

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Founder's Halland/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Atlantic Union College Campus not for publicationcity, town Lancaster vicinity of congressional district Secondstate Massachusetts code 025 county Worcester code 027

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Atlantic Union Collegestreet & number South Main Streetcity, town Lancaster vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Registry of Deedsstreet & number Main Streetcity, town Worcester vicinity of state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets
title of the Commonwealthhas this property been determined eligible? yes nodate 1976 federal state county localdepository for survey records Mass. Historical Commissioncity, town Boston vicinity of 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

Founder's Hall is located at the center of the campus of Atlantic Union College, approximately 200' north of Flagg Street and 400' west of South Main Street in South Lancaster. Land surrounding the building is laid out in lawns, paths and planting beds. Founder's Hall is a two-and-one-half story structure of balloon-frame construction with decorative elements drawn from both the Victorian Gothic and Queen Anne styles. The structure has a basically rectangular plan with a projecting central pavilion on both its east and west elevations. The building rests on a high brick foundation and is enclosed by a steeply pitched hip roof with gables over both pavilions; all roofs terminate in open eaves with exposed rafters. The exterior is covered with clapboards, some vertical tongue-and-groove boarding and decorative shingling (in the gables only).

The facade (west elevation) is symmetrical; at its center is a one-bay deep pavilion. Set in front of the pavilion is an open porch. This porch sits on a base which is enclosed by lattice-work; rising from the base are chamfered posts which support a shed roof and a decorative gable at the porch's center. Decorative trim of the porch consists of a shingled railing surmounted by squat turned balusters, pierced brackets, an apron beneath the cornice and decorative panelling on the end gables of the shed roof (north and south). At the first story the pavilion contains an entry with panelled doors and a five-pane transom, flanked on each side by one 4/4 window; these windows are set in unmoulded frames and have caps decorated by shallow brackets and a bank of saw-tooth trim. All windows of the building's first two stories have this decorative trim and are made up of units containing 4/4 sash. At the center of the pavilion's second story is a double window which is flanked on each side by a single window; the heads of all of these windows project into a bank of vertical boarding. Centered in the gable is a tri-partite window above which is a smaller projecting gable bearing the numerals "1884." The gable is trimmed by a solid bargeboard set on brackets at its base. Rising above the ridge of the pavilion's roof is an open, square-plan bell-tower. The bell-tower rises from a shingled base to a landing framed by wooden posts, brackets and a decorated railing. The bell-tower is enclosed by a truncated hip roof. Side walls of the pavilion (north and south) contain one window centered at each story. Set back from and flanking the pavilion, the west elevation of the main block of the building contains one set of paired windows at each story and one shed dormer with 3/3 sash on each side of the pavilion.

Side walls (north and south elevations) of the main body of the building are identical and reflect the interior's division into classrooms. Each side wall has two 2/2 windows at the basement, two sets of tri-partite windows at both the first and second stories and one shed dormer, all symmetrically placed. Each shed dormer contains a central window of 3/3 sash flanked by each side by one window of 2/2 sash.

The rear wall (east elevation) echoes the basic arrangement of the facade, although it lacks an entry and its central pavilion is deeper, serving as a rear wing. The east elevation of the rear wing is symmetrical, containing two sets of paired windows (2/2 sash) at the basement and two pairs of windows at both the first and second stories; in the gable there were originally two sets of paired windows; however, the northern half of the southern pair has been converted to a doorway which leads to a fire escape. Above the attic's windows is an overhang which rises to a truncated gable. Rising up the center of the east elevation is an exterior brick chimney. Side elevations of the rear wing (north and south) each contain paired 2/2 sash at the basement, a simple set of paired windows at both the first and second stories, and a shed dormer with 3/3 sash at the attic. The east elevation of the building's main block flanks the rear wing and contains, on each side, paired 2/2 windows at the basement and a single set of paired windows at both the first and second stories.

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Alterations to the building are insignificant and consist of the cutting of several small doors at the second and attic stories of the east elevation and rear wing to provide access to an iron fire escape at the building's southeast corner.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1883-1884 **Builder/Architect** Barker & Nourse, Architects (Worcester, MA)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Founder's Hall retains the integrity of its original design, setting, materials, workmanship, location and historical associations with the development of the private educational system of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, a system which has a current enrollment of 535,000 students. The building was constructed in the winter of 1883-1884 under the direction of Elder Stephen N. Haskett, a founder of the Adventist Church, from plans prepared by the Worcester architectural firm of Barker and Nourse in 1883. It is now the oldest extant educational building in the Adventist system. Haskell financed the project by floating a stock issue of \$75,000 among the 15,000 Adventists of the time. Wood for the building's construction was cut in a local woodlot and much of the construction labor was donated without charge.

Upon completion, Founder's Hall housed the South Lancaster Academy. Later, the building was used as the administration building of Lancaster Junior College and of its successor, the Atlantic Union College. Subsequently, the building was in use as the College's Music Conservatory until 1975-1976 when it was restored and converted to the school's Religion Center. Included in this last change of use was the opening of a museum room containing Adventist memorabilia and historical documents. Also included in the building is the Miller Chapel, restored in 1975-1976, in which are exhibited oil portraits of William and Lucy Paulina Miller, leaders of the Millerite Movement of the 1830's and 1840's out of which Adventism grew, as painted by American primitive painter Horace Bundy. In addition, the chapel contains a rare 1843 Millerite Chart, the oak pulpit and rostrum furniture from Miller's church. Soon to be installed is a tracker organ make by John Steer. At present, the building is used for theology and religion courses, ministerial practice courses, religious services, weddings and public meetings.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Records at Founder's Hall
 Records of the Atlantic Union College

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Clinton

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	9	2	7	9	0	9	0	4	7	0	2	4	8	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing					

C

Zone		Easting				Northing					

D

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Zone		Easting				Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to the attached assessor's map. The boundary is delineated in red. It was drawn to include only Founder's Hall, the oldest building on the campus.

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/title Brian Pfeiffer, Consultant with Phyllis Farnsworth
Lancaster Historical Comm.

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date November 1979

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

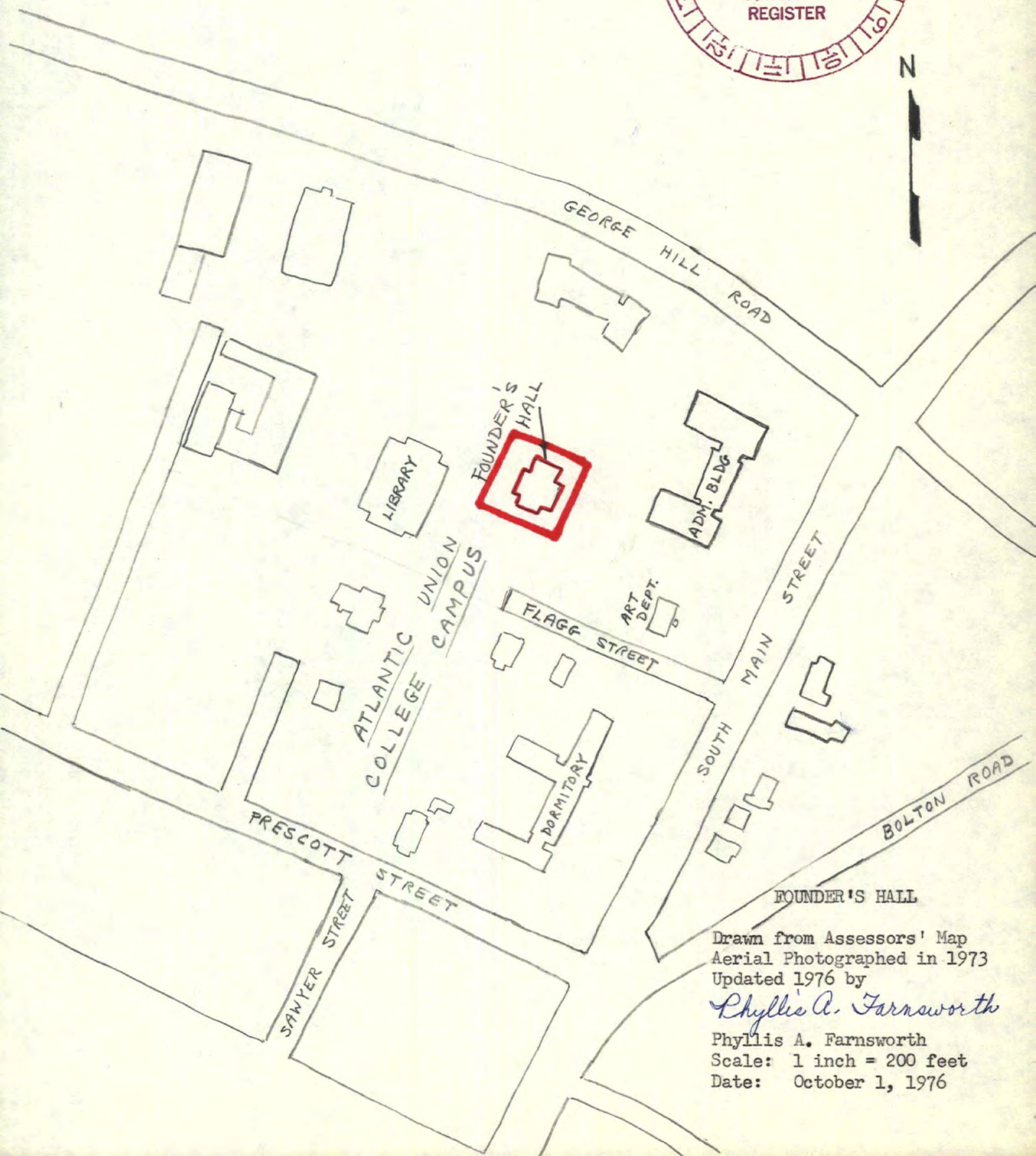
State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia L. Wesbowski 1/22/80

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Bruce MacDougal date 4/10/80
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrews date 4/10/80
 Chief of Registration



FOUNDER'S HALL

Drawn from Assessors' Map
Aerial Photographed in 1973
Updated 1976 by
Phyllis A. Farnsworth
Phyllis A. Farnsworth
Scale: 1 inch = 200 feet
Date: October 1, 1976

Property Founder's Hall

State Ma. Worcester

Working Number 2-12-80 452

ref MO 30001678

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 1

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This building is eligible for architecture, education, and religion for its association with the development of the private educational system of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Built in 1883, this 2 1/2 story frame building is an imposing example of a Queenanne style (with Victorian Gothic elements). It was built under the leadership of one of the founders of the religion. It was the first bldg. in what is now Atlantic Union College. It has been used for a variety of educational and religious purposes. It is virtually unaltered.

HISTORIAN

accept
Patrick Andrews
4/10/80

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

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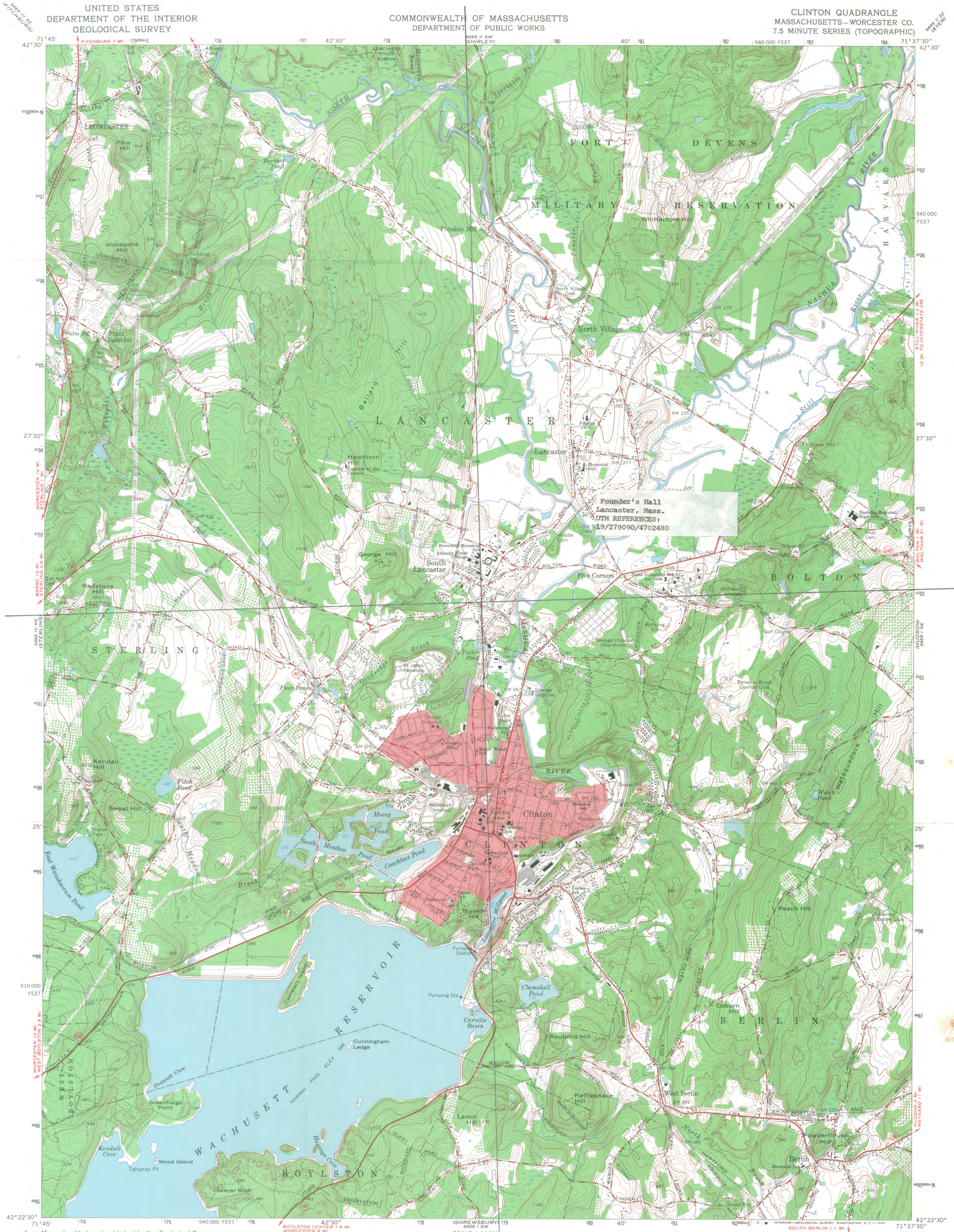
Founder's Hall
Lancaster, Mass.
Worcester Co.
Wendell P. Bartlett 1975
Lancaster Historical Commission

Photo #1
West Elevation facing northeast

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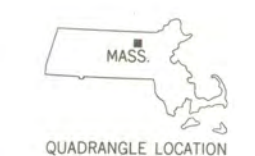
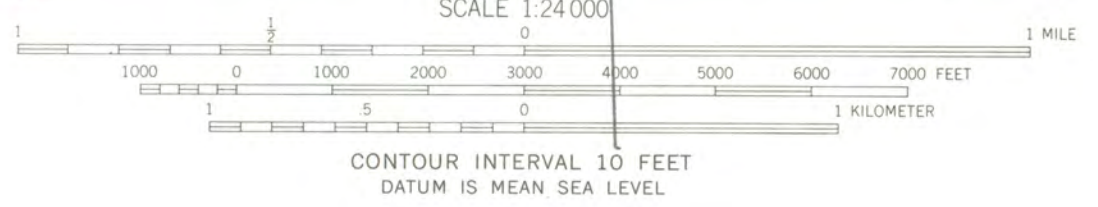
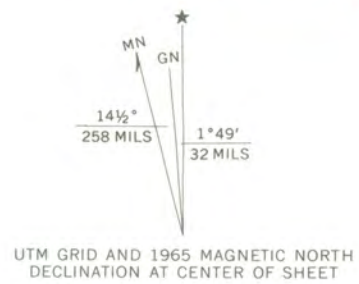
16a Founder's Hall
Atlantic Union College
off South Main Street
South Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975

Photographer: Wendell P. Bartlett



Founder's Hall
Lancaster, Mass.
UTM REFERENCES:
Easting 919279090/4702480

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1939. Topography by plane-table 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



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Slate Route	

CLINTON, MASS.
N4222.5—W7137.5/7.5

1965

AMS 6668 I NW—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





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HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

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

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Boston, Massachusetts
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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

January 28, 1980

Ms. Carol Schull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Heritage, Conservation & Recreation Service
440 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Schull;

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

- | | |
|--|---|
| Attleboro- First Parsonage of the
Second Church (local) | Medford- John McGill House (local) |
| * Bedford- David Lane House (local) | Middleborough- C. P. Washburn Grain-
mill (local) |
| * Boston- Charles Street Jail (national) | Middlefield- Stone Arch Railroad Bridge
District (state) |
| Dartmouth- Hill School (local) | Natick- Rev. Stephen Badger House (state) |
| * East Longmeadow- Swetland-Pease
House (local) | Newton- St. Mary's Church & Cemetary (local) |
| Framingham- First Baptist Church (state) | New Bedford- Central New Bedford
Historic District (local) |
| Lancaster- Founders Hall (state) | Newton- Echo Bridge (state- resubmission) |
| Marlborough- Peter Rice House (local) | Sharon- Stoneholm (local) |
| Medford- Edward Oakes House (local) | (These are enclosed under separate cover) |
| (All of the above are enclosed) | |

These have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

Christine Boulding
Christine Boulding
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CB/cj



*These properties were notified under the new procedures.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

DATE

4/14/80

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO; FROM (Name)

Candy Jenkins

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

MA. SH PO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Founders Hall - Worcester county MA.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

The photo is five years old - she has assured me that there has been no change in the building in these past five years.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Patrick Andrews

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 14 1980

Name

Location

Founder's Hall

Lancaster
Worcester County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Robert F. Drinan

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

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Byers/bjr

4/22/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.