

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER

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Extension of the boundary of the Colonel John Ashley House to include 30
acres of land south of the house:

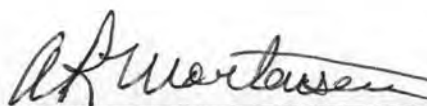
South of the Colonel John Ashley House are some 30 acres of land known as Conklin Field. The land is situated south of Cooper Hill Road, bordering the site of the Colonel John Ashley House along Stony Brook, and extending to the intersection of Cooper Hill and Rannapo Roads. The land is bordered on the east by Weatogue Road (except for $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres which is private property) and to the south by Bartholomew's Cobble Reservation owned by the Trustees of Reservations. Conklin Field contains no structures and is presently being used to raise corn for silage.

The Colonel John Ashley House site should be enlarged to include the 30 acres of land known as Conklin Field for two reasons. First, the open space surrounding the site was originally part of the extensive property of Colonel John Ashley. Conklin Field adjoins the 170-acre Bartholomew's Cobble Reservation which also was once part of Colonel Ashley's farm. Preserved for public enjoyment by the Trustees of Reservations, Bartholomew's Cobble was declared a National Natural Landmark by the United States Department of the Interior in 1971.

Second, the rural setting of the Colonel John Ashley House provides the pleasant farmscape which is so essential to the preservation of a property which shows our forefathers' way of life in the Berkshires. The field is for sale by a private owner who does not have as one of his priorities the future physical appearance of the area. There is one-acre zoning in Sheffield, and there are no frontage requirements. The construction of houses in this field would, of course, drastically alter the character of the landscape and the Colonel John Ashley House would lose the pastoral features of a farmstead.

UTM Reference:

- A 18/636460/4657500
- B 18/636400/4657120
- C 18/636020/4657140
- D 18/635930/4657480


Director, Office of Archeology and
Historic Preservation

Property	Ashley, Col. John, House	Boundary Change 87002172
State	Mass.	Working Number 12.11.74.2133
TECHNICAL	See Letter	CONTROL cm OK 8.6.75 HISTORIAN
Photos		
Maps	2	

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
THERE SEEMS SUFFICIENT HISTORICAL
JUSTIFICATION FOR BOUNDARY EXPANSION
ACCEPT
LEBOVITZ
7-30-75

ARCHEOLOGIST

justification seems valid
OTHER
ACCEPT
H. J. J. J.
8/5/75
HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
W. R. F. J.
8/5/75

BRANCH CHIEF

accept
Aug 10
8.6.75

Since part of original
property. — —

KEEPER

Wm
AUG 7 1975

National Register Write-up _____	Send-back _____	Entered AUG 11 1975
Federal Register Entry _____	Re-submit _____	

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Colonel John Ashley House

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

CITY/TOWN Sheffield

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Berkshire

STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS, Ashley Falls Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24000

DATE 1958

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
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SOURCE Trustees of Reservations

SCALE 1" = 700'

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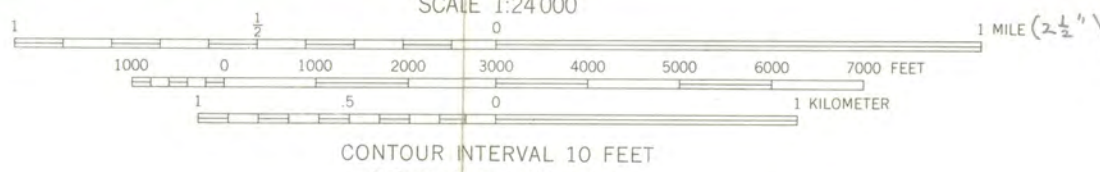
Colonel John Ashley House
Sheffield, Massachusetts

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, Massachusetts Harbor and Land Commission,
Massachusetts Geodetic Survey, and Connecticut Geodetic Survey
Topography in Connecticut by planetable surveys 1944
Topography in Massachusetts by photogrammetric methods and by
planetable surveys 1946. Aerial photographs taken 1942
Revised 1958
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone, and Connecticut coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1908 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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

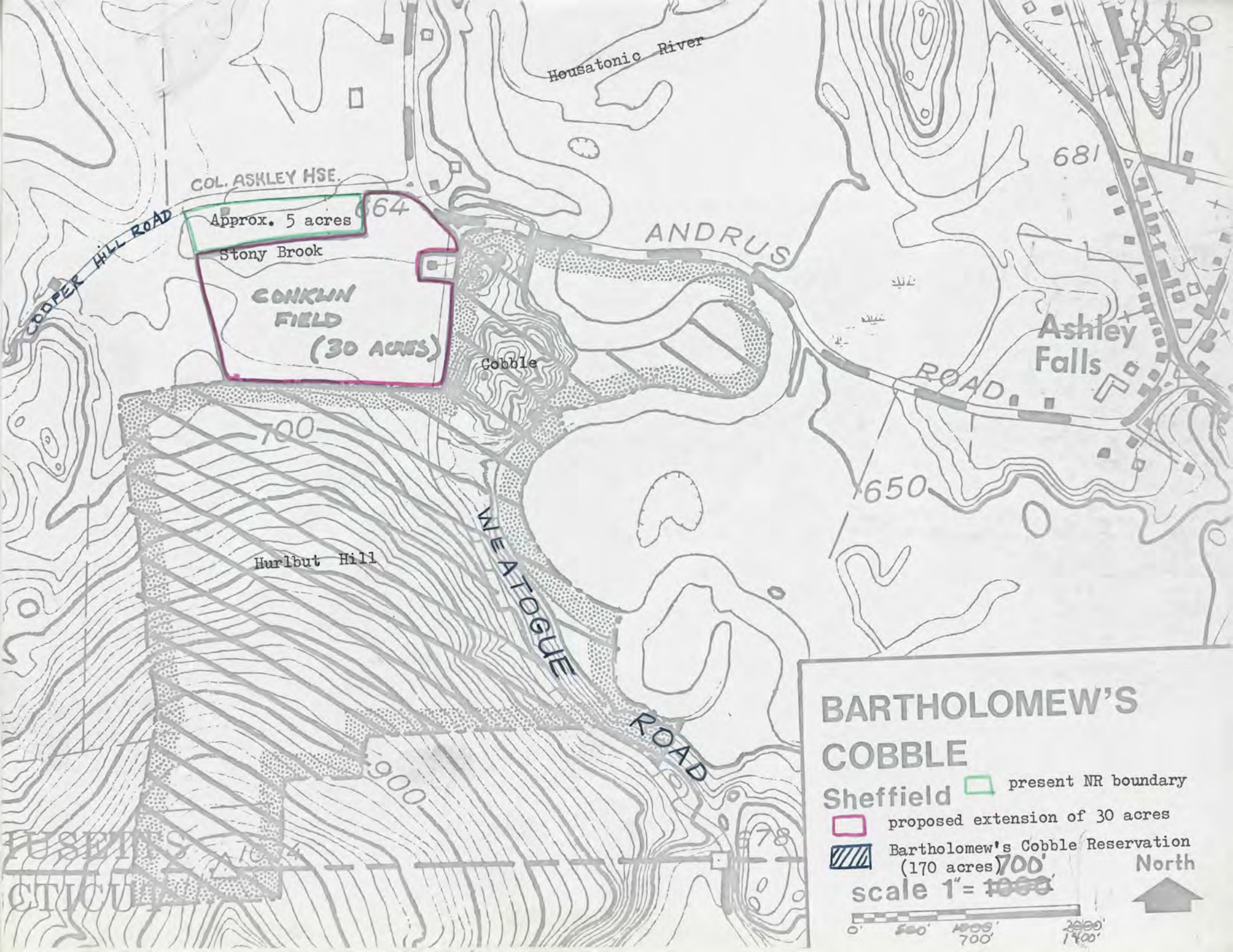
ASHLEY FALLS, MASS.-CONN.
N4200-W7315/7.5

1958

AMS 6368 III SE-SERIES V814

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST





Housatonic River

COL. ASKLEY HSE.

Approx. 5 acres

Stony Brook

CONKLIN
FIELD
(30 ACRES)

Cobble

ANDRUS

Ashley
Falls

ROAD

Hurlbut Hill

WEATOGUE
ROAD

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE

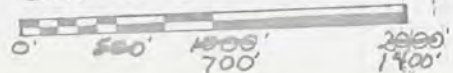
Sheffield  present NR boundary

 proposed extension of 30 acres

 Bartholomew's Cobble Reservation
(170 acres)

scale 1" = 1000'

North





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Paul Guzzi

Secretary of the Commonwealth

40 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

727-8470

24 July 1975

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
US Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20240



Dear Charles:

Enclosed is a continuation sheet for the Colonel John Ashley House (accepted in National Register 2/10/75) in Sheffield, Massachusetts. The continuation sheet proposes the extension of the boundaries of the Colonel John Ashley National Register property (5 acres) to include 30 acres of open land south of the site. The inclusion of this land, known as Conklin Field, was voted eligible by the State Review Board on July 8, 1975.

The Trustees of Reservations, who own the Colonel John Ashley House, wish to see the extension of the National Register boundary to include Conklin Field for two reasons. First, they would like to be eligible to apply for National Register grants-in-aid for acquisition of the land from a private owner who is selling it. Second, they feel that their purchase is essential because of the imminent threat of a developer acquiring the land for subdivision.

With the purchase of Conklin Field, the Trustees of Reservations would not only be able to preserve the open land surrounding the Ashley House, but would also be able at last to bring together all the land owned by Colonel Ashley in the eighteenth century. The Massachusetts Historical Commission is in support of this boundary extension and hopes that it will be accepted for inclusion in the National Register.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Reed Amadon
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
State Historic Preservation Officer

ERA: JD: jd

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered AUG 11 1975

Name

Location

Rising Paper Mill

Great Barrington
Berkshire County

Ashley, Col. John, House

Sheffield
Berkshire County

*Boundary
Review
approved*

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Silvio O. Conte

Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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

PR

MMott/row

8/22/75

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION

Do Not
Use
This
Space

1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

75050496

2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)

3. GRANITOR: a. Federal agency

Department of the Interior

b. Organizational unit

National Park Service

c. Administering office - (1) Name

Division of Grants

(2) Address - Street or P.O. Box

18th and C Streets, NW,

City

Washington

State

D.C.

Zip Code

20240

4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER:

a. Code

b. Title

25-76-00649-00

Col. John Ashley House Acquisition

c. Purpose Project work will involve acquisition of 34 acres by the Trustees of Reservations from private ownership.

5. GRANTEE: a. Name

Massachusetts Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon, Exec. Dir., MA Historical Commission

b. Address - Street or P.O. Box

294 Washington Street

City

Boston

State

Massachusetts

Zip Code

02108

6. GRANTEE TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)

a. State

b. Inter-state

c. County

d. City

e. School district

f. Special unit

g. Community action

h. Sponsored organization

i. Other

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7. APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE

Year Month Day
76 04 26

8. ACTION DATE

Year Month Day
76 5 26

9. EFFECTIVE STARTING DATE

Year Month Day
76 5 26

10. ENDING DATE

Year Month Day
79 5 25

11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)

a. New grant

b. Continuation grant

c. Supplemental grant

d. Change in existing grant

(identify agency in item 16)

(1) Increase in duration

(2) Decrease in duration

(3) Cancellation

(4) Increase(\$)

(5) Decrease(\$)

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12. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

a. Federal - (1) basic

(2) Supplemental

\$ 6,000

\$

b. State

\$ 54,000*

c. Local

\$

d. Other

\$

13. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (if none, clarify in item 16)

a. Program Number

15.904

b. Supplemental Program Number

14. AUTHORIZATION

a. Federal Budget Accounts

10-58-1040-0-1-405

b. Public Laws

PL

Title

Sec.

89

665

PL

Title

Sec.

PL

Title

Sec.

c. U.S. Code

16 U.S.C. 470

15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only)

a. City Cooper Hill Road and Weatogue Road, Sheffield

b. County

Berkshire

CD 1

16. REMARKS

*Land Conservation Trust