

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

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

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Williamsburg Center Historic District

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number Main Street, North Main Street, East Main Street, Williams Street, and Buttonshop Road. not for publication

city, town Williamsburg vicinity of congressional district First

state Mass. code 025 county Hampshire code 015

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership, see attached list

street & number

city, town Williamsburg, MA vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hampshire County Registry of Deeds

street & number King Street

city, town Northampton, state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1973-1978 — federal ☒ state — county — local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state MA

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 Williamsburg Center Historic District encompasses approximately 37 acres at the intersection of the town's major roadways and at the convergence of the Mill River with its western branch. It contains a mix of residential, religious, civic, commercial and industrial structures most of which are two stories in height and of wood frame construction. Most of the 73 structures date from the mid-nineteenth century and are designed in the Greek Revival style, although earlier Federal period buildings exist along with some examples of later nineteenth century styles. The western end of the district is almost entirely residential in character with the exception of the old blacksmith shop (#20), while the east end is in mixed use. Although fairly densely developed, the area maintains a rural character through its many trees and surrounding hills. Boundaries have been selected to include the greatest number of structures shown on the atlas map of 1854 with the fewest modern intrusions. It is continued to the close knit center of town which has been characterized by relatively dense development since the mid-nineteenth century. Individual buildings are described below:

#5 The Lyman James House (photo #3), constructed in 1892, is the largest and most elaborate residential property in the district. Containing elements of both Queen Anne Revival and Shingle Style design, it is asymmetrical in plan and massing. It is two and one half stories in height and is enclosed by a complex roof pierced by tall paneled chimneys. Other important features are its shingled wall surface, first story veranda (with original wooden supports replaced by metal), irregularly placed projections and banks of multi-paned and leaded-glass windows.

#6 The Hawkes House (photo #4), constructed in 1862, is also somewhat unusual for the district although of fairly simple design. It is a two story Italianate style house which is rectangular in plan and enclosed by a low pitched roof with overhanging eaves supported by paired brackets. Although the original entry treatment has been obscured by the addition of a screen porch, the windows retain their molded architraves and bracketed caps.

#8 The First Congregational Church (photo #5) is the focal point of the village. Originally constructed in 1835, it was almost totally rebuilt in 1859. Its present Georgian Revival design is the result of a third 1895 remodeling by the Springfield firm of E.C. and G.C. Gardner. It is a two story clapboard structure which faces gable end to the street. Ornament on the main body of the church is continued to a wide entablature supported by paneled pilasters. The more elaborately treated entry porch has a full entablature supported by engaged Ionic columns. The main entry which occupies the center bay is set within a molded flat top arch above which is a frieze with carved festoons. A palladian window occupies the center bay of the second story. The windows of the outer bays and side elevations all have 12/12 double hung sash; those of the first story are headed by triangular pediments while those of the second story are segmental. The church is surmounted by a square plan tower which rises to an open belfry.

#17 The William Thayer House and Store (photo #6) is one of the more elaborate early Greek Revival structures in the district. Facing gable end to the street, it has an overhanging second story which forms a porch supported by four square Tuscan columns. While the house retains its original form, flush boarded facade, and light Federal cornice, the configuration of its ground floor has been altered. This section was

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originally used as a store one might expect that it consisted of alternating doors and windows in line with the four windows above. A large ell is attached to the northwest elevation.

#15 The Spellman House, constructed in 1864, is a fairly sophisticated example of Second Empire design for this district. Symmetrical in plan and massing, it rises two stories to a bell cast mansard roof with heavily bracketted eaves. Its three bay facade has a center entry with a bracketted flat roofed porch. This is surmounted by a double door with a round arched transom and projecting hood mold whose profile is reflected in the line of the cornice. Although the house has been covered with asbestos siding, it retains original window architraves, bay windows and porches.

#28 The Hiram Hill Grist Mill was constructed in 1881-83 on the site of an earlier mill which had been destroyed by floods in 1874. It is rectangular in plan and rises two and one half stories to an overhanging pitch roof. It is sheathed with calpboards and is utilitarian in design.

#64 The Meekins Library was designed in 1895-97 by the Northampton firm of Putnam and Bayley in a Classical Revival style. It is rectangular in plan and rises one story to a hipped roof which is covered with red tiles over a steel frame. All elevations are constructed of coursed rock-faced granite with sandstone trim. The facade has a center pedimented entry with marble columns in antis flanked by paired windows with transoms. This window treatment appears on the other elevations.

Boundaries have been selected to include the greatest number of structures shown on the atlas map of 1854 with the fewest modern intrusions. It is continued to the close knit center of town which has been characterized by relatively dense development since the mid nineteenth century.

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/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☒ industry	☒ politics/government	☒ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Williamsburg Center Historic District possess integrity of setting, design, materials and workmanship and is significant as the center of town activities since Williamsburg's settlement in the late eighteenth century. While few of its structures date from this early period, the wide range of nineteenth century styles present, with emphasis on the Greek Revival, clearly reflect the town's pattern of development and decline.

Williamsburg was incorporated as a independent district in 1771 as part of the general subdivision of larger grants which had been made along the Connecticut River during the seventeenth century. Its settlement reflects a general population spread to the east and west of the River as the numbers of settlers grew and pressures for land increased in the immediate vicinity of the river valley. Specifically, the development of Williamsburg was governed by proximity to the Mill River, a tributary of the Connecticut. Historically, both settlement patterns and transportation routes in Williamsburg are linear in form reflecting the course of the river.

Williamsburg developed on a north-south axis with residential, commercial, civic and religious structures at its core and mill sites on its eastern and western edges. The most important of these manufacturing establishments was a buttonmold factory where Mrs. Elnathan Graves designed and make the first wooden buttonmolds in the United States in 1826. The structure was located on Buttonshop Road at the western end of the village. Another factory was constructed at the corner of Buttonshop Road and Williams Street in 1830 which productd furniture and clocks. When this structure burned in 1900, it was replaced by another factory (#20) producing wrought iron harewards. At the eastern edge of the district was a grist mill; the present 1881 structure (#28) also operated as a grist mill until 1925. Other early industries included potash production, maple sugaring, sawmills, and blacksmithing. Industry became increasingly prominent in the economy of Williamsburg during the nineteenth century, until by 1865 the number of people employed in manufacturing was over three times the number in farming.

As Williamsburg grew in importance as a milling center, it became a terminus for the hill towns to the west and served as a shopping center for the surrounding farms. It also became a transportation center for the area, beginning with a stagecoach line from Northampton to Pittsfield in 1745 which used the Williams House (#30) as a stopping point. This was supplemented during the third quarter of the nineteenth century (1860-73) by a spur from the Northampton rail line and finally by a streetcarline also from Northampton. Milling activities continued to be important throughout the nineteenth century and up until 1925 when the town began to decline in importance, despite the fact that a disastrous flood in 1874 destroyed many of the buildings along the river.

While most of the buildings in the district are of simple vernacular character, some are architect designed and possess fine features. The most striking is the First Congregational Church (#8) remodeled in 1895 by the Springfield firm of E.C. and G.C. Gardner. Its Georgian Revival design is expressed in its pedimented frontispiece with Ionic pil-

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Story of Connecticut Valley, Massachusetts Vol. 1, Louis H. Evart 1879 (Lippincott & Co.)
A History of Williamsburg in Massachusetts; Compiled by Phyllis Baker Demong 1964 - Hampshire
Bookshop, Northampton

Hampshire Gazette (various years)

1771-1971 Fact & Fable: Williamsburg, MA; Edited by J.P. O'Connor, too numerous interviews to list.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 37 acres

Quadrangle name Williamsburg

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	8	6	8	6	3	6	0	4	6	9	5	7	5	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

1	8	6	8	6	6	1	0	4	6	9	5	8	7	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

1	8	6	8	7	0	8	0	4	6	9	5	6	8	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

1	8	6	8	7	2	0	0	4	6	9	5	4	3	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

1	8	6	8	7	0	0	0	4	6	9	5	3	3	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached assessor's map and continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gertrude Ronk, Williamsburg Historical Commission
Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator,

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date December 1979

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

city or town Boston, state MA. 02108

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 H. Wesbury

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 2/25/80

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

for listing
Keeper of the National Register

date 6/22/80

Attest: *Patrick Andrews*

date 6/16/80

Chief of Registration

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asters and palladian window. Another structure believed to have been designed by the Gardners is the Lyman James House (#5). This fine Queen Anne/Shingle style house was constructed in 1892 for Mr. & Mrs. Lyman James by her twin brother, Marshall Field of Chicago. The Meekins Library (#64), a small masonry classical Revival structure was designed by the Northampton firm of Putnam & Bayley in 1895-97.

A reconnaissance archaeological survey carried out during 1977 in conjunction with the Town of Williamsburg Sewer Project failed to reveal any significant historic or prehistoric remains within the Mill Street portion of the Williamsburg Historic District. There remains a potential for the presence of upland prehistoric sites along the West Branch of Mill Brook within the district, although the level of disturbance to resources below grade caused by 19th century development is unknown.

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Elliot, Suzanne, Phase I/Reconnaissance Archaeological Survey, Town of
Williamsburg Sewage Project, Williamsburg, MA.

WILLIAMSBURG HISTORIC DISTRICT

A verbal Boundary description

The Williamsburg Historic District forms a loop starting at the Old Cemetery which is in the northwest corner, at the beginning of North Main Street going east 0.2 miles where it becomes East Main Street which continues east to Mill River - 0.15 miles. Turning south onto Mill Street (no longer a through way) 0.15 miles to Main Street (Rt.9) where Helen E. James School is on the south side and Graves Garage on the north side - going west on Main Street to Williams Street (Rt. 9) to the Williamsburg Blacksmiths a distance of approximately one-half mile - turn North on Buttonshop Road to North Main Street 0.05 miles. The total distance in the District is approximately 1 1/3 miles. The distance from the Old Cemetery to the corner of Buttonshop Road, approximately 250 ft, forms a handle to the loop.



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North Main Street, East Main Street (actually a continuation of North Main)
Main Street, Williams Street, and Buttonshop Road.

1. Old Cemetery 1771-1773
2. Dunphy, Donal and Marjory c. 1800 - 1825
3. Overstreet, Jean c. 1845?
4. Hobbs, Elizabeth S. c. 1790 - 1824
5. Clark, Myron F. & Theresa 1890-91 (known as the James place)
6. Lucey, J. F. & D. L. 1862
7. Hinkley, K. W. & J. A. c. 1840
8. First Congregational Church of Williamsburg - 1835, 1859, 1895
9. Wilhelm and King c. 1850

These nine buildings and cemetery are on the North side of North Main Street which goes west from Main Street

10. Wilhelm & King c. 1860 one part - 1890 the ~~larger~~ ^{western} part
11. Badner, Henry L. & Barbara R. c. 1870
12. Firehouse 1907
13. Swanda, L. A. c. 1850 (originally a store)
14. Mathieu, J. A. c. 1855
15. Aube, A. L. Jr. 1864 (known as the Spelman house)
16. Tiley, Helen C. and barn 1828
17. Sissman, Michael c. 1800

These eight buildings are on the south side of North Main Street

- V. Forsyth estate - vacant lot
- 19. Baker, S. G. ' B. M. c. 1840
- V Forsythe estate - vacant lot to be given the Town
- 20. Williamsburg Blacksmith, Inc. 1907 built on 1830 foundation
- 21 Martin, C. W. & B. A. vacant lot
- 23 West, L. E. & L. A. c. 1825
- 22 . Martin, C. W. & B. A. c. 1840

These seven places are on both sides of Buttonshop Rd. which goes from North to South.

- 24. Hodgkins, T. C. & S. T. (Strout Agency) 1855
- 25 Lockwood, Robt. & A. Winona 1854
- A Trustees of Boy Scouts of America c. 1946
- B Vayda, F. & P.A. 1948
- 27. Cranston, Philip & Donal c. 1828 (withstood the flood of 1874)
- 28 Old Mill Owner Walter, J. J. 1881-83
- 29. Culver, Wm. B. & Martha L. c. 1827 (withstood the flood of 1874)

These seven places make up East Main Street

- 30 Hemenway, J. E. c. 1800 (known as W. C. T. U. building)
- 31 Nichols, L. E. (Grocery store) c. 1924
- C/D Cichy, Mitchell S. & Virginia M. (Garage and gas station) 1926, 1930.
- 32 Poirier, J. G. & J. P. c. 1860
- 33 . Lewis, Richard & Virginia - c. 1858 (store - 1900)
- 34 . Branch, Geoffrey R. c. 1858
- 35 . Gougeon, R. W. & L. A. c. 1855 - remodeled c. 1930
- 36 . Packard, L. H. & M. S. c. 1810 - moved in 1913 to present site.
- 37 . Renovated 1930 was originally shop c. 1890
- 38 . Residence - 1870
- 39 . Shop, Garage, original building 1870, additions 1915 and 1943
- 37-39 owned by Graves, Norman F. & Richard R. Reality Corporation.

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40. Helen E. James School Dedicated 1914 - addition 1921
41. Warner, Charles & Ruth c. 1790 (actually not in district-borders it)
42. Parsonage, First Congregational Church of Williamsburg - 1850
43. Majercik, David & Carol (Store and Apartment) original site 1808
44. Williamsburg Grange Community Hall No. 225 1850 - altered 1950
45. Town of Williamsburg Town Hall (Museum) 1841
46. Town of Williamsburg Memorial Park 1969-70
47. Williams House, Flagg, R. C. (2 lots, one vacant) 1812 - 1873
48. U. S. Post Office (Parsons Realty Co., Inc.) 1962
49. Jenkins, Lucius E. & Fernande M; C. 1880
50. Myers, Robert M. & Gladys 1952
51. Ingellis, Victor M. & Marilyn W. c. 1863
52. Wells, Martin G. c. 1870
53. Nye, Mrs. Charlotte C. (built for Methodist Parsonage) 1868
54. Taylor, Kenneth Jr. 1838 (First house built on the street
55. Manwell, Reginald (Two family) c. 1855 - Remodelled 1930's
56. Taylor, Kenneth & Doris c. 1855
57. Clarke, Lucille c. 1850
58. Gorham, Ruth B.) All built by one Nehemiah Morton
59. Williams, Arnold D.) between 1846-1850
60. Bannister, Mrs. Peter B.)
61. Dewey, Donald & Elizabeth c. 1850 - similar to three above
62. G. Swanda, Wells R. & Linda A. 1972
63. Superior, Roy c. 1860
64. Hathaway, Cheney c. 1855
65. Jenkins, Maurice (estate) c. 1870
66. D. & B. Realty Trust - apartments - Originally a store moved 1895
67. Meekins Library 1896-97.

WILLIAMSBURG HISTORIC DISTRICT

Supplementary information

based on the MAP KEY

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Notice: There are no street numbers for the houses
By checking the map one may see the relationship
of the buildings and houses.

1. Old Cemetery - property of the Town of Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
2. Dunphy, Mr. and Mrs. Donal Dunphy, North Main St., Williamsburg, Ma.
3. Overstreet, Mrs. Alan B. - Rd. 2, Bennington, Vt. - North Main St.
Williamsburg, Ma. would reach her.
4. Hobbs, Mrs. Joseph - North Main St., Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
5. Clark, Mr. Myron F. (property N. Main) 21 N. Maple St., Florence, Ma. 01060
6. Lucey, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. - North Main St., Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
7. Hinkley, Mr. & Mrs. K. W. " " " " " "
8. First Congregational Church of Williamsburg - North Main St., Wmsb. 01096
9. These two properties are owned by Wilhelm, Joseph of North Main St., Wmsburg.
10. and Arthur King - 19 L'Gallard St., Easthaston, Ma. Both on North Main St.
11. Badner, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. - North Main St., Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
12. Firehouse, North Main St., owned by the Town of Williamsburg, Ma.
13. Swanda, Mrs. L. A. North Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
14. Mathieu, Mr. J. A. " " " " " "
15. Aube, A. L., Jr. " " " " " "
16. Tiley, Mrs. Helen C. " " " " " "
17. Sissman, Michael " " " " " "
18. Beals, R. E. & E. G. (c. 1820) East side of Buttonshop Rd., Wmsburg.
V are vacant lots belonging to the Forsythe Estate, Leo Forsythe
61 Bridge Rd., Florence, 01060
19. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Buttonshop Rd., Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
20. Williamsburg Blacksmith, Inc., Buttonshop Rd., Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
21. { Vacant lot - Mr. C. W. Martin- Buttonshop Rd.
22. { residence Mr. C. Martin - corner Buttonshop and North Main St.,
Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
23. West, Mr. L. E. - North Main St., Williamsburg lives on South Street,
Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
24. Strout Realty, East Main St., Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
25. Lockwood, Mr. & Mrs. Robt., East Main St., Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
26. " " owns this adjoining lot
- A. Trustees of Boy Scouts of America, East Main St., Williamsburg, Ma.
- B. Vayda, Mr. & Mrs. F. East Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
27. Cranston, Mr. & Mrs. Philip - East Main St., Williamsburg-owners -
present address Walpole Hill, Haydenville, Ma.
28. Walter, J. J., Atty., 40 Central, Northampton, Ma. 01060, owner of Mill
29. Culver, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. B. East Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma. 01096

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List of owners -2-

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30. Hemenway, Mrs. J. E. Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
31. Nichols, L. E.- Grocery - Main Street, " " "
- C & D - Garage - Main St., owned by Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Cichy
So. Main St., Goshen, Ma.
32. Poirier, Mr. & Mrs. J. G., Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma.
33. Residence & store - Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Richard, Main St., Williamsburg, Ma.
34. Branch, Geoffrey R. - Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
35. Gougeon, R. W. & L. A., Main Street, " " "
36. Packard, Mr. & Mrs. L. H. - Main St., " " "
- 37 - through 39 - owned by Graves, Norman F. & Richard R. Reality Corp.
Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
- 40 . School - property of the Town of Williamsburg
41. Warner, Mr. & Mrs. Charles, South Street, Williamsburg, Ma.
42. Parsonage - First Congregational Church of Williamsburg, Ma.
43. Majercik, Mr. & Mrs. David - Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma.
44. Wms. Grange No. 225 - Master - Miss Dawn Snow, Hyde Hill Rd., Williamsburg.
45. Town Hall - Main Street belongs to the Town of Williamsburg.
46. Memorial Park - " " " " " " " "
47. Williams House - Flagg, R. C., Main Street, Williamsburg, Ma.
- E . U. S. Post Office - Parsons Reality Co., Inc., York, Maine
48. Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Lucius - Williams St., Williamsburg, Ma.
- F . Myers, Mr.&Mrs. Robert - Williams Street, Williamsburg, Ma.
49. Ingellis, Mr. & Mrs. Victor " " " " "
50. Wells, Mr. Martin G. - Williams Street, " " "
51. Nye, Mrs. Charlotte C. - " " " " "
52. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth, Jr. - Williams St., Williamsburg, Ma.
53. Maxwell, Mr. Reginald - 401 Churchill Lane, Fayetteville, N. Y. 13066
54. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. K. H. - Williams St., Williamsburg, Ma.
55. Clarke, Lucille - Williams St., Williamsburg, Ma.
56. Gorham, Mrs. Ruth " " " "
57. Williams, Arnold D. " " " "
58. Bannister, Mrs. Peter B. - Williams St., Williamsburg, Ma.
59. Dewey, Mr. & Mrs. Donald - " " " "
- G . Swanda, Mr. & Mrs. Wells - " " " "
60. Superior, Mr. & Mrs. Roy - " " " "
61. Hathaway, Cheney - Williams St., Williamsburg, Ma.
62. Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas, Williams St., Williamsburg
63. D. & B. Reality Trust - Secy. Mrs. Donal Dunphy, North Main, Wmsburg.
64. Meekins Library Trustees - Mr. Wellington Graves, Chairman, South St.,
Williamsburg, Ma. 01096

Property Williamsburg Center Historic District

State Ma-Hampshire

Working Number 2-28-80 615

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

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Maps 2

This district comprises the center of the village of Williamsburg at the intersections of the major roads & a river. The district is eligible as a well-preserved example of a mid-19th century village. Present are 73 structures most from the mid-19th century and predominately Greek Revival style architecture (with some earlier & later styles represented). Mostly residential, the dist. also contains civic, religious, commercial, and industrial bldgs. 37 acres.

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Patrick Andrews
6/16/80

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BRANCH CHIEF

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National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

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Photo #1
Old Cemetary (#1) facing north

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North side of North Main Street, facing east
properties #2,3,4 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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N SIDE

N

ORIE DUNPHY c. 1800-1825-

STREET (MRS. Burt) c. 1845

65 (MRS. Joseph) c. 1790 - rear

1824 - FRONT



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Williamsburg, Massachusetts
Robert Anderson 1978
Willaimsburg Historical Commission

Photo #3

North side of North Main Street,
property #5

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TH SIDE

-1892

WILT FOR

ELEN E. JAMES (Mrs LYMAN)

RON CLARK - Apartments

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Williamsburg Center Historic District
Williamsburg, Massachusetts
Peter Johnson 1978
Smith College

Hampshire co.

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North side of North Main Street, facing west
properties #7,6,5,4 (RIGHT TO LEFT)

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#7,6,5,4

NORTH MAIN ST.

(RIGHT TO LEFT)

RESIDENCE OF K.W. & J.A. HINKLEY
(RENOUNED CHIMNEY SWEEP)

BUILT BY A MR. HAWKS
HOUSE TOWN'S FIRST LIBRARY
PRESENT OWNERS - J.F. & D.L. LUCEY



Williamsburg Center Historic District
Williamsburg, Massachusetts
Robert Anderson 1978
Williamsburg Historical Commission

Photo #5

First Congregational Church

#8

Hampshire Co.

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Photo #6
North Main Street #17

Hampshire Co.

By

RE + APARTMENT

RAEL SISSMAN

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*RESIDENCE + FORGE IN
BASEMENT*



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North Main Street
properties #15,16,17 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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9. L. AUBE

UP STAIRS

NEXT RESIDENCE TO WEST - BRICK GREEK REVIVAL - 1828 - WM. THAYER
PRESENT OWNER - HELEN TILLEY



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Photo #8 OF 25
North Main Street
properties #10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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WAS A MEETING HALL IN EARLY 1900'S

APARTMENTS NOW OWNED BY WILHELM & KING

C-1840 - Added - 1890

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TOWN OF
WILLIAMSBURG

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Williamsburg, Massachusetts
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Smith College

Photo #9 OF 25

East Main Street

properties #8,9,24,25 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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TH MAIN

Hampshire Co.

ING WAS ORIGINALLY

A STORE - WITH RESIDENCE

BORE - 1855

idence - 1854

PRESENT OWNER - ROBERT LOOKNOOP



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Photo #10 OF 25
East Main Street
properties 28, 29 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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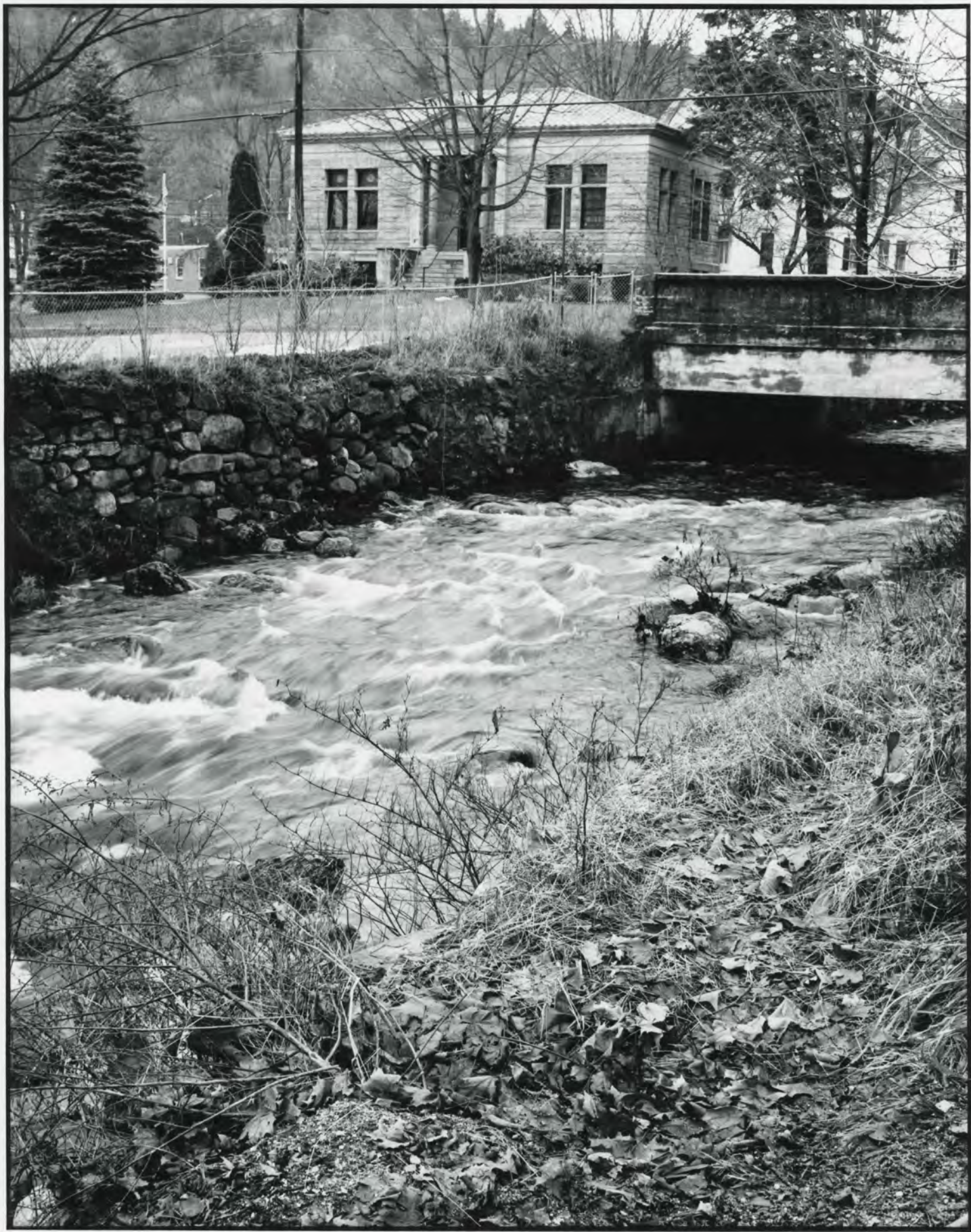
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Mill

by HIRAM HILL

*FOLLOWING DESTRUCTION OF ORIGINAL MILL
IN FLOOD OF 1874*

*PRESENT OWNER - J. J. WALTER
Plans APARTMENTS & OFFICES*



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East Main Street, Meekins Library #64

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FROM

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y - 1897

EAST ON

SIDE OF EAST MAIN ST.

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Photo #12 of 25

Corner of Main and William Streets

properties #~~5, 6, 7~~ 6, 10, 6, 7, 8, 9 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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-1897

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Photo #13 ~~CF~~ 25

Main Street 8

properties #9, 24, 30, 31, C, D (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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#13

9, 24, 30, 31, C, D NORTH EAST SIDE - MAIN ST
TO LEFT OF MOBILE STATION
IS WCTU BUILDING c. 1800
OWNER JEAN HEWENWAY



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Main Street

properties #32,33,34,35,40

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EAST
SCHOOL - 1914

Revival - built

1853 before 1890

store 3rd floor left - 1900



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Photo #15 OF 25

Main Street

properties #37, 38, 39 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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Carriage
VES.

ock garage - 1917

VES Reality Corp,





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Main Street facing north

#8, 34, 35, 36 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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ORTH

oved 1920

en Restored - 1965-66

Dr. Lealie Packard

*Watering Tank - 1910 - given by Mrs. James
moved to present site 1974 - from corner South
St - & Main St*



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Photo #17 OF 25

Main Street

#42, 43, 44, 45 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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Hampshire Co

St,
Garage
1850

building it.

fully built - Changes over the years

St. C. Wapereik

- 1850 - School

1925 - Garage purchased from Town

1955 - Incorporated Methodist Church

Building (1832-1944)

Received First Prize in Nation for
Three-Year Community Project.

Fourth Building Town Hall
1841

Temporary School Rooms 1966-1971

Williamsburg Historical Society Museum since 1971

Owned by The Town



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Photo #18 OF 25
Main Street
Memorial Park #46

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ain St.

69-70

32 Methodist Church

ie T. Dunphy School 1955
(Not within District)

theo at Hill Reservation



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Photo #19 OF 25
Main Street
#45,47 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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Side
First on
(See #19)

Hampshire Co.

→ N
- 1812-1873 (see #20)

corner



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Photo #20 OF 25
Williams -Street
#47,E (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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side of Williams Street (R.9)

- 1962 - Post office status granted 1814
East

between Williams House (#19)
and sign ↗



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Hampshire Co.

Photo #21 OF 25
Williams Street facing east
#47, E, 48, F, 49 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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NE

side) Looking East

between two simple Greek Revival houses.

*White C. 1880 - owner L. & E. Jenkins
Brown C. 1863 - " V. & M. Ingellis*



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Photo #22 OF 25

Williams Street

#51- Methodist Parsonage

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-1868

Charlotte Nye

V
N



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Photo #23 OF 25
Williams Street
#51, 52, 53, 54, 20 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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Williams Street

Gross Williams (also built Williams)
House

ter - Orabella Gere - 1838

Street. Present owner: Kenneth Taylor, Jr.

two family.

remodelled 1930 - owner Reginald Marnell

The next is owned by Kenneth Taylor, Sr.

#25 shows Wmsburg. Blacksmiths in more detail



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Jean Hemenway 1978
Williamsburg Historical Commission

Photo #24 OF 25

Williams Street

#G,60 (LEFT TO RIGHT)

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recently built house - 1972

father of Wells Pranda - owner

of the street - c. 1860 - owner Roy Superior

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Photo #25 ~~of 25~~

Williams Street and Buttonshop Road

Blacksmiths Shop

#20

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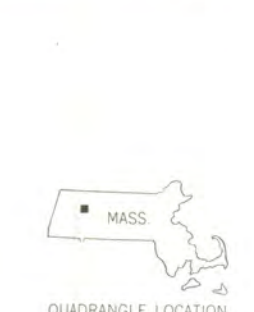
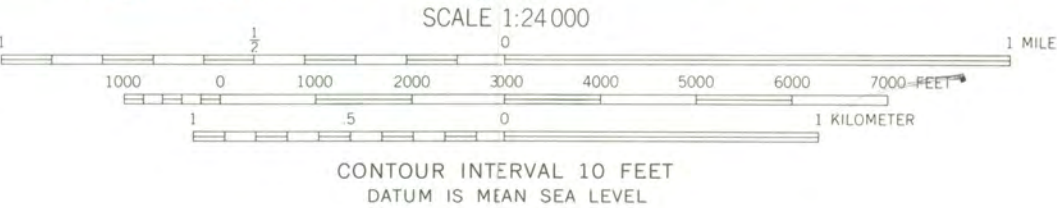
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→ N
Williams Street
Buttonshop Road

Blacksmiths - David Tiley - owner
1830 foundation



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, US&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1935. Revised 1964
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 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

WILLIAMSBURG, MASS.
N4222.5-W7237.5/7.5

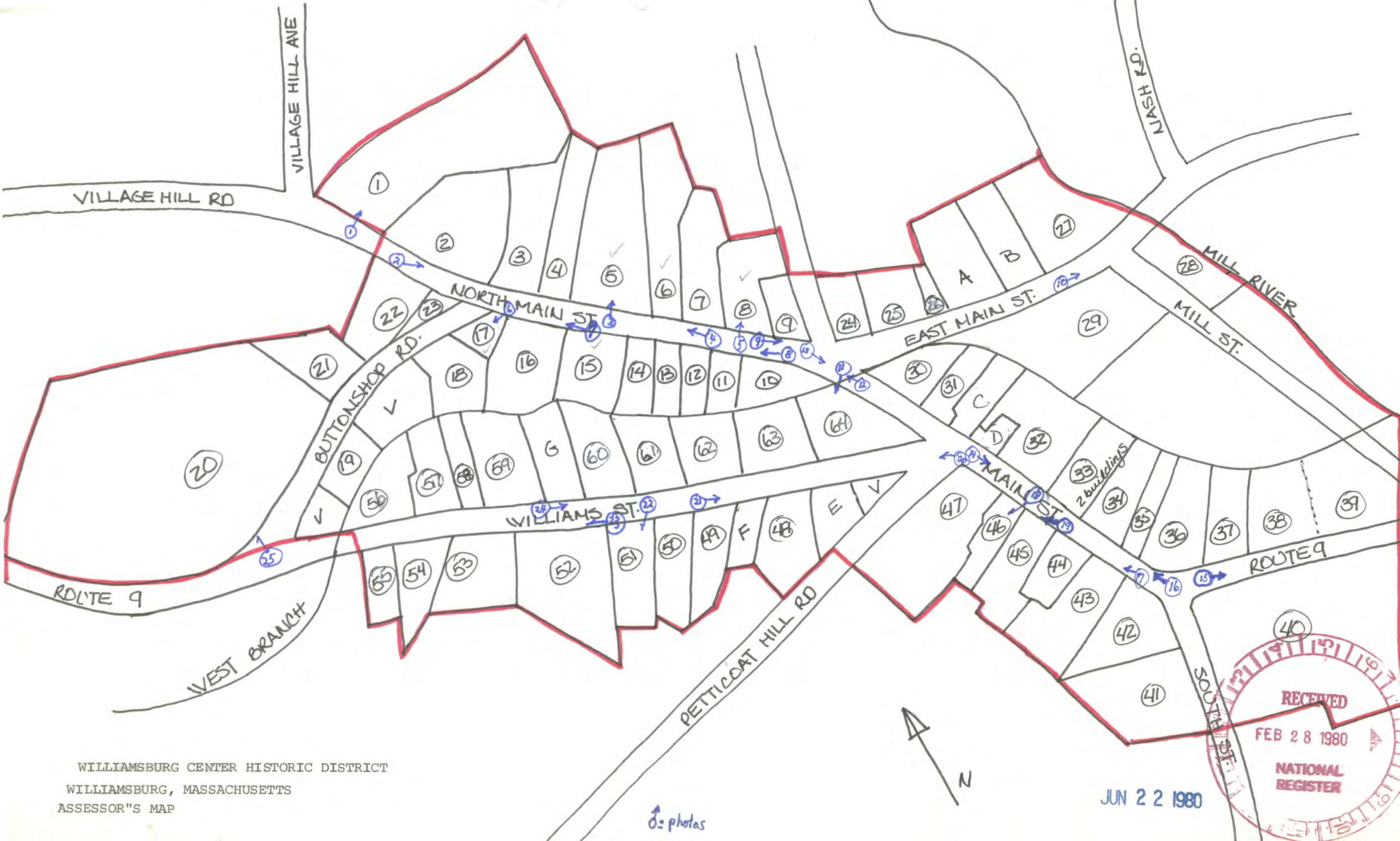
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WILLIAMSBURG CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
WILLIAMSBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
ASSESSOR'S MAP

♂ = photos



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United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO: 661

MAR 19 1980

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Arthur King
19 L'Gallard St.
Easthaston, MA

RE: Williamsburg Center Hist. Dist.
North Main St.



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R. C. Flagg
Main St.
Williamsburg, MA 01096

RE: Williamsburg Center Historic District
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J. J. Walter, Atty.
40 Central
Northampton, MA 01060

RE: Williamsburg Center Hist. District
owner of Mill, Williamsburg, MA



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A. L. Aube, Jr.
North Main St.
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Mrs. Alan B. Overstreet
Rd. 2
Bennington, VT

RE: Williamsburg Center Hist. Dist.
North Main St.
Williamsburg, MA



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Parsons Realty Co., Inc.
York, MA

RE: Williamsburg Center Historic District
U. S. Post Office

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY | 209 LYMAN HALL

108 COLLEGE PLACE | SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13210

TELEPHONE 315 | 423-2321

Hampshire Co.

March 24, 1980

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the Historic Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Washington, D.C.

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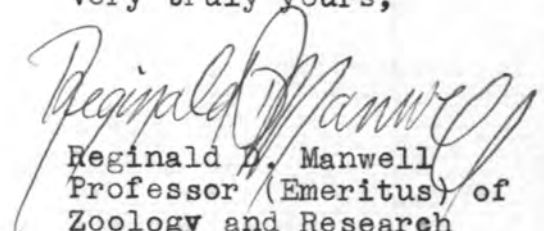
I am delighted to learn that the area in which my property is located in Williamsburg, Mass., is being considered for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (your letter #661). I think it is very worthy of such recognition.

Williamsburg is one of the old towns of western Massachusetts. It was formerly a mill town with button and silk factories, as well as others, most of them devastated by a flood slightly more than a century ago and not rebuilt. It also cost about 140 lives.

The house I own at 38 Williams St. is one of the oldest in the village, having been built about 1800. Externally it has not been altered, except to add a garage when the interior was somewhat modernized and remodeled about 16 years ago, so that it could be rented. It was owned for many years by several generations of the Kingley family until my wife and I bought it in 1963. We were at pains to retain its traditional New England character, both inside and out.

I don't know whether this information and these comments include what your agency has in mind in designating buildings and districts for inclusion in the Register but I hope that they are.

Very truly yours,


Reginald D. Manwell
Professor (Emeritus) of
Zoology and Research
Associate

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D MAR 26 1980

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

HENRY L. BADNER, D.D.S.
P.O. BOX 354
5 NORTH MAIN STREET
WILLIAMSBURG, MASSACHUSETTS 01096
Telephone 268-3105

YP ^{Hampshire} Co.

3/26/80

Dear Mrs. Shall,

We hope you will seriously consider our area for the National Register of Historic Places. The property owners in this area, including ourselves, are avidly & tastefully improving our properties & are taking great pride in doing so.

I feel the area meets all of the criteria for listing in the Natl. Register & nearly every building is worthy of preservation.

We're looking forward to good news.

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. L. Badner

WILHELM & KING
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
45 GOTHIC STREET
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01060

ARTHUR J. KING
JOSEPH A. WILHELM III

April 10, 1980

TELEPHONE
(413) 586-3480

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Department of the Interior
Pension Bldg., 440 G St., N.W.
Washington D.C. 20243

RE: Williamsburg Center
Historical District
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Keeper,

As owners of two buildings which we are attempting to restore in the nominated Williamsburg Historical District, we wish to wholeheartedly express our support for the proposal.

Both of our buildings, as well as others on North Main Street, have for many years been divided into apartments. Massachusetts regulations governing multi-family units are very strict, particularly regarding potential lead paint and other accident hazards. Consequently, many of these buildings have lost beautiful porches (original to the design) and handsome windows, railings, and mouldings, not only to decay and the ravages of time, but also because landlords found it more expedient to just remove the hazards rather than restore them. The huge expense was never justified when viewing the property strictly as income-producing.

However, with the enthusiasm that the citizens of Williamsburg have shown for the Historical District, the value of these structures is beginning to be seen in a different light. There is an increased appreciation for the materials and skills that are part of the architecture and for the history of the town.

We believe that in order to maintain the integrity of the area, Williamsburg needs the monetary incentives and local control of such a program and the heightened awareness of our past generated by approval of the District.

Very truly yours,

Phyllis E. Wilhelm

Phyllis E. Wilhelm, Joseph A.
Wilhelm III, and Arthur J. King

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D APR 14 1980

 INDIVIDUAL F. B. I. (ATTACHED)

 INFORMATION (ATTACHED)

 TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

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DO NOT CALL OR WRITE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

DATE 4/28/80

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Candy Jenkins

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

MA. SHPO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Williamsburg Center Historic District - Hampshire county, Ma.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Requested a site map that shows the complete boundaries -
original map is incomplete on eastern boundary.

6/16/80 new map arrived & shows eastern boundary

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Patrick Anderson

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUN 22 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brookline Town Green Historic District	Brookline Norfolk County
Williamsburg Center Historic District	Williamsburg Hampshire County
Union Wharf	Boston Suffolk County

Also Notified

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Paul Tsongas
Honorable Robert F. Drinan
Honorable Silvio O. Conte
Honorable John J. Moakley

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

NR

Byers/mjd

7/2/80

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

MYRON F. CLARK GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Dial 586-1027

21 No. Maple St.

Florence, Mass. 01060

SEpt. 23, 1982

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation & REcreation Service
Department of the Interior, Pension bldg.
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms Shull:

I am writing at this time to ask if property located at
No. Main St., Williamsburg, Mass., Re: Williamsburg Center
Hist. Dist., belonging to me has been listed in the National
REgister.

I wrote to the Executive Director of Mass. Historical Comm.
and my letter was returned.

My information from you was dated March, 191980 . I have not
been able to get any information, so I am looking to you
for further assistance to this matter.

Thank you for giving this your atteniton.

Very Truly yours,

Myron F. Clark
MYRON F. CLARK

MFC:mm

*yes to No. Main St.
5th Prop. listed -*

NOV 2 1982

*Robert
11/2*

Mr. Myron F. Clark
General Contractor
21 North Maple Street
Florence, Massachusetts 01060

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your inquiry of September 23, 1982, concerning your property on North Main Street in Williamsburg, Massachusetts.

We are pleased to advise you that your property is located within the boundaries of the Williamsburg Center Historic District, Williamsburg, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 22, 1980. The Historic District file contains a photograph of the house.

We appreciate your interest in the National Register, one of several historic preservation programs administered by the National Park Service, and if we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull (Sgd.)

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
Interagency Resource Management Division

bcc: Ms. Valarie Talmadge, SHPO, Massachusetts

cc: 710
Mid-Atlantic Region
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