main St. 1915
- (55) Elias Danforth House, 634 Main St. 1833
- (56) Solon Wilder House, 648 Main St. 1883
- (57) Abby Carter Lane House, 658 Main St. 1870
- (58) George Withington House, 668 Main St. 1832
- (59) Cobb and Johnson Pocketbook Shop, 674 Main St. 1864
- (60) Charles Cobb House, 680 Main St. 1864
- (61) Humphrey Barrett House, 686 Main St. 1858
- (62) Henry C. Brown House, 692 Main St. 1879
- (63) Solon Wilder House, 698 Main St. 1879
- (64) Calvin Clark House, 708 Main St. 1881
- (65) Spencer R. Merrick House, 724 Main St. 1883
- (66) Samuel J.S. Vose House, 732 Main St. 1854
- (67) George Carter House 742 Main St. 1820
- (68) Carter-Andrews Co. Tenants House, 24 Barnes Ct. 1832
- (69) George Richards House, 32 Barnes Court, 1844
- (71) Carter-Andrews Publishing House, 762 Main St. 1800
- (72) Rand-Huntington-Dorr House, 780 Main St. 1810
- (73) Moses Smith House, 792 Main St. 1820
- (74) Lancaster Bank, 800 Main St. 1839
- (75) Ephraim Avery House, 808 Main St. 1890
- (76) Wilder Thurston House, 818 Main St. 1844
- (77) Dr. George M. Bartol House, 843 Main St. 1861
- (78) Murraray Potter House, 850 Main St. 1894
- (79) Dwight Goddard House, 868 Main St. 1920
- (80) Benjamin Foster House, 892 Main St. c.1800
- (81) Robert Scalley House, 908 Main St. 1956
- (82) John Greene Chandler House, 916 Main St. 1869
- (83) John G. Chandler Carriage House, 922 Main St. 1887
- (84) William McNeil House, 928 Main St. 1879
- (85) James Carter House, 942 Main St. 1827/1888

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Center Village Historic District Map Key 3

(86) Dudley Dorr Sr. House, 962 Main St. 1955

(87) Nelson True House, 976 Main St. 1898

(88) Joslyn House, 996 Main St. c.1780

PROPERTY OWNER LISTING
CENTER VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT
LANCASTER, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Center Village District

Lancaster, Mass. 01523

<u>Sketch Map #</u>	<u>MHC Inventory #</u>	<u>Name and Address of Historic Home</u>	<u>Name and Address of Owner of Historic Home</u>
1	C64	Joseph Breck House 47 Center Bridge Rd.	Mrs. Pamela McNamara 47 Center Bridge Rd.
2	C63a	Blanche Willard House 61 Center Bridge Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. A. Romeo 61 Center Bridge Rd.
3	C63	Joseph Andrews House 77 Center Bridge Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. William Black 77 Center Bridge Rd.
4	C62	Matthew Woods Store 85 Center Bridge Rd.	Mr. Kennerley Brown & Mrs. June Lynch 85 Center Bridge Rd.
5	C58	Breck Seed Barn 99 Center Bridge Rd.	Robert W. & Avis M. Spencer 99 Center Bridge Rd.
6	C58a	Railroad Warehouse 96 Center Bridge Rd.	Boston & Maine Corporation 150 Causeway St. Boston, MA 02114
7	C59a	Lancaster Depot 90 Center Bridge Rd.	Boston & Main Corporation 150 Causeway St. Boston, MA 02114
8	C59	Ezra Sawyer House 66 Center Bridge Rd.	Mr. John Hart 66 Center Bridge Rd.
9	C60	Dr. Calvin Carter House 13 Neck Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Sanders 13 Neck Rd.
10	C61	Elias Danforth House 43 Neck Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Schmidt 43 Neck Rd.
11	C61a	Church of the New Jerusalem 59 Neck Rd.	Current Topics Club Mrs. Franklin Perkins, President 732 Main St.
12	C3	Col. Samuel Willard House 82 Neck Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. Willard Redstone 82 Neck Road
13	C2	Henry Wilder House 56 Neck Rd.	Mrs. Evelyn Fentiman 56 Neck Rd.
14	C1a	Richard Ward House 36 Neck Rd.	Mrs. Agnes Richter 36 Neck Rd.
15	C1	George A. Johnson House 24 Neck Rd.	Dr. & Mrs. Richard Guenther 24 Neck Rd.
16	C69	Aaron Willard House 14 Neck Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Pirozzolo 14 Neck Rd.

Sketch Map #	MHC Inventory #	Name and Address of Historic Home	Name and Address of Owner of Historic Home
17	C68	Dr. J.L.S. Thompson House 2 Neck Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. John Codman 74½ Pickney Street Boston, MA 02114
18	C72	Mary Whitney House 659 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Donald LeRoy 659 Main St.
19	C72a	Edward L. Greene House. 669 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Ganter 669 Main St.
20	C75	Lancaster Academy 19 Carleton Place	Mr. Duncan Macdonald Pine Hill Rd. Bedford, MA 01730
21	C73b	Raymond Joyce House 30 Carleton Place	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond L. Joyce 30 Carleton Place
22	C73a	Filius Noel House 20 Carleton Place	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Martin 20 Carleton Place
23	C73	Tidd-Carleton House 679 Main St.	Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Gilman 679 Main St.
24	C75a	Elmer Cheney House 687 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. James H. Kerrigan, Jr. 687 Main St.
25	C76	Town Hall 693 Main St.	Town of Lancaster Board of Selectmen Town Hall
26	C76a	Center School 701 Main St.	School Committee Center School 701 Main St.
27	C76b	Tercentenary Building 709 Main St.	School Committee Center School 701 Main St.
28	C77	Town Library 717 Main St.	Board of Trustees Town Library 717 Main St.
29	C77a	First Church of Christ, Unitarian (Bulfinch Church) 725 Main Street	Standing Committee First Church of Christ, Unitarian 725 Main St.
30	C88a	Lancaster Hotel Annex 29 Harvard Rd.	Building is no longer in existence.
31	C88	Stedman Nourse House 28-30 Harvard Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. Donald LaFountain 28-30 Harvard Rd.
32	C87a	Raymond Wright House 22 Harvard Rd.	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sargent 22 Harvard Rd.
33	C87	Carter-Andrews Co. Print- ing Office 16 Harvard Rd.	Mr. Paul A. Turmaine 16 Harvard Rd.

Sketch Map #	MHC Inventory #	Name and Address of Historic Home	Name and Address of Owner of Historic Home
34	C86a	Poplar Sweete Shoppe 765 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Pelican 765 Main St.
35	C86b	Post Office 771 Main St.	Nicholas & George Prinos 62 Willow St. Clinton, MA 01510
36	C86c	Old Store and Post Office 779 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Joyce 779 Main St.
37	C114	Brick Store 783-5 Main St.	James S. Lockney, Jr. 783-5 Main St.
38	C112	Lemuel Sawyer House 15 Packard St.	Mrs. Prescott Henriques 15 Packard St.
39	C111	Charles Lyman House 25 Packard St.	Mrs. Emma Lou Lawrence 25 Packard St.
40	C113	John Haskell House 35 Packard St.	Mr. William C. Dymont 35 Packard St.
41	C114d	Catholic Church Parsonage 26 Packard St.	Immaculate Conception Church 809 Main St.
42	C114a	Evangelical Congregational Church 793 Main St.	Evangelical Congregational Church 793 Main St.
43	C114b	Congregational Church Parsonage 801 Main St.	Evangelical Congregational Church 793 Main St.
44	C114c	Immaculate Conception Church 809 Main St.	Immaculate Conception Church 809 Main St.
45	C126	Benjamin Pickman House 832 Main St.	Mrs. Francis McCarty 832 Main St.
46	C127	Rev. Abijah P. Marvin House 843 Main St.	Mr. Galen Paul Bruso Kilbourn Rd. So. Lancaster, MA 01561
47	C127a	Laura A. Burrage House 863 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Driskell 863 Main St.
48	C127b	Russell McElhiney House 875 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Shepard 875 Main St.
49	C127c	Francis Fleischner House 887 Main St.	The Manor Dr. Franklin Perkins School 971 Main St.
50	C127d	Mrs. Iver Johnson House 971 Main St.	The Manor Dr. Franklin Perkins School 971 Main St.

<u>Sketch Map #</u>	<u>IHC Inventory #</u>	<u>Name and Address of Historic Home</u>	<u>Name and Address of Owner of Historic Home</u>
51	C127e	Memorial Building 991 Main St.	The Manor Dr. Franklin Perkins School 971 Main St.
52	C127f	Hermon Marshall House 1003 Main St.	The Manor Dr. Franklin Perkins School 971 Main St.
53	C65	Hon. John Sprague House 602 Main St.	Standing Committee First Church of Christ, Unitarian 725 Main St.
54	C65a	Francis Whittamore House 620 Main St.	Dr. & Mrs. Alexander St.-Ivanyi 620 Main St.
55	C66a	Elias Danforth House 634 Main St.	Mr. Fred J. Doltoroff 634 Main St.
56	C66a	Solon Wilder House 648 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Yeo 37 Lake Shore Dr. East Falmouth, MA 02536
57	C67	Abby Carter Lane House 658 Main St.	Mrs. Jessica Queen 658 Main St.
58	C78	George Withington House 668 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith 668 Main St.
59	C79	Dobb & Johnson Pocketbook Shop 674 Main St.	Mrs. Henry Polansky 674 Main St.
60	C80	Charles Cobb House 680 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hazel 680 Main St.
61	C81	Humphrey Barrett House 686 Main St.	Evelyn Steele Estate c/o Miss Eleanor Brink 686 Main St.
62	C82	Henry C. Brown House 692 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Chester Locke 692 Main St.
63	C83	Solon Wilder House 698 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Bickford 698 Main St.
64	C83a	Calvin Clark House 708 Main St.	Raymond L. Joyce 30 Carlton Place
65	C83b	Spencer Merrick House 724 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. John Dowd 724 Main St.
66	C84	Samuel J.S. Vose House 732 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Perkins 732 Main St.
67	C85	George Carter House 742 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Dale McMullen 742 Main St.

Sketch Map #	MHC Inventory #	Name and Address of Historic Home	Name and Address of Owner of Historic Home
68	C118	Carter-Andrews Co. Tenants House 20 Barnes Court	Mr. John Evans 20 Barnes Court
69	C117	George Richards House 24 Barnes Court	Mrs. Marilyn Seaquist 24 Barnes Court
70	C116	Parks-Barnes House 32 Barnes Court	Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Dorr 32 Barnes Court
71	C115	Carter-Andrews Publishing House 762 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. John Gilmore 762 Main St.
72	C121	Rand-Huntington-Dorr House 780 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Lee Jamieson 780 Main St.
73	C122	Moses Smith House 792 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Follansbee, Jr. 792 Main St.
74	C123	Lancaster Bank 800 Main St.	Water Department Town Of Lancaster 800 Main St.
75	C124	Ephriam Avery House 808 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Grivakis 808 Main St.
76	C125	Wilder Thurston House 818 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Follansbee, St. 818 Main St.
77	C128	Dr. George M. Bartol House 843 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Austin Philbin 843 Main St.
78	C129	Murray Potter House 850 Main St.	Weymouth Hall Dr. Franklin Perkins School 971 Main St.
79	C130	Dwight Goddard House 868 Main St.	Curtis Hall Dr. Franklin Perkins School 971 Main St.
80	C131	Benjamin Foster House 892 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Parsons 892 Main St.
81	C132	Robert Scalley House 908 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. John Wolfe 908 Main St.
82	C134	John Greene Chandler House 918 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. William Snow, Jr. 918 Main St.
83	C134a	John Greene Chandler Carriage House 922 Main St.	Dr. & Mrs. Owen Mattingly 922 Main St.
84	C135	William McNeil House 928 Main St.	Mrs. Eleanor Richards 928 Main St.

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85	C136	James Carter House 942 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Hayden 942 Main St.
86	C137a	Dudley Dorr, Sr. House 962 Main St.	Dr. & Mrs. Leon Osachuk 962 Main St.
87	C137b	Nelson True House 976 Main St.	Mr. & Mrs. William Hopfmann 976 Main St.
88	C138	Joslyn House 966 Main St.	White Hall Dr. Franklin Perkins School 971 Main St.

Property Center Village District

State Mass

Working Number 10.27.76.4394

Worcester

TECHNICAL

Photos 23
Maps 1, 15 sketch map

CONTROL

KP
OK 10.27.76

HISTORIAN

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S. Gravina

11/2/76

USGS AND SKETCH DIFFER SLIGHTLY ON SOUTHWEST BOUNDARY
BUT GENERAL BOUNDARY DESC AND SKETCH MAP ARE IDENTICAL

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

accept
Cole
L. Brice
12.2.76
12.2.76

all buildings listed, but not dated, so we don't know what are intrusions
no discussion of boundaries, but look ok

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

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Cole
8-22-77

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8-8-77

KEEPER

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Federal Register Entry 11-1-77

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Re-submit _____

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Center Village Historic District
Lancaster, MA.
April, 1975
Marygail Neroni
Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County

Photograph #1 *623*

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Facing west, looking towards the James
Carter House

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Don Green District
C136 James Carter House (Hyden)
942 Main St.
Lancaster, Ma.
April, 1970
Photographer, Marygail Neroni*

#85



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Lancaster, Ma.
April 1975
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Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

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Looking northeast, towards the Benjamin
Pickman House

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Center District

*C126 Major Merrick Rice House Benjamin
(F.J. McCarty) Pickman*

*832 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.*

May 1975

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Lancaster, Ma.
May 1975
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Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County

Photograph #3 *823*

Looking northwest towards the Carter-An-
drews Publishing House

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*John Green District
Carter-Andrews Publishing
1115 Andrews House (John Green)
762 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photographer - Wendell Bartlett*



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Lancaster, Ma.
May 1975
Marygail Neroni
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Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County

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Photograph #4 *of 23*
Looking northwest towards the Rev. George
Murillo Bartol House

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Photograph Marygail Neroni

May, 1975

Lancaster, Mass.

843 Main Street

*Town Green District
c128 Rev. George Murillo Bartol House
(Quaker A. Phillips)*

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Lancaster, MA.
May 1975
Wendell Bartlett
Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

Photograph #5 *of 23* SEP 15 1977
Looking northwest towards the Joslyn House

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Don Allen District
C138 Joslyn House
(White Hall)
996 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photograph, Wendell Bartlett*

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Lancaster, MA.

May 1975

Wendell Bartlett

Lancaster Historical Commission

Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County

Photograph #6 *822*

Looking west towards the Moses-Smith House

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*Down Green District
6122 Moses Smith House
(Stickney - Hollander)
792 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photographer, Wendell Bartlett*

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Lancaster, MA.
May 1975
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Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County

Photograph #7 *0623*

Looking southeast towards the Center Store

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*Turn Green District
c 86a Center Store (log)
765 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
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Lancaster, MA.

May 1975

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Lancaster, Massachusetts

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Photograph #8 *of 23*

Looking east towards the Iver Johnson Estate

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May 1975

Lancaster, Mass.

971 Main Street

(Parkman School)

1172d Iver Johnson Estate

Lower Green District

1910

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Lancaster, MA.

Worcester County

May 1975

Wendell P. Bartlett

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Lancaster, Massachusetts

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Photograph #9 *0023*

Looking north towards the Bullfinch Church

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Town Green District

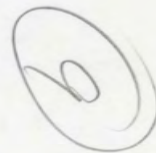
677a Bulfinch Church

725 Main Street

Lancaster, Mass.

May 1975

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Lancaster, MA.
May 1975
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Lancaster, Massachusetts

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Looking northwest towards the Mansion House

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*Center Village Historic District
669 Mansion House (Aaron Willard)
14 Neck Road
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photographer, Wendell Bartlett*

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Lancaster, MA.

Marygail Neroni

April 1975

Lancaster Historical Commission

Lancaster, Massachusetts

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Photograph #11

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Looking west towards the William McNeil
House

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Lancaster, Mass.

928 Main Street

Don Green District
C/35 ~~James Center House~~
William McNeil House

#84



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Lancaster, MA.
Wendell Bartlett *Worcester County*
May 1975
Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

Photograph #12 of 23
Looking east towards the Lancaster Bank-
Center Fire Department (Water Department)

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Down Green District
113 Lancaster Bank - Center Fire House
(Water Dept)
800 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photographer, Wendell Bartlett

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Lancaster, MA.

May 1975

Wendell P. Bartlett

Lancaster Historical Commission

Lancaster, Massachusetts

Photograph #13 of 23

Looking southwest towards the Mrs. Anthony
Lane House

Worcester Co.

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May 1975

Lancaster, Mass

658 Main Street

(Queen Chapel)

667 Mrs Anthony Lane House

Center Village District

1870

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Lancaster, MA.
Wendell P. Bartlett *Worcester Co.*
May 1975
Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

Photograph #14 *of 23*
Looking northwest towards the Hon. John
Sprague House

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Center Village Historic District
665 Hon. John Sprague House
(Parsonage)
602 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
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1785

#53



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Lancaster, MA.
April 1975
Marygail Neroni
Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County
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Photograph #15 *of 23*
Looking northwest towards the Murray Potter
House

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Down their District
c129 Murray & Potter House
(Lebanon School - Weymouth Hill)
850 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
April 1975
Photographer, Marygail Neroni*

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Lancaster, MA.
May 1975
Wendell P. Bartlett
Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

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Photograph #16 of 23
Looking southwest towards the Nelson True
House

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Lancaster, Mass.

976 Main Street

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C137 & Nelson True House

Down Green Street

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Lancaster, MA.
October 1974
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Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County

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Photograph #17 of 23

Looking northwest towards the Joseph Andrews
House

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*Center Village Historic District
63 Frederick Andrews House (Black)
71 Center Bridge Road
Lancaster, Mass.
Oct. 1974
Marygail Neroni - Photographer*

1830

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Lancaster, MA.
May 1975
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Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

Photograph #18 of 23
Looking northeast towards the Town Library

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Town Green District
277 Memorial Hall (Town Library)
717 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
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Lancaster, Massachusetts
May 1975
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Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, Massachusetts

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Photograph #19 923

Looking southwest towards the Joseph Breck
House

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664 Joseph Breck House (Tyndal)
47 Center Bridge Road
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photographer: Wendell P. Bartlett

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Lancaster, MA.
May 1975
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Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County

Photograph #20 of 23

Looking southeast towards the Town Hall

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Town Green District
676 Town Hall
693 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May, 1975
Photographer, Wendell Bartlett

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Lancaster, MA.

May 1975

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Lancaster, Massachusetts

Worcester County

Photograph #21 of 23

Looking northwest towards the Elias Danforth
House

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Center Village Historic District
666 Elias Danforth House (Bartlett)
634 Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photographer: Wendell P. Bartlett*

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Property Name

Center Village District

County, State

Worcester County,
Massachusetts

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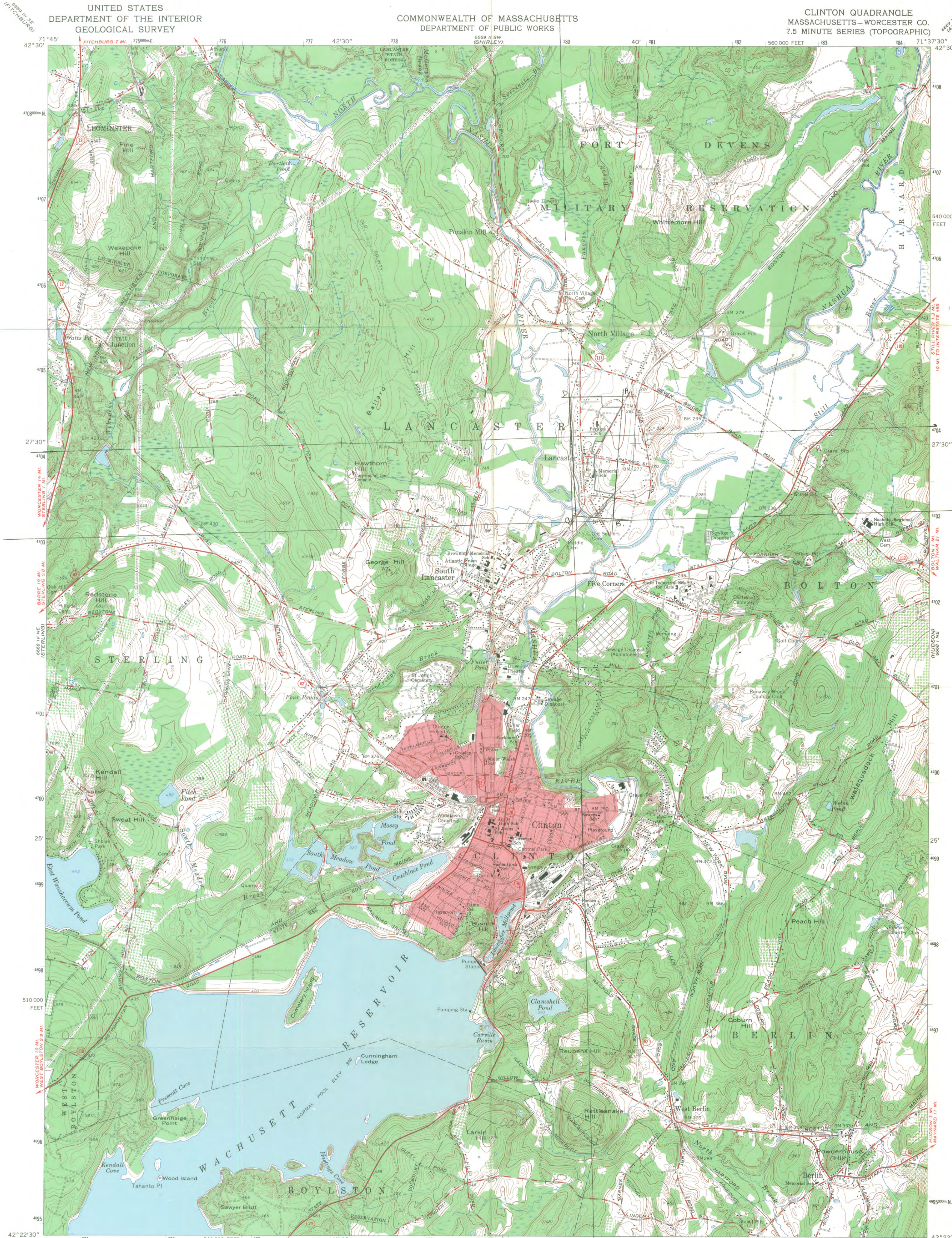
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☒ Photographs (missing #22-23)

☐ USGS Map



Center Village District
Lancaster, MA.

UTM References:
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B. 19/280470/4703020
C. 19/280040/4703070
D. 19/280000/4704460

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1939. Topography by planetable surveys 1923 and 1940
Revised 1965

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 area in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1965 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000

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DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
State Route



CLINTON, MASS.
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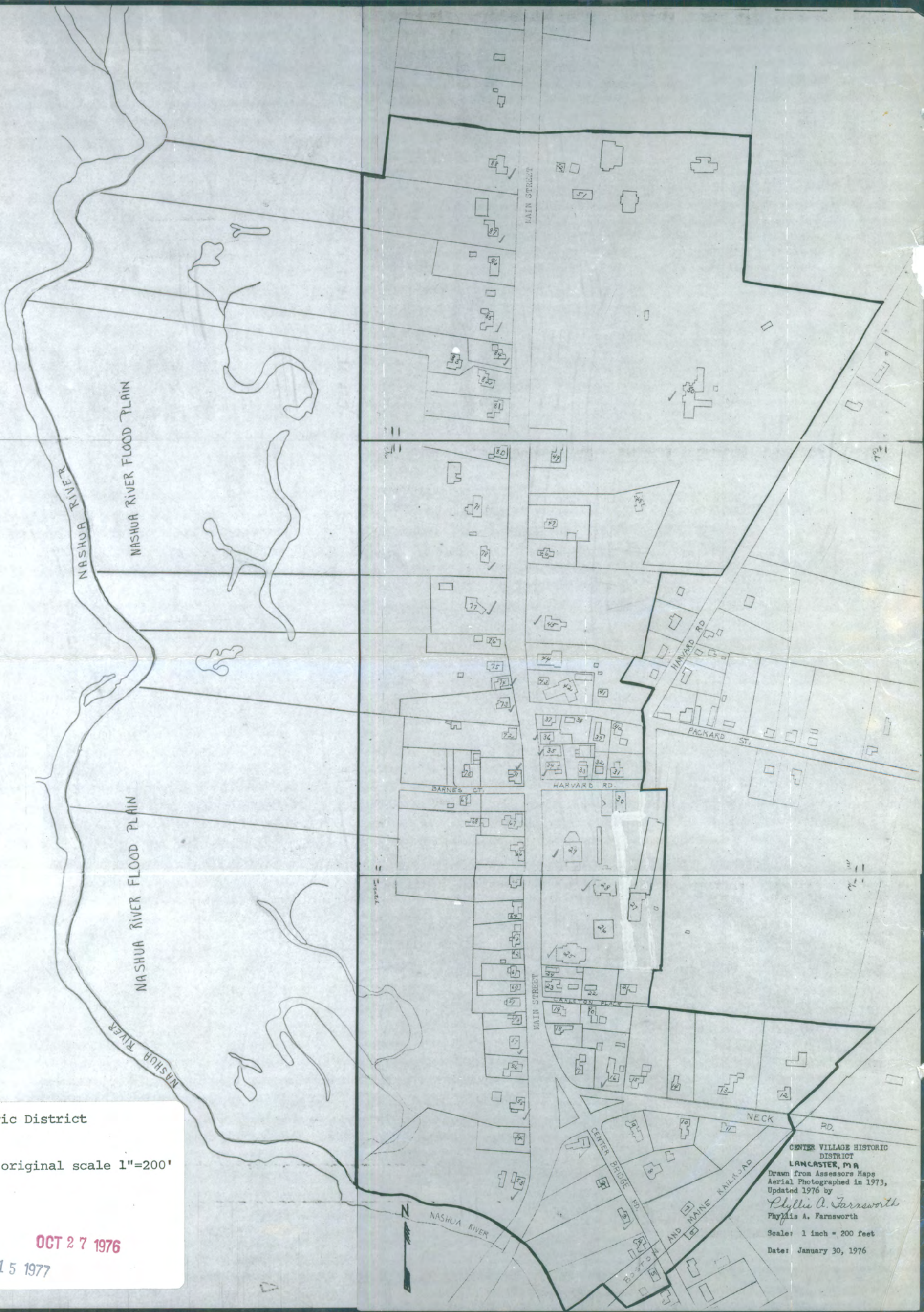
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Center Village Historic District
Lancaster, Ma.
District Sketch Map
Photoreduced from an original scale 1"=200'
1973, revised 1976

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CENTER VILLAGE HISTORIC
DISTRICT
LANCASTER, MA
Drawn from Assessors Maps
Aerial Photographed in 1973,
Updated 1976 by
Phyllis A. Farnsworth
Phyllis A. Farnsworth
Scale: 1 inch = 200 feet
Date: January 30, 1976



200'

CENTER VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT
LANCASTER, MA
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

*Secretary of the
Commonwealth*

*294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108
(617) 727-8470*

October 21, 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington
Registrar
National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find nomination forms for the following properties:

Concord, Monument Square-Lexington Road Historic District
Lancaster, Center Village District
Northampton, Calvin Coolidge House
Weston, Samuel Train House

These properties were reviewed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth R. Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

encl.
PLW/jro





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

*Secretary of the
Commonwealth*

*294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108
(617) 727-8470*

December 8, 1976

Mr. William Lebovich
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Bill:

Enclosed please find the revised District Sketch Map Key for the Lancaster Center Village Historic District NR nomination. I hope that this is satisfactory; if you need anything else, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Orfant
National Register Editor
Massachusetts Historical Commission

JRO/edh
enc.



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
H34-880

JUN 30 1977

Dear Property Owner:

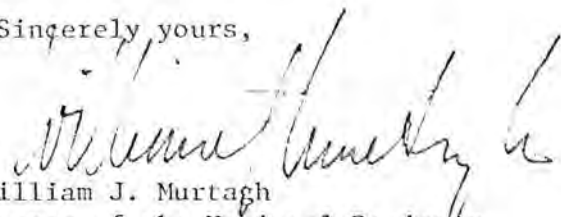
As you have probably already been informed by State or local representatives, the property you own is included in a district that has been nominated by the State for listing in the National Register which is that list of evidences of the past deemed worthy of keeping for the future by the Secretary of the Interior. This nomination is pending in our office.

Since you may not have been aware of potential benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 when the district including your property was originally considered by the State for nomination, we are sending informative material at this time. If you wish to make comments about your property or the district relative to the National Register "Criteria for Evaluation" (see enclosed green leaflet), we will be pleased to consider them as an adjunct to our evaluation of placing your property in the National Register. Comments should be made within 30 days of the date of this letter and should be addressed to Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Information concerning standards for rehabilitation may be obtained from Technical Preservation Services, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Questions concerning the National Register program or the implementation of the historic preservation provisions of the Tax Reform Act should also be addressed to the Keeper of the National Register. Inquiries must include the name of the district (see address label) and property address to be properly handled.

Sincerely yours,


William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered SEP 15 1977

Name

Location

Center Village District

Lancaster
Worcester County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Robert F. Drinan

Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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

880 Mott/js 9/22/77



ARCHIE J. HORNE
American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers (MAI)
Society of Real Estate Appraisers (SREA)

CALVIN B. HASTINGS
American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers (MAI)
Society of Real Estate Appraisers (SRA)
Greater Worcester Board of Realtors

July 31, 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Pension Building
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Attention: NOM

Re: Center Village
Historic District
Swiacki Realty Building
Southbridge, MA

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 23, 1979 informing me of the building which I have recently purchased, is being nominated for a listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Since this property, in addition to housing my business, is an income property, I am concerned as to what effect this nomination may have on my future use of the facility.

I would therefore greatly appreciate it if you could forward to me more information relative to the program to properly help me evaluate its effect on my property.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely


Calvin B. Hastings, President
Bay Path Development Corporation

CBH/dn
cc: David Kearsley, WCNB

HORNE and HASTINGS ASSOCIATES, Incorporated

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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DATE REC'D AUG 2 1979

 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

 INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

 TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN

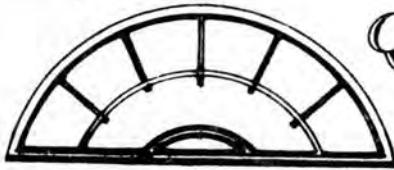
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Quinebaug Valley
Council for the
Arts & Humanities

111 Main Street, Southbridge MA 01550

(617) 764-3341

August 2, 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Pension Building
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20243

Attention: NOM

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I, in reference to H32-NR, am genuinely pleased that the Centre Village Historic District has been identified and nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. A reviewer of Abbott Lowell Cummings' book, The Framed Houses of Massachusetts Bay 1625-1725, states: "A nation's buildings are a record of the character and aspirations of its people." A sense of the past is urgently needed as we pass so increasingly quickly into the future. A district such as this serves as a focus for our understanding of the importance of our past accomplishments and learned lessons; and as a stage on which to concentrate our understanding and resolving of current situations. It also helps to manifest pride, curiosity, a sense of community, and other wonderful qualities. Also, the criteria for evaluation of nomination are handsomely met by this area.

From my vantage point as Executive Director of the Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts & Humanities, located at 111 Main Street, Southbridge, Massachusetts, I must state that inclusion of our property in a historic district would have financial benefits as well as the numerous benefits of distinction. Henry Harlow, Chief Curator, Old Sturbridge Village has said the following about 111 Main Street:

The House is an important example of early nineteenth century architecture. It is one of the very few examples still standing in the Town. The house retains many of the elements incorporated in the original construction. The families were always prominent citizens of the Town. Being families of means, their Victorian alterations were done in a grand style and give an interesting aspect to the present-day appearance.

The house set in the midst of its grounds is a beautifully restful spot in the midst of a commercial neighborhood.

August 2, 1979

I urge you to act favorably on the nomination to place the Centre Village Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Winetrout

Mark Winetrout
Executive Director
QVCAH

MW/11

cc: Mrs. Bernard Walkowiak

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
AUG 6 1979
DATE REC'D _____

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

T.L. HOME CALL (ATTACHED)
DATE ACCT. IN TAKEN _____
INITIALS _____

c/s of

Robert & Erma Lataille
192 Everett St.
Southbridge, MA 01550

RE: Centre Village Historic District
Costa Block

CENTRE VILLAGE HISTORIC
DISTRICT 7/17/77

August 6, 1977

Dear Mr. ^{MR}Montagh:

(MM)

I have received your letter on July 23, regarding the historic district that my building is located on and my wife and I would like to be considered in being listed in the National Register. We have done some renovations on the building, the work will be completed in two more weeks. We had the building renovated to it's early 1900 appearance, and this will blend in with the downtown renovations that was completed last year.

Hope to hear from you again

Sincerely
Robert R. Lataille

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D AUG 9 1979

INDIVIDUAL 167-1122 (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE IN GENERAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

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Centre Village Historic District
7/17/79

August 16, 1979
P.O. Box 443
Southbridge, MA 01550

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Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Serv.
Department of the Interior
Pension Building
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

(MA)

Attention: NOM

Re: Croce R. DiGregorie Reply Reference: H32-NR
P.O. Box 443
Southbridge, MA 01550

Centre Village Historic District
Whitford Building

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 23, 1979, I was certainly pleased to see that you are considering putting my building and other parts of the downtown Southbridge on your National Register of Historic Places. I think that our downtown is one of the finest examples of late Victorian architecture of any downtown Main Street any where in the United States. It would certainly be a crime if we could not maintain and continually try to rehabilitate this great example of turn of the century architecture.

The history of our town over the last approximate 100 years as the center of southern Worcester County's economic and social development is certainly related to the buildings on Main Street and the activities that have taken place from those buildings. Culminating in our recent recognition as an All American City for the year 1979, it is my intention if my building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places to take advantage of the tax incentives and rehabilitate and upgrade my building so that it can continue without decay and become a reminder of our past history. It is my intention to keep the building consistent with its historic character and consistent with the character of the entire Main Street. I shall certainly comply with the standard of the Secretary of Interior for rehabilitation if our area is named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Southbridge can look with great pride at its great past, especially with the kind of buildings that we can maintain and show off to future generations.

Very truly yours,

Croce R. DiGregorio
Croce R. DiGregorie

CRD:LH

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 12, 2, 76
Reviewer: INITIALS:
LEBOVICH
DOE
NR

SEP 15 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Center Village District

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER irregular pattern along Main St.
CITY, TOWN Lancaster CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd
STATE Massachusetts VICINITY OF 025 COUNTY Worcester code 027

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	DETERIORATED	UNALTERED
	GOOD	RUINS	ALTERED
	FAIR	UNEXPOSED	Reconstructed
		Unexcavated	Excavated
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-

now-

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

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

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)

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)