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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Rabbit Hill Historic District

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Franklin, Highland, Main, and Milford Streets; and N/A not for publication
city, town Medway (West) Slocumb Place N/A vicinity
state Massachusetts code 025 county Norfolk code 021 zip code 02053

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>62</u>	<u>3</u> buildings
<u>11</u>	<u>38</u> sites
<u>73</u>	<u>41</u> structures
	<u>41</u> objects
	<u>41</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/ANumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Valerie A. Talmage

Signature of certifying official

2/8/88

Date

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission;

State or Federal agency and bureau State Historic Preservation OfficerIn my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
☐ removed from the National Register.
☐ other, (explain:) _____

Patrick Andrews4/1/88

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use Rabbit Hill Historic District, Medway, Massachusetts	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/single and multiple dwellings	Domestic/single dwelling
Commerce	Education/library
Religion	Religion
Industry/manufacturing	

7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
Greek Revival	foundation stone, brick
Federal	walls wood
Late Victorian	roof asphalt
	other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Rabbit Hill Historic District, on Franklin, Highland, Main, and Milford Streets and Slocum Place, in West Medway, is a forty-acre area of largely intact residential, commercial, institutional, and formerly protoindustrial buildings built primarily during the early-to-mid-19th century. The nominated district, situated on Rabbit Hill, contains 65 buildings, of which 62 are contributing and 3 are noncontributing, 11 contributing structures, and 38 noncontributing structures (12 outbuildings have been counted as noncontributing, due to the lack of specific information at the present time). At the center of the district, at the very top of the hill, is the Second Congregational Church (1814), Map #8, opposite which is the only large open space in the district: an approximately one-acre plot of greenery. By contrast most of the district is densely settled with many stone walls around small yards.

The majority of the buildings in the nominated district are Greek Revival style, erected between 1830 and 1850; however, there are also many Federal-style buildings and a few late-19th and early-20th century styles. Of the 65 buildings in the district, 25 are Greek Revival houses of both the front and side gable varieties. Another 23 are Federal or transitional Colonial-Federal, or Federal-Greek Revival-style buildings, while five are later Victorian-era buildings. Only three of the buildings in the district are noncontributing buildings dating from the 1930s or later. Clapboards side 52 of the 65 buildings, while six are shingle-sheathed or of brick construction. Descriptions of key and representative buildings follow in chronological order:

The Morocco Tannery or the Lowell Mann Place, (Map #17, 189 Main Street) is the oldest structure built in the district, erected in 1810. Built as a tannery and later converted to a residence, this Federal-style structure is a small, 2 1/2-story, shingled, frame building with gable end. A full one-story porch was added in the 20th century. Two small sheds were also added to the east side at an unknown date.

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The West Medway Community Church (originally the Second Congregational Church, Map #8, Main Street, Photo #9) is an imposing, Federal-style structure erected in 1814. The church was probably designed by Elias Carter, architect for many other area churches, and was built by master builder, Malachi Bullard. This fine example of the vernacular New England church is a tall, two-story, frame structure; five bays by seven bays with front-facing gabled roof. The facade graduates upward from a trio of doorways, the center one with decorative fanlight and all with dentilated pediments, to a Palladian window in the second story, thence to a square clock tower, above which is an octagonal bell cupola and steeple. The windows are 12/12 sash throughout. A two-story addition was erected to the rear and west, probably in the late 19th century.

The Old Tavern House (Map #7, 192-198 Main Street) was erected beginning circa 1814-1816. The ell attached to the five-bay, two-story structure was the original building. Several additions were made in the 19th century.

The Mann House (Map #9, 200 Main Street) dating to 1816, is believed to be the first residence built on Rabbit Hill. The five-bay-wide, 2 1/2-story, clapboard structure with gabled roof and dual chimneys was erected in the Federal style, however, additions, including a large center porch entry way and a two-story bay window on one side, give the Mann House a vernacular Victorian appearance. Twentieth century alterations include vinyl siding, modern windows, and shorter chimneys. Other Federal-style houses include the Fuller Block (originally the Old Parish House, Map #22, 199 Main Street, circa 1816), the B. Ward House (Map #2, Main Street, 1820), the Squire Dean House (Map #3, 184 Main Street, 1836), and the Deane House (Map # 32, 8 Highland Street, 1840). Despite its late date, the Deane House is probably the most intact Federal-style house in the district. The symmetrical five-bay-wide, 2 1/2-story structure with gabled roof still has its 6/6 sash.

The Fuller Block (Map # 22, 199 Main Street) was constructed circa 1816 (of the timbers of the 1749 Evergreen Meeting house). Originally a 1 1/2-story, clapboard-sheathed structure with hipped roof, the building was altered in 1818, when it was raised to 2 1/2-stories and the hipped roof was replaced by a gable roof.

The Wight House, originally the Elias Metcalf House (Map # 10, 202 Main Street), is one of two excellent examples of richly detailed Greek Revival housing in the district. Erected in 1836, the 2 1/2-story, five-bay-wide, frame structure has characteristic Greek Revival features including a full pedimented gable facing the street with portico supported by plain Doric columns, incised pilasters framing the door, and 6/6 sash. The gable end is sheathed in flushboard, while the rest of the building is covered with

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clapboards. One center chimney pierces the ridge of the roof. Another excellent example of the Greek Revival style is the Cushing House (Map # 11, 204 Main Street, 1835) which stands next to and is a near-twin to the Wight House. Both houses have five-bay facades and a center-entry plan. Among the differences in detail in the Cushing House are the fluted columns supporting the portico, fluted pilasters framing the door, and the dual chimneys.

The Fuller House (Map # 18, Photo # 8, 191 Main Street) is an excellent example of the transitional Federal/Greek Revival Style. Erected in 1838, the otherwise typical five-bay-wide 2 1/2-story, gabled roof structure has a full one-story porch across the front and one side supported by round columns. An Italianate 1 1/2-story addition with brackets supporting a small hood over the door and pedimented bracketed dormer projecting from the gable roof was built later in the 19th century.

The Parsonage (Map # 19, 193 Main Street, 1830), next door to the Fuller House, is another example of the transition from Federal to Greek Revival styles.

The L.S. Daniels House (Map # 12, 179 Main Street) is a very early example of the Italianate style. The 2 1/2-story, L-shaped house with cross-gabled roof was erected in 1840 and has Italianate features such as a bracketed, corbeled cornice and scrolled brackets supporting the flat hood over the door, wooden lintels above all the windows, and a one-story porch running the length of the ell.

The J. Mann House (Map # 47, 3 Milford Street) was erected as a boot shop in 1840. The tall, 2 1/2-story, frame building with gable to the street is three bays wide. While the structure is built in the Greek Revival style, with gable returns and a flat-roofed porch and the door supported by round columns, it is a utilitarian, industrial structure with no other ornamentation.

Cutler Row # 2 (Map # 31, 6 Highland Street) was erected as a mill boarding house in 1843. The simple, unornamented Greek Revival building is a 2 1/2-story, L-shaped structure with cross-gabled roof. The second story over the ell was added in 1980.

The Tack Shop (Map # 16, 187 Main Street, Photo # 3) was erected in 1845. Originally a small 1 1/2-story building, the shop was later expanded with the addition of a large projecting gable. Despite this alteration, the Tack Shop is historically significant and retains sufficient integrity to be considered a contributing element in the district.

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The Creasy House (Map # 52, 15 Milford Street) is a 1 1/2-story, L-shaped plan, gabled-roof, mid-Victorian structure with paired windows in the gable, a polygonal, one-story bay, and a porch the length of the ell. Decorative features include: a pedimented dormer in the ell, turned posts supporting the porch, a pedimented gable at one end of the porch, a decorative truss in the gable of the main roof, and swan scrolled brackets supporting an entry hood over the door.

The Tailor Shop/now Cole Public Library (Map # 20, 195 Main Street) was erected in 1871. The 2 1/2-story, frame building with gable to the street has Greek Revival features such as returns and incised corner pilasters. Originally, the building stood broadside to the street. Most likely, it was turned 90 degrees to accommodate the construction of the Torrent Fire House in 1876. In 1918, the tailor shop was converted to a library. In 1954, a one-story addition was built to the rear.

183 Main Street (Map # 14) is one of two Second Empire-style houses in the district. Like the other building (located next door at 181 Main Street), the house at 183 Main Street was erected in 1874. The intact center-entry house, two stories in height and three bays wide, has dormers in the mansard roof, bowed bays that extend through the roof line, a bracketed cornice, and roundheaded windows.

The Torrent Fire House (Map # 21, 197 Main Street, Photo # 2) is a Victorian vernacular structure erected in 1876. The 2 1/2-story, frame building has its gable end to the street with returns and bracketed cornice, incised corner pilasters, scrolled brackets supporting the hood above the two large garage doors, and a square water tower. The first-story facade treatment occurred in the early-to-mid-20th century. A one-story addition was erected to the rear in 1952.

There are seven non-contributing buildings in the district, all residences built after 1900. They range from a cape to a ranch to a Colonial Revival structure. None of the seven are visually intrusive.

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While no prehistoric sites are currently recorded in the district, it is likely that sites are present. At least two sites have been reported in the general area (within one mile). The physical characteristics of the property, well-drained terraces sloping southerly to the Charles River, would have made this an attractive area for native settlement and subsistence activities. Since patterns of prehistoric occupation in Medway are poorly documented, any surviving sites would be significant. Regional as well as local significance might result from sites found in this area and then contribute to our understanding of prehistoric settlement in the upper Charles River Basin, a poorly understood locale.

There is also a potential for significant historical remains in the district. First use of the area was as pastureland during the 18th century. Structures were not built until the early 19th century. At first, the focus was agricultural/residential, though by 1850, some small industry was developed. Background research, controlled testing, and excavation may help to determine whether or not structures and related features exist from the area's early-18th-century use as pasture (herdsmen's huts, animal pens, etc.) or from later-19th-century residential/agricultural/industrial use. Archaeological remains from this period might include barn foundations and shop areas as well as trash pits, privies and wells. At least one shoe shop (located between 4 and 6 Highland Street) has been lost; perhaps subsurface remains related to shoe production might be found there. Analysis of these remains could provide detailed information on the changing social, cultural, and economic patterns that characterized rural life in Medway.

8. Statement of Significance Rabbit Hill Historic District, Medway, Massachusetts

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance

1810-1899

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Rabbit Hill Historic District, in the village of West Medway, in Medway, Massachusetts, is a remarkably intact early-to-mid-19th century secondary village that developed following the establishment and construction of the Second Congregational Church at the top of Rabbit Hill in 1814. The nominated district retains integrity of location, design, setting, feeling, materials, workmanship, and association. This largely residential neighborhood is historically significant for its associations with the growth of West Medway in the early 19th century and is architecturally significant for its number of intact 19th-century buildings representing the transition in styles from Federal to Greek Revival to Italianate. The period of significance spans the years from 1810, when the first building (the Morocco Tannery, Map #17) was erected on Rabbit Hill, to 1899, when West Medway had declined economically relative to the factory village in East Medway. The Rabbit Hill Historic District meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

West Medway was first settled in the early 18th century when Benoni and Mehitable Partridge moved to the west section of the New Grant (as Medway was then known). By 1748, there were 34 people living in this part of Medway. As the local population expanded, the settlers expressed increasing displeasure at having to travel to the Old Grant (in Dedham or Medfield) to attend church services. Finally, in 1748, after almost five years' effort, the residents of the western section of Medway succeeded in having the General Court recognize West Medway as a separate political and religious precinct, known as the West Parish. In 1750, the first church in West Medway was erected on land given to the congregation by Henry Gainsey (the first settler in Medway), Eleazer Thompson, and Nathaniel Whiting. Organized as the Second Church of Christ in Medway, the meetinghouse was located just east of the proposed National Register district, and remained in use into the early 19th century. Following the establishment of West Parish, the area later known as West Medway grew rapidly. By 1751, there were about 250 residents, though the area was still largely a dispersed agricultural settlement until the early 19th century.

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9. Major Bibliographical References Rabbit Hill Historic District, Medway, Massachusetts

Donovan, Francis, The New Grant: History of Medway, New York: Mill River Press, ca. 1976.
McA Lester, Virginia and Lee, A Field Guide to American Houses, Knopf Publishers, 1984.
Medway Historical Society Records.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
☐ previously listed in the National Register
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other

Specify repository:

Massachusetts Historical Commission

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 40 acres

Quad- Holliston

Scale- 1:25000

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

see assessors map

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Boundary Justification

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By 1818, West Medway was the site of Medway's town meeting every three years. (The other two years the meetings were held in East Medway.) By 1842, West Medway, Medway Village, and East Medway alternated years as the site of town meeting.

Impetus for further growth in West Medway came with the development of manufacturing in the early 19th Century. Between 1812 and 1815, three cotton textile mills were established on the banks of the Charles River in West Medway, a short distance from the nominated district. Among them was the West Medway Carpet company (established ca. 1825), reputed to be the producer of the first machine-woven, woolen carpet in New England. (While WMCC was bought by the Lowell Manufacturing Company and relocated to Lowell in 1825, textiles continued to be produced in West Medway into the late 1800s.)

During the first half of the 19th century, other manufacturing industries also contributed to the development of West Medway (and the Rabbit Hill Historic District). Foremost among these industries were shoe and straw goods manufacturing. In 1837, almost 200 people were employed in shoe factories in West Medway, producing about 140,000 pairs of boots and shoes. The largest shoe factory in West Medway was established, in 1832, by Willard Daniels. Daniel's son, Leander, continued the business into the late 1800s and was the largest employer in West Medway. While the factory was located outside the Rabbit Hill Historic District, L. S. Daniels resided in the district at 179 Main Street (Map #12).

For much of the 19th century, straw bonnet manufacture was important to the local economy. In 1837, there were more than 30,000 straw bonnets produced in Medway. One of the principal firms was the Medway Straw Works. A resident of Rabbit Hill, Elias Metcalf, whose house still stands at 202 Main Street (Map #10), was a partner in this firm, from 1842 to 1854. Industrial growth in West Medway was aided by the establishment of the Millis to Milford Railroad, in 1871. The depot in West Medway (located south of the district) benefitted textile, shoe, and straw goods producers who were able to transport their products quicker and cheaper than previously. One indication of this growth is that the value of straw goods manufactured, in West Medway, in 1865, was 400% higher than in 1837.

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The success of manufacturing firms attracted increasing numbers of people to West Medway. The growing population, in turn, stimulated expansion of the local commercial and service economy. However, by 1900, most industry had relocated either to Medway's factory village (located about midway between West and East Medway) or to larger manufacturing centers. As industry faded so did commercial activity. Adding to the woes of the local economy was the establishment of a trolley line along Main Street, in West Medway, to Village Street, in eastern Medway, in 1900. West Medway residents thus increasingly travelled to the eastern villages of Medway for work and to shop.

During the years of West Medway's prosperity (1800-1900), the Rabbit Hill Historic District was also an active and prosperous community. Prior to 1810, Rabbit Hill was stony pastureland owned by Jabez Shumway, who lived on Village Street in Medway. In addition to farm animals, there were many rabbits grazing on Rabbit Hill, thus explaining its name. The first impetus for the eventual settlement of the nominated district was the opening of the Hartford-Dedham Turnpike (Main Street or Route 109) across the top of Rabbit Hill in 1810. The same year, a small leather manufactory, the Morocco Tannery (Map #17, also known as the Lowell Mann Place), was erected, representing the first structure built on Rabbit Hill. By 1814, a new church, the Second Congregational Church, had been erected (Map #8) at the top of the hill on land deeded by Shumway, replacing the ca. 1750 Second Church of Christ. The Second Congregational Church formed the nucleus of the new settlement at Rabbit Hill. The ell portion of the "Old Tavern House" (Map #7) was erected, in 1813-1814, to house the workers constructing the meetinghouse. By 1816, the structure had been turned into a tavern and inn serving turnpike travellers.

As manufacturing activity in West Medway expanded, increasing numbers of people settled on Rabbit Hill. In addition to being the home of factory owners such as L. S. Daniels and Elias Metcalf, Rabbit Hill served as a residential area for many factory workers. Two houses on Highland Street, Cutler Row #1 and Cutler Row #2 (Map #s 30 and 31), were erected as mill housing for people working in the textile mills situated south of Rabbit Hill.

While serving primarily as a residential neighborhood, Rabbit Hill also experienced some commercial, industrial, and institutional development. In 1817, a small commercial block, the Fuller Block (Map #22), was erected at 199 Main Street. The Tailor Shop (Map #20) was erected next door in 1871. Also near the center of the village, next door to the Morocco Tannery, stand two buildings originally built as a shoe tack shop (Map #16) and (probably) a shoe

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shop (Map #15). Likewise, two present residences on Milford Street, the J. Mann House (Map #47) and the Mann House (Map #49), were originally small shoe factories. By the beginning of the 20th century, these industrial buildings, like many in West Medway, had closed. Institutional buildings were also located near the center of the district, across from the Second Congregational Church. In 1876, the Torrent Fire House (Map #21) was erected at 197 Main Street.

Following the decline of the West Medway economy, ca. 1900, very little development occurred on Rabbit Hill. Only three houses in the district area were erected after 1900, one in the 1930s (26 Franklin Street, Map A) and two since 1960 (13 and 16 Milford Street, Map B and C). Otherwise, the Rabbit Hill Historic District is a remarkably intact 19th-century neighborhood. Most of the buildings in the district are well preserved, many having been repaired and restored in recent years.

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UTM REFERENCES:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Easting</u>	<u>Northings</u>
A	19	299300	4668570
B	19	299060	4668280
C	19	298630	4668140
D	19	298460	4668420
E	19	298500	4668540
F	19	298730	4668480
G	19	298790	4668590
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I	19	299110	4668620

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Boundary Justification

The district's boundaries have been drawn to include the greatest number of buildings which contribute to the period of significance. On Highland Street (northwest), the district ends at the town's watertank. On Slocumb Street (north), the district ends at the original dead end, beyond this point is recent development. Outside the boundary on Main Street (northeast) are 20th-century intrusions including a liquor store, drug store, and gas station. Outside the district on Franklin Street (south) are predominantly mid-20th-century residential buildings. On Main Street (southwest), the district boundary ends with stone walls on both sides, beyond which are 20th-century intrusions. Lastly, on Milford Street (west) there is a stone wall past Map #50, beyond which are altered, sided buildings whose dates are difficult to determine; and past Map #58 is an open area which visually separates the district.

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<u>Map #</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Resource</u>
1	Daniels House Barn	180 Main Street	1832 ca. 1835	C C	Federal	B B
2	B. Ward House Stone Wall Garage	182 Main Street	1820 ca. 1820 mid-20th c.	C C NC	Federal	B St St
3	Squire Dean House Stone Wall	184 Main Street	1836 ca. 1840	C C	Federal	B St
4	Hevon House Outbuilding Outbuilding Outbuilding	186 Main Street	1885	C NC* NC* NC*	Federal	B St St St
5	Pond House Garage	188 Main Street	1837 mid-20th c.	C NC	Federal	B St
6	Garage	190 Main Street	1832 mid-20th c.	C NC	Georgian	B St
7	Tavern House	192-198 Main Street	1820	C	Georgian	B
8	West Medway Community Church	Main Street	1814	C	Federal	B
9	Mann House Outbuilding	200 Main Street	1816 Post 1945	C NC	Federal	B St
10	Wight House Garage	202 Main Street	1836 mid-20th c.	C NC	Greek Revival	B St

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11	Cushing House	204 Main Street	1835	C	Greek Revival	B
12	L.S. Daniels House Outbuilding	179 Main Street	1840	C NC*	Italianate	B St
13	Outbuilding	181 Main Street	1874	C NC*	Second Empire	B St
14	Outbuilding	183 Main Street	1874	C NC*	Second Empire	B St
15	Shop Garage	185 Main Street	1820 mid-20th c.	C NC		B St
16	Tack Shop	187 Main Street	1845	C	Vernacular	B
17	Lowell Mann (Morocco Tannery)	189 Main Street	1810	C	Adams Federal	B
18	Fuller House Outbuilding	191 Main Street	1838	C NC*	Greek Revival (Late Federal)	B St
19	Parsonage Outbuilding	193 Main Street	1830	C NC*	Greek Revival (Federal Transitional)	B St
20	Tailor Shop (Cole Library)	195 Main Street	1871	C	Greek Revival	B
21	Torrent Fire House	197 Main Street	1876	C	Victorian Vernacular	B

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22	Old Parish House (Fuller Block)	199 Main Street	1817	C	Federal	B
23	AMB Fuller House Tool Shed	201 Main Street	1825 mid-20th c.	C NC	Federal	B St
24	Samuel Cutler House Stone Wall with Granite Posts Barn Root Cellar Summer Kitchen	203 Main Street	1820 ca. 1820 ca. 1825 ca. 1820 ca. 1825	C C C C C	Federal	B St B St B
	Vacant					
25	Stephen Adams House Stone Wall Summer House	207 Main Street	1829 ca. 1830 ca. 1830	C C C		B St St
26	Caleb Coolidge/ Cabot House	209 Main Street	1830	C	Greek Revival	B
27		24 Franklin Street	1840	C	Greek Revival	B
A	Outbuilding	26 Franklin Street	1930	NC NC*	Cape	B St
28	Squire Slocumb House	6 Slocumb Place	1817	C	Greek Revival	B
29	Metcalf House Garage	2 Highland Street	1840 early 1900s	C NC	Greek Revival	B St
30	Cutler Row #1	4 Highland Street	1854	C	Greek Revival	B

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31	Cutler Row #2 Garage	6 Highland Street	1843 mid-20th c.	C NC	Greek Revival	B St
32	Deane House Garage	8 Highland Street	1840 1978	C NC	Federal	B St
33	Deane House Garage	10 Highland Street	1840 mid-20th c.	C NC	Federal	B St
34	Deane House Stone Wall Garage	12 Highland Street	1840 1840 1950	C C NC	Federal	B St St
35	S. Patridge House Stone Wall Garage	1 Highland Stret	1835 ca. 1835 1977	C C NC	Greek Revival	B St St
36	White House Barn	3 Highland Street	1835 1835	C C	Federal	B B
37	Metcalf House Barn	5 Highland Street	1835 1835	C C	Greek Revival	B B
38	Grant/Hart House	11 Highland Street	1840	C	Greek Revival (altered)	B
	Shed/barn (attached) Outbuilding		1852	C NC*		B St
39	Timothy Mann House Garage	2 Milford Street	1839 1970	C NC	Greek Revival	B St

Medway, Rabbit Hill Historic District

<u>Map #</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Resource</u>
40	Derming Jarvis Hastings House	4 Milford Street	1839	C	Fed/Greek Revival	B
	Barn		ca. 1840	C		B
	Stone wall		ca. 1840	C		St
	Bomb Shelter			NC		St
41	Velin/Nurse House Garage (attached) Outbuildings	6 Milford Street	1830 mid-20th c.	C NC NC*	Greek Revival	B St 3St
42	Pond House Stone wall Garage	10 Milford Street	1830 ca. 1830 mid-20th c.	C C NC	Cape (w/Greek Rev.)	B St St
B		16 Milford Street		NC	Modern	B
43		16 Milford Street	ca. 1840	C	Greek Revival	B
44	Shop/Paridge House	18 Milford Street	1838	C	Federal	2B
45	Slocumb House Garage Tool Shed	20 Milford Street	1863 mid-20th c. mid-20th c.	C NC NC	Greek Revival	B St St
46	Fuller House/Store Shed/Shop	1 Milford Street	1852 ca. 1855	C C		B B
47	J. Mann House Garage	3 Milford Street	1840 1920	C NC	Greek Revival	B St

Medway, Rabbit Hill Historic District

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48	Metcalf House	5 Milford Street	1830	C	Greek Revival	B
49	Mann House Tool Shed	7 Milford Street	1830	C NC	Greek Revival	B St
50	Pond House ("Little White House on Rabbit Hill")	9 Milford Street	1900	C	Cape	B
51	Thomas Adams House Garage	11 Milford Street	1840 1920	C NC	Greek Revival	B St
C	Pool	13 Milford Street	1960	NC NC	Cape	B St
52	Creasy House Barn Small Henhouse Work Shop Pool	15 Milford Street	1860 ca. 1860 ca. 1860 1978	C C C NC* NC	Victorian Vernacular	B B St St St

* garages and other outbuildings, for which specific information is not available at the present time, have been counted as non-contributing.

KEY

B....building
St...structure

C....contributing
NC...noncontributing

DISTRICT TOTALS

Contributing: 62B, 11St
Noncontributing: 3B, 38St

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rabbit Hill Historic District
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. FEB 18 1988
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/1/89
Date Due: 3/17/88 - 4/3/88
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-1-88
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Relatively intact collection
of 19th-century buildings
illustrative of West Medway's
historical growth and development
and the evolution of architectural*

Recom./Criteria Accept A+C
Reviewer Savage
Discipline Architectural History
Date 4/1/88
____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

*styles from
Federal to Greek Revival to
Italianate.*

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	
	☐ unaltered	
	☐ altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Map #s 19, 20, 21, 22

(left to right)

Parsonage	193 Main Street	Medway, MA
Tailor Shop	195 Main Street	Medway, MA
Torrent Fire Station	197 Main Street	Medway, MA
Store	199 Main Street	Medway, MA

view looking southeast

Date of Photo: 1985

Photographer : Leslie H. Dixon , Historical Comm.

Location of Negative: Same

Rabbit Hill H. S.
Medway, Mass

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Transition

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y/Tailor Shop) 1870-71

Torrent Fire Station 1876

the - Antique Shop, Jewellery & Fish (1816-17)



map #s 19, 20, 21, 22

(left to right)

Parsonage	193 Main Street	Medway, MA
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Historical Commission

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Medway, Mass
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Fire Station) 1876

(816 or 1817)



map #s 15, 16, 17

Shop	185 Main Street
Tack Shop	187 Main Street
Lowell Mann Place	189 Main Street

Medway, MA

VIEW looking east

Date of Photo: 1985

Photographer : Leslie H. Dixon

Location of Negative: Same

Rabbit Hill H.S.
Medway, Mass

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#2 Benjamin Ward House
182 Main Street Medway, MA

Date of Photo: 1985

Photographer: Leslie H. Dixon
Historical Commission

Location of Negative: Same

view looking northwest

Rabbit Hill H.D.
Medway, Mass
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Stephen Adams House

207 Main Street

Medway, MA

Date of Photo: 1985

Photographer: Leslie H. Dixon
Historical Commission

Location of Negative: Same

view looking southeast

neg #25

Rabbit Hill H.D.
Medway, Mass
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#11

John Cushing House

204 Main Street

Medway, MA

Date of Photo: 1985

Photographer: Leslie H. Dixon

Location of Negative: Same

view looking northwest

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Medway, Mass
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Deane House

map # 32

8 Highland Street

Medway, MA

Date of Photo: 1985

Photographer : Leslie H. Dixon

Historical Commission

Location of Negative: Same

view looking northeast

Rabbit Hill H. S.
Medway, Mass
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Map# 18

Fuller House

191 Main Street.

Medway, MA

Date of Photo: 1985

Photographer : Leslie H. Dixon

Medway Historical Commission

Location of Negative: Same

View looking southeast

Rabbit Hill H.S.
Medway, Mass
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#8

West Medway Community Church

--Main Street Medway, MA

Date of Photo: 1985

Photographer: Leslie H. Dixon
Historical Commission

Location of Negative: Same

View looking north

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Medway, Mass
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Map # 28

Squire Slocumb House

6 Slocum Place

Medway, MA

Date of Photo: 1985

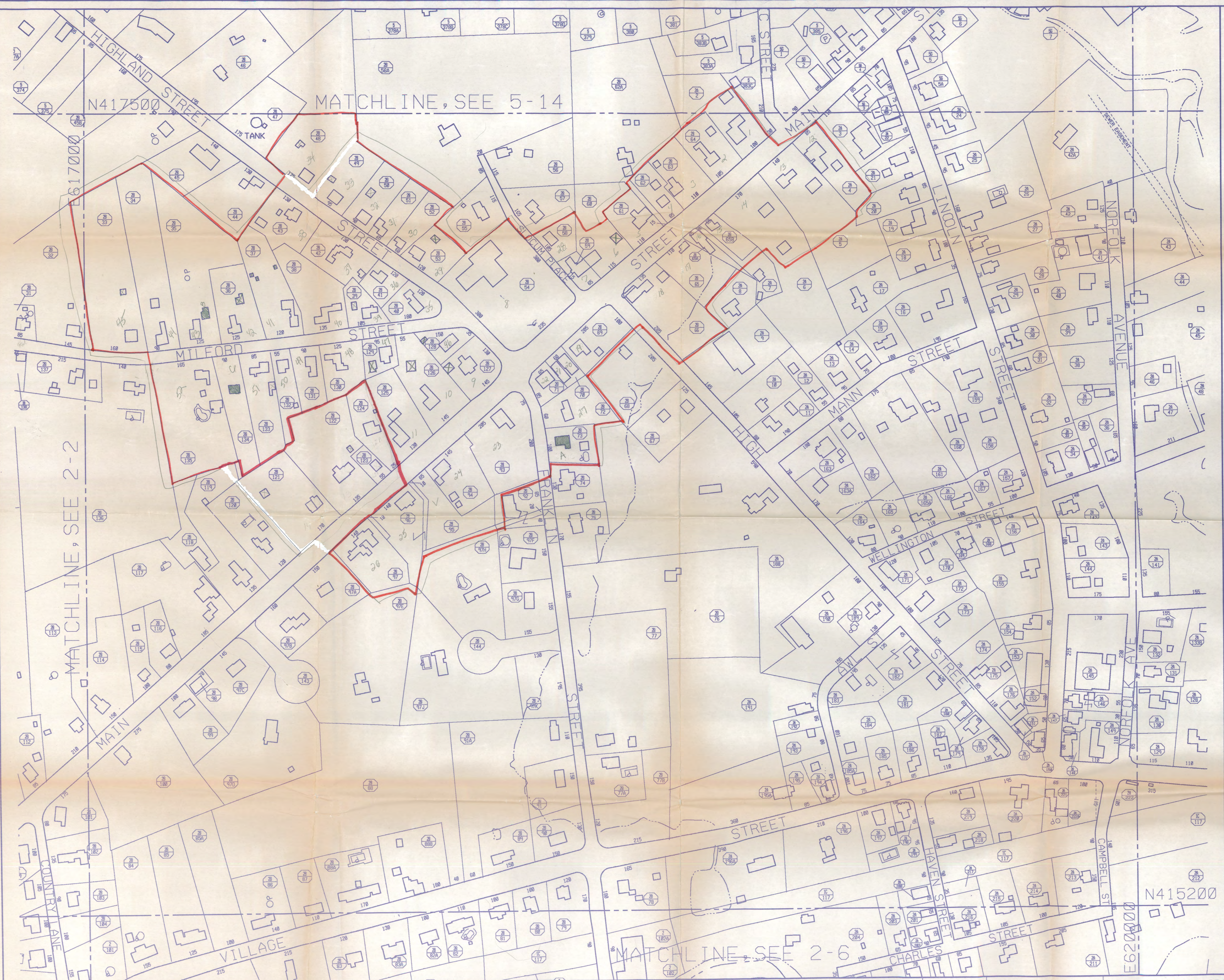
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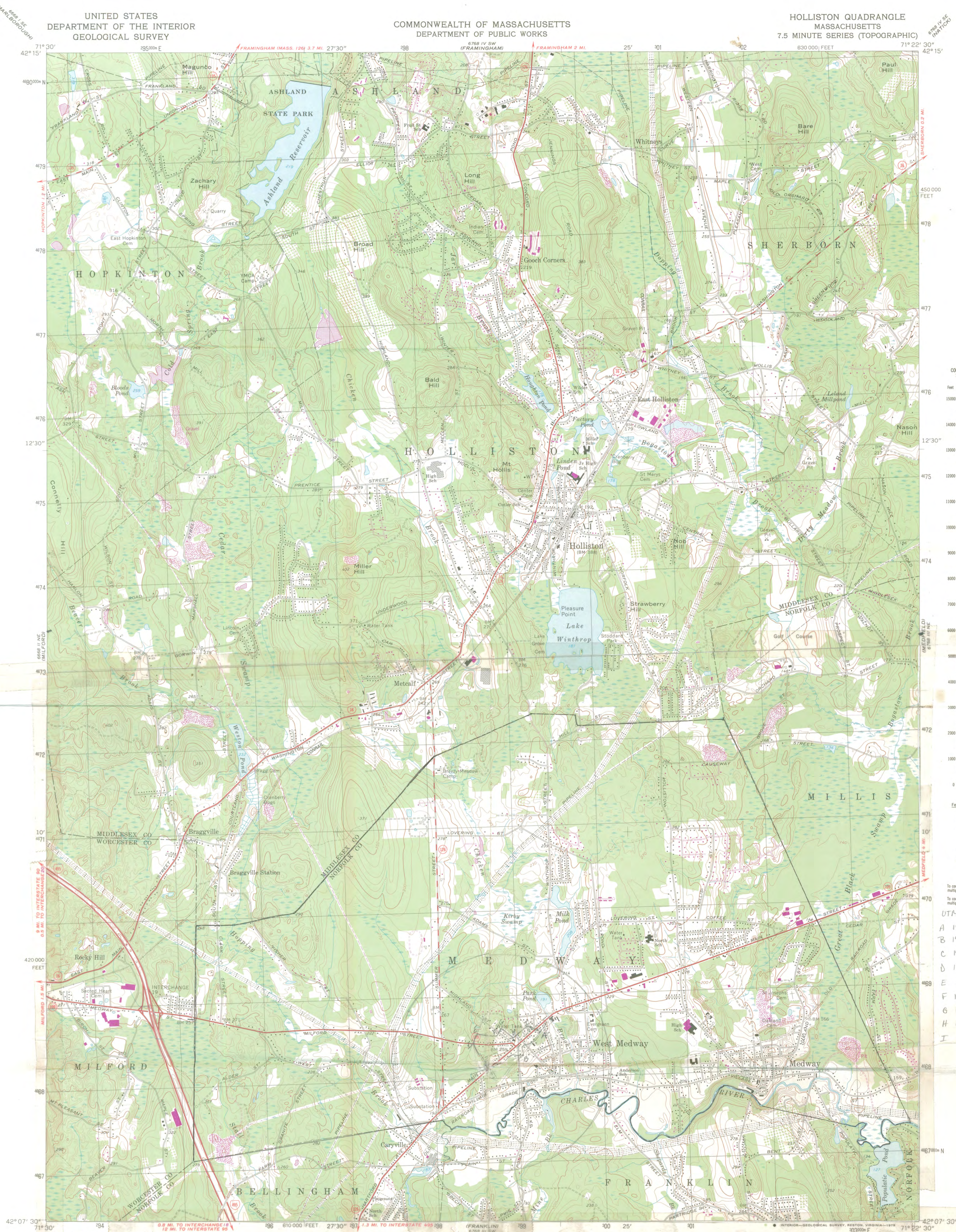
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Rabbit Hill H. S.
Medway, Mass
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Medway, MA
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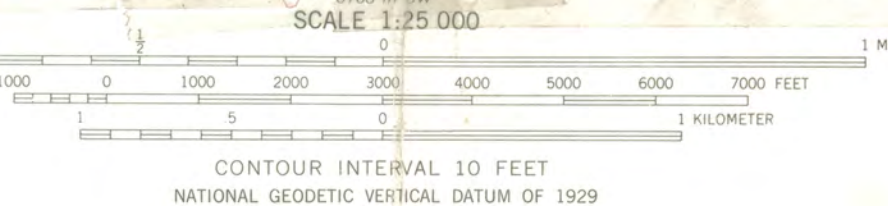
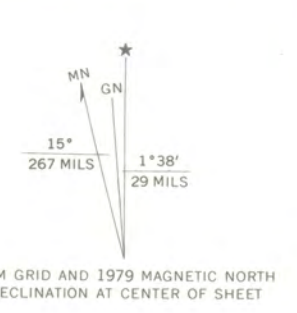
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Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
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Office of the Secretary of State
Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Valerie A. Talmage

Executive Director

State Historic Preservation Officer

February 9, 1988

Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the nomination forms for the following properties:

Becket, North Becket Village Historic District
Main, High, and Pleasant Streets

Boston, Wesleyan Association Building, 32-38 Bromfield Street

Medway, Rabbit Hill Historic District, Franklin, Highland, Main,
and Milford Streets, and Slocumb Place

They have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. All comments received to date have been attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

BF/es

Enclosure