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National Park Service

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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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

## 1. Name

historic John Cotting House (preferred)

and/or common Knights of Columbus Building

## 2. Location

street & number 74 Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Marlborough N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts code 025 county Middlesex code 017

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Richard Wagner

street & number 15 Forest Road

city, town Framingham N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Middlesex South Registry of Deeds

street & number Cambridge Street

city, town Cambridge state Massachusetts

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date July 1978, Inventory #50  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

## 7. Description John Cotting House, Marlborough, MA

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			N/A

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located across the street from the town common in the commercial and civic center of Marlborough, the John Cotting House occupies approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of land and is set back twenty-two feet from Main Street. The lot on which it stands is unelevated, however the house is surrounded by grass and shrubs on all sides and has a wrought iron fence that runs along the northern boundary of the property. The Cotting House consists of a main,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story section with a gable ended facade built ca. 1835 and a two story rear ell built at the end of the 19th century.

Typically Greek Revival in design, the main block of the house is a three bay sidehall plan building that displays a temple front with a pedimented portico. Rising from a stone foundation, the structure is sheathed in clapboards and enclosed by a pitch roof that rests on a wide, simple entablature. Windows throughout the building contain  $\frac{2}{2}$ sash and are capped by molded pediments.

The building's symmetrical three bay gable ended facade (north elevation) is sheathed in horizontal matched boarding and is framed by simple wide cornerboards. This elevation features a pedimented portico composed of four, two-story Doric columns which support a plain entablature that continues around the entire structure. The gable, which is covered in clapboards, has one window at its center and serves as a high pediment for the building's temple front. The structure's main entrance is located at the northwest end of this elevation. The doorway is framed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length sidelights and a raised panel that is placed below them. The entry is capped by a wide architrave and a pediment similar in design to the ones above the building's windows.

The east and west elevations form the sides of the structure and are identical in design. Each face is framed by wide cornerboards and contains four symmetrically aligned window openings. On the west elevation, however, the two northernmost windows have been blocked in to accommodate a stairway located on the interior of this wall.

Attached to the rear of the building (south elevation) is a two story clapboarded ell with a pitch roof. Standing at a considerably lower height than the main section of the house, this addition contains irregularly placed windows and has a pedimented entry supported by brackets on the east elevation.

The interior of the house has remained largely unaltered since its construction. Its particularly noteworthy features include a tin ceiling in the front hallway and windows with pedimented moldings that repeat the design of those on the building's exterior.

## 8. Significance

John Cotting House, Marlborough, MA

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 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 type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1851

Builder/Architect

Not Known

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John Cotting House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant as an intact and well preserved example of a finely detailed temple front Greek Revival style residence and is important for its association with a family prominent in the community's development during the 19th century. The building thus meets Criteria A, B, and C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Constructed in 1851 for John F. Cotting, the Cotting House is located on the Boston Post Road, a major Colonial Period highway, in the east village of Marlborough. This area of town, oriented around Main (Boston Post Road) and Maple Streets, emerged as a commercial and civic hub in the 18th century and continues today to serve as the town center.

Members of the Cotting Family were community leaders in civic and commercial activities throughout the 19th century. The first of the family to arrive in Marlborough was Amos Cotting. Trained as a doctor, he moved to the community from Waltham in 1799. Shortly after his arrival, the town entered a period of economic growth based on the manufacturing of shoes and straw. This early period of industrial development encouraged commercial activity particularly at the already established commercial and civic center located on the Boston Post Road (Main Street) at the intersection of Maple Street. It was in this prospering business district that Amos Cotting's son, John B. (1799-1870), first operated a store and later built a tavern in 1822 at the corner of Main and Cotting Streets, just east of the nominated property. The structure served as an inn, community meeting place, and social center throughout the 19th century, and stood as a prominent local landmark until demolished in 1948. Much note of the important role the building played in community life can be seen in Ella Bigelow's local history of 1910 - Historical Reminiscences of Marlborough - in which the social activity that occurred at the tavern is discussed at great length.

John B. Cotting's son, John F., constructed the nominated property in 1851. Involved primarily in business with his father, John operated the family store, but is best known for the role he played in the civic affairs of the community. During his lifetime he served as a selectman and postmaster for the town. The Greek Revival style house he built in the mid-19th century was located in the heart of the community across from the town common and adjacent to the family's tavern. In its well articulated design, the building stood prominently in the center of town and clearly reflected the family's high economic status within the community. The house continued to be owned by the Cotting family until the turn of the 20th century.

In addition to its association with a prosperous family who were leaders in the commercial, civic, and social affairs of 19th century Marlborough, the building is also an architecturally significant structure representing a well designed Greek Revival style residence. The house is one of a handful of temple front buildings

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Ella Bigelow, Historical Reminiscences of Marlborough, Times Publishing Company, Printers, 1910 Marlborough, Massachusetts.  
 History of Marlborough, Massachusetts, T.R. Marvin & Son, 42 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 1862.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 11,467 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Marlborough

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached assessor's map.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathryn Kubie, Preservation Planner with Ernest Ginnetti, Marlborough Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date May, 1984

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Patricia L. Werlowski*

title State Historic Preservation Officer  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 7/10/84

### For NPS use only

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

*J. Melores Byers*  
 Keeper of the National Register

Inscribed in the  
 National Register

date 8-16-84

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

**United States Department of the Interior  
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Continuation sheet John Cotting House

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remaining in the community, but is particularly important because in its well preserved state it best reflects the economically prosperous period during which it was constructed.

The Cotting House was recently renovated with the interior space converted into office use. This rehabilitation project was certified by the Department of the Interior in 1982 as meeting the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Cotting, John, House  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUL 16 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85

Date Due: 8/16/84 - 8/30/84

Action:  ACCEPT 8-16-84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

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

- 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

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

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**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

County: Jones County  
Municipality: Jones County  
STATE: MISSISSIPPI

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Property Name: John Cotting House  
Street Address: 74 Main Street  
Community: Marlborough, MA

Photographer & Date: Steven Jusseaume  
5/13/83

Location of Negative: 11 First Rd., Marlboro

Photo number 1 of 3

Description of View: Front (North) Faces  
Main Street

Photograph by  
STEVEN M. JUSSEAUME



Property Name: John Cotting House

Street Address: 74 Main Street

Community: Marlborough, MA

Photographer & Date: Steven Jusseaume

5/13/83

Location of Negative: 11 First Rd., Marlboro

Photo number 2 of 3

Description of View: Front (West) and Right  
Side

Photograph by  
STEVEN M. JUSSEAUME



Property Name: John Cotting House  
Street Address: 74 Main Street  
Community: Marlborough, MA

Photographer & Date: Steven Jusseaume  
5/13/83

Location of Negative: 11 First Rd., Marlboro

Photo number 3 of 3

Description of View: Front & (East) side  
showing chimney between main rooms &  
showing rear additions.

Photograph by  
STEVEN M. JUSSEAUME



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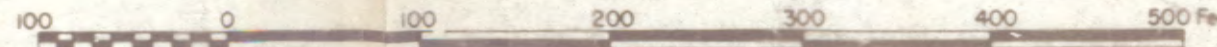
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John Cotting House  
Marlborough, MA

Assessor's Map  
Lot: 218 Page: 70  
1" = 100'



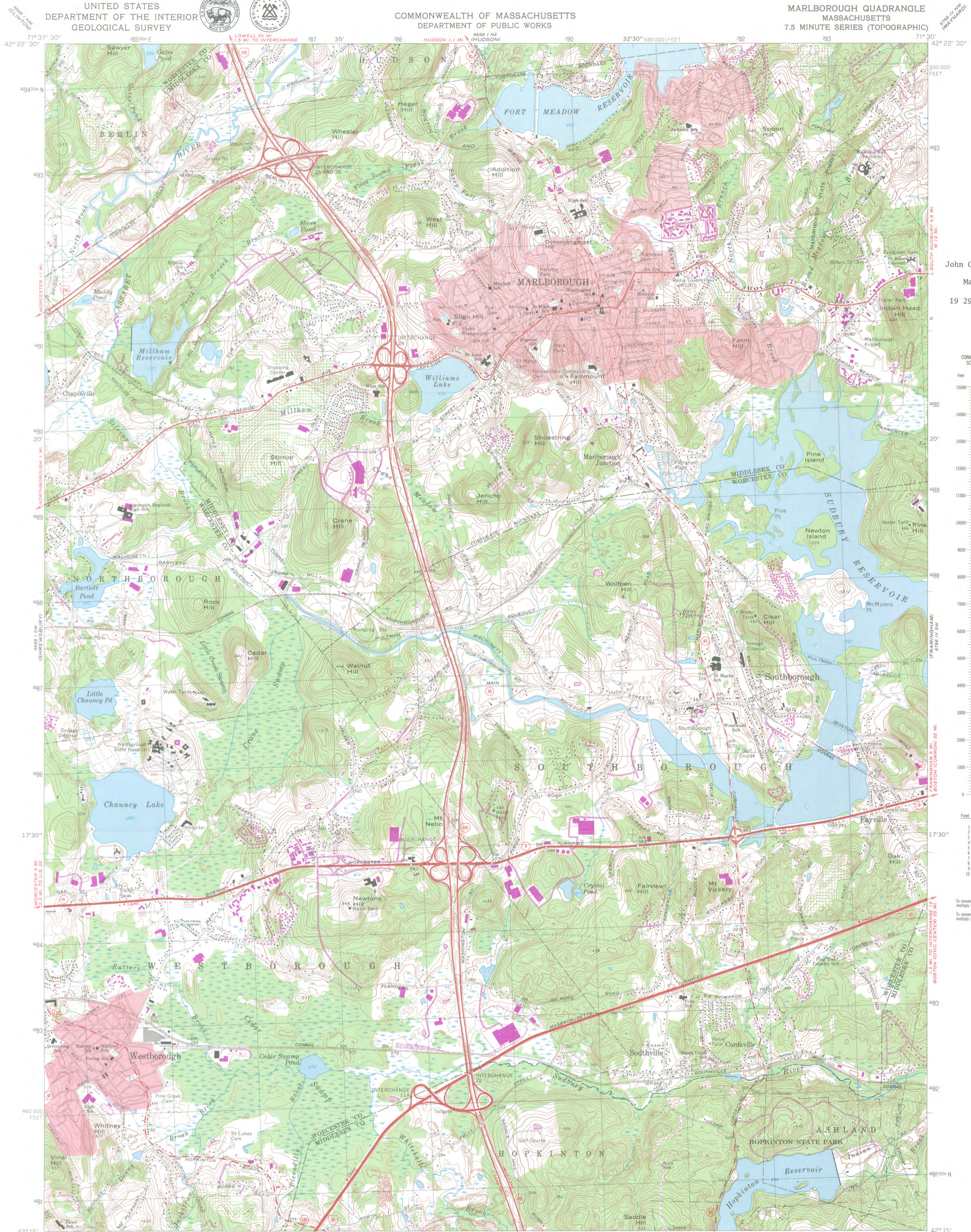
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MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS  
ASSESSORS MAP



John Cotting House  
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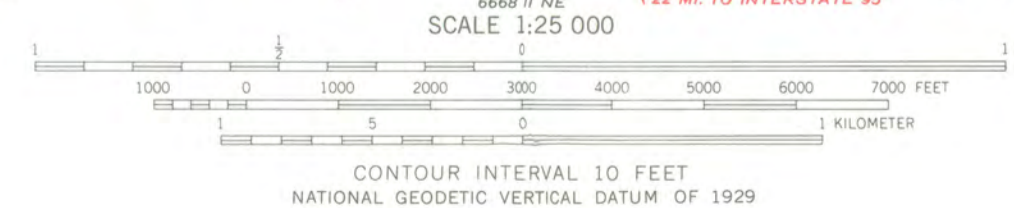
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
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There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of  
the National or State reservations shown on this map



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

○ Interstate Route    □ U.S. Route    ○ State Route



MARLBOROUGH, MASS.  
(FORMERLY MARLBORO)  
N4215-W7130/7.5  
1969  
PHOTOREVISED 1979  
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Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of  
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**MASSACHUSETTS  
HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION**

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

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02108  
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**MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY**  
Secretary of State

June 25, 1984

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
18th and C Streets NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Marlborough: John Cotting House(local)  
Newton: Claflin School (local)  
Sharon: Stoughtonham Furnace Site (state; local)

All 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. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

*Sarah J. Zimmerman*

Sarah J. Zimmerman  
Director, Preservation Planning

enclosure

SJZ/vs