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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME



HISTORIC

Old Curtisville Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

Interlaken

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Willard Hill Road, Interlaken Road,
Train Hill Road, Averic Road, Trask Lane, Route 183

CITY, TOWN

Stockbridge

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Berkshire

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☒ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☒ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stockbridge

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01262

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Central Berkshire Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

24 Wendell Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Pittsfield

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1975

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

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 Old Curtisville Historic District is located three miles northwest of the center of Stockbridge in the area known as Interlaken. Rural in character, the community is focused on Route 183 and Willard Hill Road and includes the adjoining roads known as Train Hill Road, Averic Road, Trask Lane and Mill Road (Interlaken Cross Road). A small brook, the Larrywang Brook, runs south through the district from the Mahkeenac Lake. The district is composed of 170 acres on which there are 53 structures and about 20 sites of mills and structures significant in the history of Old Curtisville. A number of dams and stone mill races and a stone bridge remain. The district is composed primarily of Federal and Greek Revival structures, with some notable exceptions such as the French Second Empire Style Citizens Hall on Willard Hill Road. The scale of the district is dictated by the predominantly two-story residences, and the only intrusions are thirteen 20th century dwellings which do not impose upon the setting and essence of Old Curtisville.

The focal point of the district is on Willard Hill Road where Citizens Hall and the Congregational Church face each other as they stand on a small rise. Citizens Hall (#32) (listed separately in the National Register 6/19/72) is a French Second Empire structure built in 1870. Although small in size, the building has large proportions and heavy ornamentation such as the quoins, brackets, and window and door detail. The two-story clapboard building is square with a projecting front pavilion with a three-story bell tower. It has recently been restored to its original appearance.

The Congregational Church (#5), built in 1826, was originally constructed on another site a mile away and moved to its present location in 1834. The building is brick and has a ridge roof. The projecting front entryway contains two paneled doors painted white and surmounted by fanlights, with another fanlight in the pediment above. Two marble steps mark the approach to the entrance. The square brick steeple tower intersects the gable of the main church and is topped by a three-staged wooden steeple and a wrought iron weathervane. Flanking the front entry on the facade are two arched windows with louvered shutters and 20-over-20 sash. Five similar windows run the length of the side elevations.

Next to the church is the Parsonage or Bancroft-Curtis-Howard House (#4) which was built for Stillman Bancroft in 1834. The two-story brick house is painted white and has a ridge roof with gable end to the street. The facade is three bays wide and its recessed front entrance is to the right. The windows have black louvered shutters (those on the first floor facade stretching to ground level) and 6-over-6 sash. There is a handsome oval wooden fan in the pediment and dentils at the eaves. There is an ell on the south side of the house and another addition to the rear.

Another brick building in the district is Burrall's Store and Post Office (#35) which was built in 1830 on the site of an old distillery. The building is located at a bend in the road, and although it has undergone a number of alterations, retains most of its handsome proportions and detail.

Next to the store is the Bancroft or Curtisville Inn (#34) which was built in 1833. The two-story clapboard structure has a ridge roof and four brick chimneys. A two-story porch extends the length of the facade and is supported on the ground level by

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six square columns which taper at the top and on the second-story level by six slender fluted Doric columns. The facade is eight bays wide and has twin entrances at both levels. These doorways have side lights and transoms which echo the treatment of the entry on the Bancroft-Curtis-Howard House. Windows have black shutters and 12-over-12 lights. The cornice is a band of Greek fretwork which is repeated in the three dormers above. The building is three stories at the rear where it slopes back to the stream.

The Greek detail in the Curtisville Inn appears in a number of buildings in the district, including the Chamberlain-Uhler-Rabinold House (#31) of 1834-35. This two-story clapboard house with its gable end to the street has its entry on the left side of the facade. The doorway is flanked by pilasters with Greek fretwork which support a heavy entablature. A square window in the gable also has Greek ornamentation. The side porch is a mid-19th century addition.

The Curtis-Heath-Acly House (#33) is a two-story white clapboard structure built in 1812. The house is five bays wide and has a ridge roof and center chimney. Although the house has been altered and windows have 2-over-2 sash, the central doorway with its fanlight and pediment still recalls its Federal appearance. The Curtis-Heath-Acly House is very similar to the Curtis-Smith House (#12), built during the same period, which retains its original fenestration.

Most of the other buildings in the district are also clapboard and echo many of the features already described. Many of the modest Greek Revival buildings are 1½ or 2 stories and retain their original detail (such as #10, #22, #40, #39, and #20). Federal houses include #11 and #13, and there are also a few mid-19th century houses such as #3 and #38. These buildings are mostly intact, although several have late 19th century ells and porches added. Twentieth century dwellings are primarily one-story ranch or Colonial Revival style or split level such as #18, #43, #2, #16, and #28. The most interesting 20th century structure in the district is the Stockbridge Water Company building (#45) which is a one-story stone building exhibiting a Richardsonian influence.

#10:

Road (Interlaken Road) following the east line of lot 2.01. Then proceed south along the rear property lines on the east side of Willard Hill Road in a straight line, including lot 5 and segments of lots 7 and 11, to the southern boundary of lot 12.01. Then proceed west along the south line of 12.01 and along the northern boundary of lot 80.02 in a straight line to a point in the center of lot 7, then north through lots 12 and 13, across Averic Road and through lot 33 to a point at the southwest corner of lot 48, then easterly along the southerly boundary of lot 48 to the south line of 45, then easterly along the back (south) lot lines of properties 43, 42, 41, 40, 39 to Route 183, then north on Route 183 and across to the point of beginning.

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/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☒ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old Curtisville is significant as a relatively unchanged rural community of the 19th century and for its fine grouping of Federal and Greek Revival buildings. The district is also the site of a number of mills which were important in the early industrial development of the area.

Curtisville was a rural community which developed around seven small mills in the era before the Industrial Revolution. Charcoal and low grade mining were among its industries, and in the late 1820's and early 1830's the area showed great promise with a chair factory, foundry, distillery, and wood, lumber and grist mills. Growth brought about by this activity resulted in the building of many of the residences still standing today. Curtisville also saw the addition of a 24-room inn, perhaps used by travellers on the road between Albany and Hartford. In the late 1830's Curtisville was by-passed by the railroad, which was built along the Housatonic River three miles away near the center of Stockbridge. Thus, growth of the community was not accelerated, and it retained its rural setting and Federal and Greek Revival flavor. A brief awakening of activity occurred in post Civil War days when the Pagenstacher Paper Mill (M) was established in Curtisville. The mill was the first wood-pulp paper mill in America and revolutionized the printing and paper industries in the country. After a short experimental period, the Pagenstacher Mill moved elsewhere to a location where transportation was more convenient and raw materials more readily available. Although none of the old mills is standing today, the stone dams, water raceways and stone bridge constructed during that period still remain.

Perhaps it was because of the failure of industry and commerce in Curtisville that the area has survived virtually unchanged. All but three of the original houses built between 1820 and 1835 are standing today, and only a few houses of more recent construction are scattered on the edges of the district. Thus, the community retains its open setting or wooded lots and rolling hills and its architectural unity. Although many of the houses are modest, they are nevertheless fine architectural examples with sophisticated detail for such a small, rural area. It is said that most of the houses were constructed by the same master builder, which accounts for the repetition of detail in many of them. The community was also the home of the well-known local artist Ammi Philips (1788-1865) who lived in building #29.

With the diminishing activity in Curtisville, the once bustling Inn was soon abandoned. However, from the end of the 19th century to World War I, it was put to new use and new life was given to the community. John E. Parsons, a wealthy and philanthropic summer resident of nearby Lenox, established the Inn as a fresh air summer home for underprivileged children from New York. He named the Inn "St. Helena's Home" in memory of his daughter. In 1902 Parsons changed the name of the post office of the quiet community to "Interlaken" which had been the name of the Berkshire estate of his second wife. The area is commonly known as Interlaken today.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Frieda H. Old Curtisville. Stockbridge Library. 1974.

Wurtzbach, Carl. History of Old Curtisville. Stockbridge Library. 1935.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 170 acres

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A 1,8	6 3,7 7,4,0	4,6 8,6 5,4,0
B 1,8	6 3,7 7,2,0	4,6 8,5 4,2,0
C 1,8	6 3,7 0,0,0	4,6 8,5 5,8,0
D 1,8	6 3,7 1,2,0	4,6 8,6 4,5,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Using the town assessor's map, begin at a point on the east side of Route 183 at the northwest corner of lot 55 and proceed easterly along the north line of lot 55 to lot 14.01. Then go southeasterly along the east boundary of lot 55 to lot 56, then east following the bounds of lot 56 to a point and then south to lot 34.01, then continuing in a straight line east and including the north segment of town lands bordering the outlet to Lake Mahkeenac and to the right of way of the Tenn. Gass Transmission Co., then south along the east boundaries of lots 37 and 36 and across Mill (continued)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Judy D. Dobbs, National Register Editor

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

DATE

April 1, 1976

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

STATE

Massachusetts 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amadon

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE 3/30/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

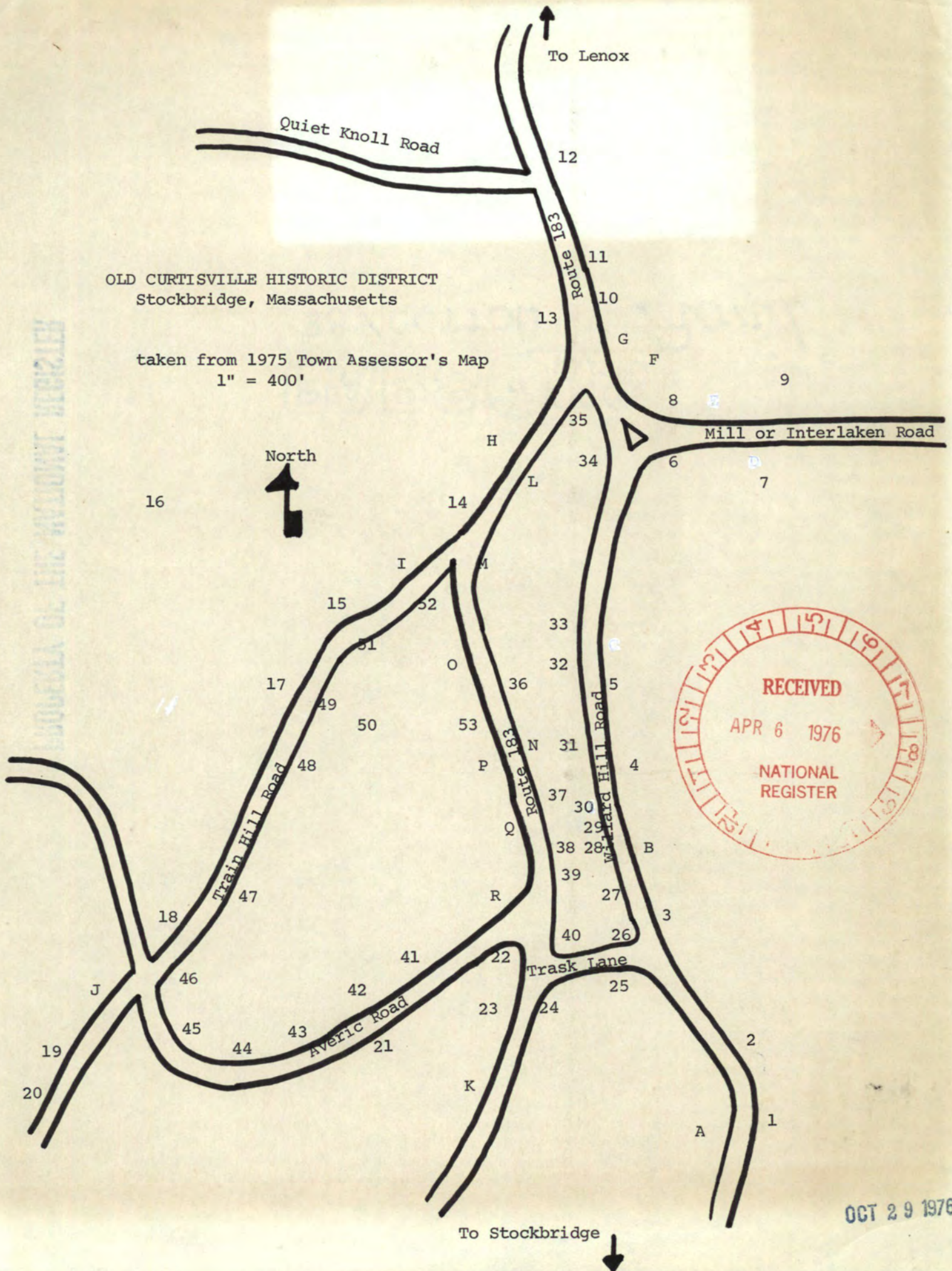
DATE 10/29/86

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10/26/76

OLD CURTISVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT
Stockbridge, Massachusetts

taken from 1975 Town Assessor's Map
1" = 400'



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OLD CURTISVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Property list

1. Churchill-White House and Mill site
2. Kickery Residence (20th c.)
3. Lumbert-Berks House
- * 4. Bancroft-Curtis-Howard House (Parsonage)
- * 5. Congregational Church
- * 6. Ogden-Wales House
7. Lane-Felsenfeld House
8. Heath-Middlebrook House
9. Lane-Middlebrook House
- * 10. Williams-Wagler House
11. Curtis-Patten House
12. Curtis-Smith House
- * 13. Curtis-Downs House
14. Wurtzbach House
15. Curtis-Moffat House
16. Engleman Residence (20th c.)
17. Curtis-Goulston House
18. Beckley Residence (20th c.)
19. Curtis-Ebbets House
20. Tracey House
21. Markham Residence (20th c.)
22. Burghardt-Kickery House
23. Churchill-Davis House
- * 24. Churchill-Bell House
25. Old School House
26. Willard-Priest House
27. Losaw Residence (20th c.)
28. Bentley Residence (20th c.)
29. Prall-Jones-Jackson House
30. Beckwith-Opperman House
31. Chamberlain-Uhler-Rabinold House
- * 32. Citizens Hall
- * 33. Curtis-Heath-Acly House
- * 34. Curtisville Inn (Allen House)
- * 35. Burrall's Store and Post Office
36. Seeley Residence (20th c.)
37. Phillip House
38. Williams-Wade House
39. Burghardt-Codwise House
- * 40. Priest-Haywood House
41. Markham-Easman House

42. Markham-MacClintock House
43. Reichwald Residence (20th c.)
44. Curtis-Kickery House
45. Stockbridge Water Company (20th c.) (20th c.) (20th c.)
46. Bell Residence (20th c.)
47. Garmay Residence (20th c.)
48. McWhirk Residence (20th c.)
49. Whitehead-Lowe House
50. Lowe Residence (20th c.)
51. Barnes Residence (20th c.)
52. Curtis-Hupman House
53. Firehouse

Sites:

- A. Davis-Burghardt Site
- B. White Site
- F. Curtis Saw Mill Site
- G. Barker Mill Site
- H. Ogden-Clary Sites
- I. Lyons Site
- J. Curtis Grist Mill Site
- K. Churchill Brothers Chair Factory Site
- L. Mill Building Sites: Ogden-Pagenstacher-Barker
- M. Pagenstacher Wood Pulp Mill Site
- N. Williams Site
- O. Blacksmith Shop Site
- P. Brick Factory
- Q. Burghardt Machine Shop
- R. Burghardt Machine Shop and Foundry

* Indicates photograph included



OLD CURTISVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Property List

Sites

F. Ebbets

G. Town of Stockbridge

J. Ebbets

L. Laurel Hill Society

M. "

Q. Town Park

R. Town of Stockbridge

OLD CURTISVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Property List

1. Roy Danish's Stockbridge 01262
2. Frank Kickery Lee 01238
3. Edward Berks RFD West Stockbridge 01266
4. Dr. Edgerton Howard Stockbridge 01262
5. Interlaken Congregational Church Stockbridge 01262
6. Charles Wales RFD West Stockbridge 01266
7. Charles Felsenfeld Stockbridge 01262
8. Samuel Middlebrook "
9. " "
10. Sylvia Wager "
11. Mrs. Arthur Patten "
12. Flake Smith RFD West Stockbridge 01266
13. John Downs Stockbridge 01262
14. Keith Man "
15. Charles Moffatt West Stockbridge 01266
16. Earl Engelmann Stockbridge 01262
17. Andre Goulston RFD West Stockbridge 01266
18. Leonard Beckley Stockbridge 01262
19. Henry Ebbets RFD West Stockbridge 01266
20. Robert Wilmers 47 Rue Baron Castro 1040 Brussels Belgium
21. Harold Nadel RFD West Stockbridge 01266
22. Mary Kickery Lee 01238
23. Manning Davis Stockbridge 01262
24. Sidney Bell "
25. Tilo Kaufman "
26. John Nolan RFD West Stockbridge 01266
27. Merlin Losaw Stockbridge 01262
28. Newton Kasson RFD West Stockbridge 01266
29. Mary Smith Stockbridge 01262
30. Edward Opperman RFD West Stockbridge 01266
31. Mrs. Jean Rabinold "
32. Old Curtisville Inc. Stockbridge 01262
33. Mrs. Robert Acly "
34. Michael Miller RFD West Stockbridge 01266
35. " "
36. J. Trump RFD West Stockbridge 01266
37. Mrs. Harriet Sossner Stockbridge 01262
38. Clyde Wade RFD West Stockbridge 01266
39. B.M. Codwise Stockbridge 01262
40. J.S. Haywood "
41. Dr. Aaron Easman 115 East 96th Street N.Y.C. 10028
42. Paul Sandberg RFD West Stockbridge 01266
43. Harold P Reichwald RFD West Stockbridge 01266
44. Mary Kickery Lee 01238
45. Stockbridge Water Company
46. Louis Bell Stockbridge 01262
47. Ronald Garmay RFD West Stockbridge 01266
48. James McWHIRK Stockbridge 01262
49. Charles Lowe Stockbridge 01262
50. " "
51. Mrs. R. Barnes RFD West Stockbridge 01266
52. George Hupman Stockbridge 01262
53. Town of Stockbridge

Property Old Curtisville Historic District

State Massachusetts

Working Number 4.6.76.3031

Bershire

TECHNICAL

Photos 13
Maps 2

CONTROL

OK ^{cm} 4.14.76

HISTORIAN

Ruttenbaum
6/29/76

I question the need to have copy of assessor's map; the verbal boundary description should suffice.
Need to see photos of intrusions.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION CANNOT BE CHECKED AS IT IS KEPT TO ASSESSOR'S MAP. BUT WE KNOW WHAT IS IN THE DISTRICT.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

63 STRUCTURES
20 MILL SITES (actually less)
13 20TH DWELLINGS

See Old City Telephone Report
No PHOTOS OF INTRUSIONS

CALL
LEBOVITZ
6.23.76
called 7.1.76

INTRUSIONS NOT SERIOUS

Spoken with Pat W. 7.30.76
and told them her to send
Xerox of photos. LEBOVITZ

ARCHEOLOGIST

ACCEPT
LEBOVITZ
10.2.76

OTHER

ACCEPT
LWENGEL
12.02.76

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
10.18.76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Wm
10/24/76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 12-7-76

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



Congregational Church (#5)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Barbush Co.*
Stockbridge Historical Commission, photog.
March 1975
Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Facing east, looking at west facade.

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Photograph #1

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Citizens Hall (#32)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Berkshire Co.*
Stockbridge Historical Commission, photog.
March 1975
Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Facing west, looking at east facade.

Photograph #2

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Bancroft-Curtis-Howard House (#4)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Berkshire Co.*
Stockbridge Historical Commission, photog.
March 1975
Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Looking east at west facade.

Photograph #3

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Burrall's Store and Post Office (#35)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Berkshire Co.*
Michael Miller, photographer
1975

Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Facing southeast from stream, with stone
bridge in foreground. OCT 29 1976

Photograph #4

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OLD CARTERSVILLE
GA. 30130



Store and Curtisville Inn (#35 and #34)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Barbakin Co.*
Michael Miller, photographer
1975

Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Looking south down Willard Hill Road.

Photograph #5

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STOCKBROKER 7222



Curtisville Inn and Ogden-Wales House
(#34 and #6)

Old Curtisville Historic District

Stockbridge, MA *Berkshire Co.*

Michael Miller, photographer

1975

Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA

Looking southeast down Willard Hill Road

(Curtisville Inn to right)

Photograph #6

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Curtisville Inn (#34)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA
Stockbridge Historical Commission, photog.
March 1975 *Berkshire Co.*
Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge, Library, Stockbridge, MA
Looking west at east facade.

Photograph #7

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Curtisville Inn (#34)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Barbakin Co.*
Michael Miller, photographer
1975

Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Detail of east facade.

Photograph #8

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Curtis-Heath-Acly House (#33)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Berkshire Co.*
Stockbridge Historical Commission, photog.
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Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA

Looking west at east facade.

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Photograph #9

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OLD CHRISTIANVILLE
STOCKBRIDGE MASS.



Priest-Haywood House (#40)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Berkshire Co*
Michael Miller, photographer
1975

Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Facing north.

Photograph #10

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OLD CURTISVILLE
STOCKBRIDGE MASS

AC 1830

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Churchill-Bell House (#24)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Berkshire Co.*
Michael Miller, photographer
1975

Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Facing east.

Photograph #11

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OLD CURTISVILLE
STOCKBRIDGE MASS.



Williams-Wagler House (#10)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Berkshire Co.*
Michael Miller, photographer
1975

Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Facing east.

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Photograph #12

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OLD CURTISVILLE
STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.



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Chamberlain-Uhler-Rabinold House (#31)
Old Curtisville Historic District
Stockbridge, MA *Berlin Co.*
Michael Miller, photographer
1975

Stockbridge Historical Commission, Stock-
bridge Library, Stockbridge, MA
Facing west.

Photograph #13

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OLD CURTISVILLE
STOCKBRIDGE MASS

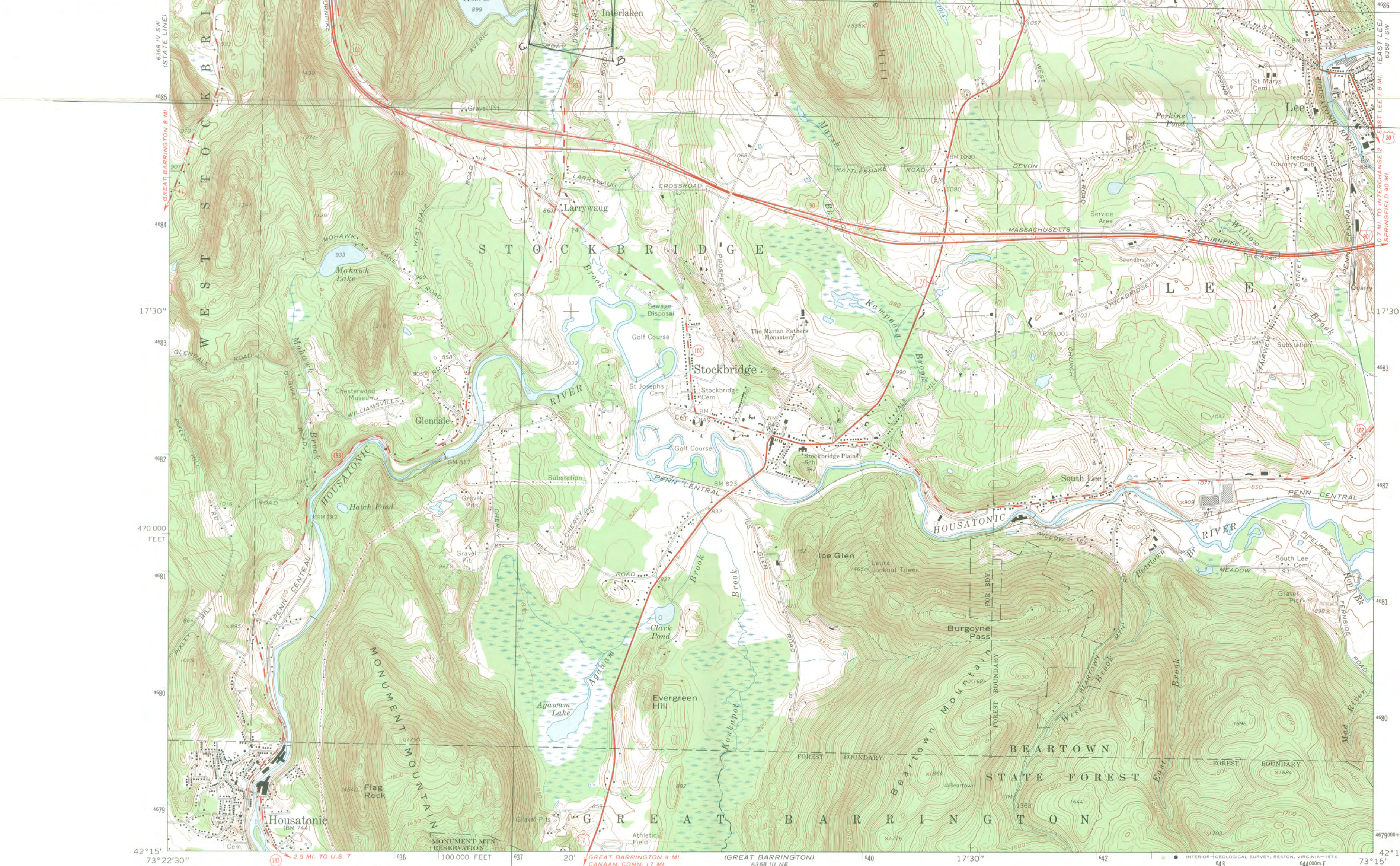
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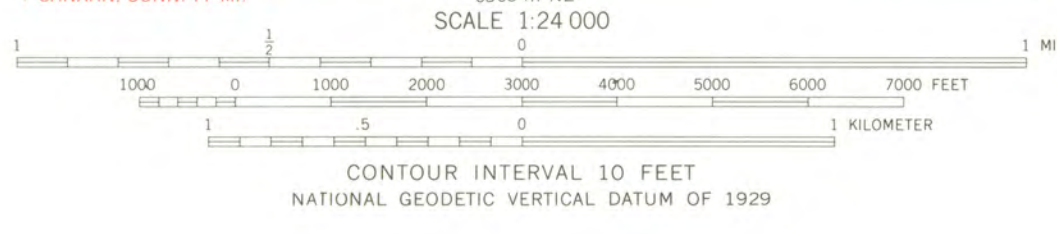
STOCKBRIDGE, MA:

Old Curtisville Historic
District

- A 18/637740/4686540
B 18/637720/4685420
C 18/637000/4685580
D 18/637120/4686450



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1942. Field checked 1944. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1973
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
- Primary highway, hard surface
 - Secondary highway, hard surface
 - Light duty road, hard or improved surface
 - Unimproved road
 - Interstate Route
 - U. S. Route
 - State Route



STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.
N4215-W7315/7.5

1973

AMS 6368 IV SE-SERIES V814



PAUL GUZZI

Secretary of the
Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

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August 2, 1976

Mr. William Lebovich
National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Bill:

Enclosed are photocopies of the photographs of respective modern buildings in the Old Curtisville Historic District, Stockbridge. In the future, we will provide you with sufficient photographs of newer structures when it is appropriate to do so.

We would appreciate any information you can give us on the status of the Malden City Hall nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Pat (db)

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historic Commission

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PLW/etd



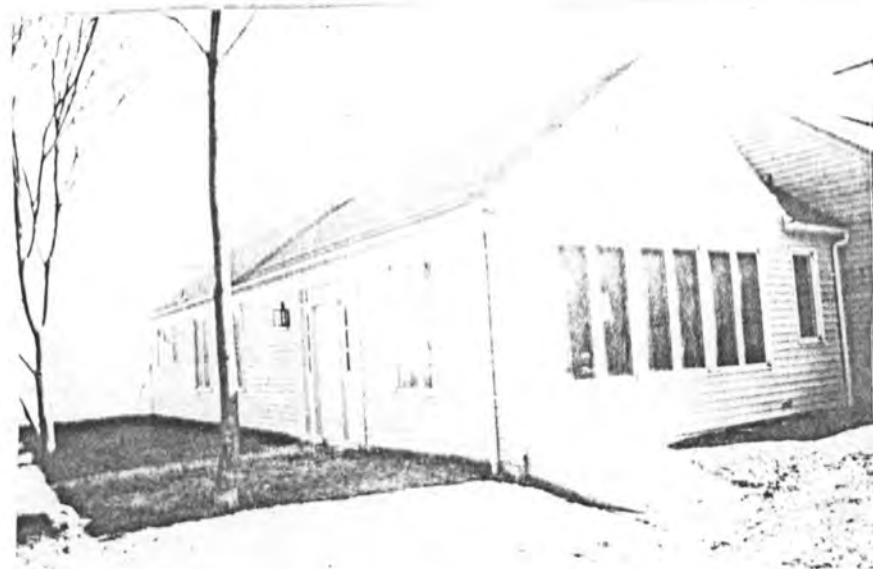
#27 - Lowsaw Residence



#28 - Bentley Residence



#51 - Barnes Residence



#16 - Engleman Residence



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#2 - Kickery Residence



#21 - Markham Residence



#43 - Reichwald Residence



#46 - Bell Residence



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#18 - Beckley Residence



#47 - Garmay Residence



#46 - McWhirk Residence



50 - Lowe Residence →



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#36 - Seeley Residence



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered OCT 29 1976

Name

Location

The New Hampshire

Manchester vicinity
Essex County

Old Curtisville Historic District

Interlaken
Berkshire County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Michael J. Harrington
Hon. Silvio O. Conte
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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

The Stockbridge Library Association
STOCKBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01262

HISTORICAL ROOM
Mrs. Pauline Pierce
Curator

RECEIVED
MAR 3 1977
MASS. HIST. COMM.

February 23, 1977

Sorry to be so long with
this. It took forever to
track down some of the
absentee workers' addresses -

Polly Pierce



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H34-880

OCT 20 1977

OLD CURTISVILLE
HIST. DIST.

Dear Property Owner:

The National Register is that list of evidences of the past deemed worthy of keeping for the future by the Secretary of the Interior. As you have probably already been informed by State and local representatives, property you own is included in a historic district that was nominated by the State and listed in the National Register since the Tax Reform Act was signed on October 4, 1976.

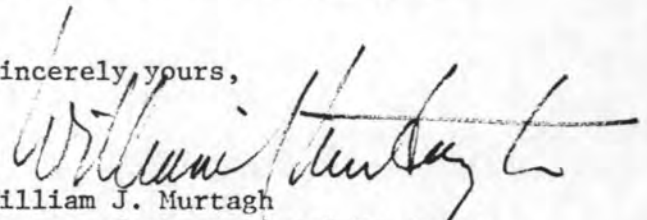
You may not have been aware of the benefits and provisions of this act when the district including your property was nominated and listed in the National Register. We are therefore sending informative material at this time which may supplement information you have already received from the State. If you wish to make comments about your property or the district relative to the National Register "Criteria for Evaluation" (see enclosed green leaflet), we will be pleased to consider them as an adjunct to our evaluation of placing your property in the National Register. Comments should be made within 30 days of the date of this letter and should be addressed to Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Information concerning standards for rehabilitation may be obtained from Technical Preservation Services, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Questions concerning the National Register program or the implementation of the historic preservation provisions of the Tax Reform Act should also be addressed to the Keeper of the National Register.

Inquiries must include the name of the property and address to be properly handled.

Sincerely yours,


William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosures

Status

WPC

Berkshire Co.

Old Curtisville Hist. Dist.
Listed Oct. 29, 76

MRS. WILLIAM P. HOLT
"THE BRIAR PATCH"
1485 PROSPECT STREET
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090

June 5, 1979
Berkshire Co., MA

Dear Sir, My daughter recently purchased a home in the Old Curtisville, Mass. Historical District. The previous owners gave her some information from your department dated Oct. 20, 1977. Evidently they did not make further inquiry upon receiving this information.

Would you kindly send us any more recent information? The referral number is H34-880.

Thanking you in advance, Sincerely,

Caroline S. Holt



NR Data Sheet

DATE: June 23, 1976
 Reviewer INITIALS: LEBOVICH
 NR DOE

OCT 29 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: OLD CURTISVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

OTHER NAMES: INTERLAKEN

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER n of Stock bridge on MA 183

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE MA

25

VICINITY OF Stock bridge

1ST
COUNTY

code

INTERLAKEN

BERKSHIRE

003

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR

- ☒ Substantially intact-1
- ☒ unknown - 4
- ☐ not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR

- ☒ Substantially intact-2
- ☒ unknown - 5
- ☐ not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

- ☒ Substantially intact-3
- ☒ unknown - 6
- ☐ Not applicable-9

☐ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED
☐ Unexcavated

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED
☐ Reconstructed
☐ Excavated

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED
☐ Unknown

ACCESS -

Yes-restricted

Yes-unrestricted

No access

Unknown

historic district?

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?

YES

NO

IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?

YES

NO

IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE:

YES

NO

Saved?

YES

NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL

now- MIXED SEE ABOVE

SIGNIFICANCE:

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

☒ AGRICULTURE

☐ ARCHITECTURE

☐ ART

☐ COMMERCE

☐ COMMUNICATIONS

☐ CONSERVATION

☐ ECONOMICS

☐ EDUCATION

☐ ENGINEERING

☒ EXPLORATION

☐ INDUSTRY

☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

☐ LAW/Gov't/politics

☐ LITERATURE

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSIC

☐ PHILOSOPHY

☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION

☐ SCIENCE

☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

☐ entertainment

☐ health

☐ recreation

☐ settlement

☐ socio/cultural

☐ urban & commun

planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: PREDOMINANTLY FEDERAL AND GREEK REVIVAL

architect/m.builder: one person in particular
name unknown engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal Ammi Phillips, 1788-1865, artist, resident

(label role
&
appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1820-1835

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

170

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

NEARLY 20 MILL SITES
SEVERAL EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY STRUCTURES IN RURAL
ENVIRONMENT. MOSTLY TWO STORY WOOD OR BRICK RESIDENCES
WITH GREEK REVIVAL DETAILS
SOME OTHER STYLE SUCH AS 2ND EMPIRE REPRESENTED BY TWO STORY
FRAME, MANARD ROOF, RECTANGULAR WITH 3 STORY CENTER TOWER CITIZENS
HALL

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Old Cuthville is significant as a relatively unchanged rural
community of the 19THC and for its fine grouping of
Federal and Greek Revival buildings. The district is also
the site of a number of mills which were important in the early
industrial development of the area.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Old Curtisville Historic District ✓		2 OTHER NAMES: Interlaken ✓ (sec.)		3 date of entry: 10-29-76		4 county code: 003	
5 LOCATION street & number N of Stockbridge on MA 183 ✓		city / town Stockbridge ✓		vicinity of MA ✓		county Berkshire ✓	
7 OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☒ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name) ☒ Multiple public/private ✓		8 ADMINISTRATOR:					
9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL ☒ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT		12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL		6 NPS REGION: No. Atlantic			
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☒ NO		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☒ NO		15 ACREAGE 170		if state who prepared form? ☒ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
16 CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ ruins ☒ altered ☒ original site ☒ good ☐ unexposed ☐ unaltered ☐ moved ☐ fair ☐ unexcavated ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown ☐ excavated		17 features: INTERIOR ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☒ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☒ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9					
18 ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☒ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		19 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO		20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☒ NO		IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ yes ☐ no	
21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☒ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☒ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☒ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25		22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☒ site of 1st wood-pulp paper mill - PAGENSTACHER PAPERMILL in America 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐					
23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: COMMUNITY, INDUSTRIAL AREA CURRENTLY: COMMUNITY		24 dates of initial construction: 1820/1835 ✓ major alterations: historic events:		25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
26 architectural style(s): Predominantly Federal + Greek Revival		27 architect:		28 master builder:		29 engineer:	
30 landscape architect / garden designer:		31 interior decorator:		32 artist:		33 artisan:	
34 builder/contractor:							

35 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: Ammi Philips (1788-1865), artist, resident.

EVENTS:

Well-preserved example of early 19th C. rural industrial community; the printing and paper industries includes 53 structures, predominantly of brick or frame construction in Federal or Greek Revival styles; approximately 20 mill and factory sites, damed, stone mill races, and a stone bridge. Developed around early group of mills, declined after being passed by railroad in 1830's; earliest location of Pagenstacher Paper Mill, first wood-pulp papermill in U.S., which revolutionized nation's printing and paper industries in late 19th C.; home of artist Ammi Philips.

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16/78

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 city / town: Stockbridge
 vicinity of: Stockbridge
 state: MA
 county: Berkshire
 6 NPS REGION: No. Atlantic

7 OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☒ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (Agency name): Multiple public/private
 8 ADMINISTRATOR: _____

9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HACR ☐ NHL ☒ FUNDED? ☒ YES ☐ NO ☒ CONGRESS DISTRICT: _____
 10 SOURCE of NOMINATION: ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL

11 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME: _____
 12 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME: _____
 13 ACREAGE: 170
 if state who prepared form? Judy Docks: SHPO staff
☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

14 CONDITION ☐ excellent ☒ good ☐ fair
☐ deteriorated ☒ altered ☒ original site
☐ ruins ☐ unaltered ☐ moved
☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown
☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated

15 ACCESS ☐ YES - Restricted ☒ YES - Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown
 16 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO
 17 SAVED? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 18 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES ☐ NO

19 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
☐ ARCHAEOLOGY - ARCHAEOLOGIC - 1 ☐ COMMERCE - 6
☐ ARCHAEOLOGY - HISTORIC - 2 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS - 7
☒ AGRICULTURE - 3 ☐ CONSERVATION - 8
☒ ARCHITECTURE - 4 ☐ ECONOMICS - 9
☒ ART - 5 ☐ EDUCATION - 10
☐ THREATENING - 11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT - 24
☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH. - 15 ☐ LAW - 16
☐ LITERATURE - 17 ☐ MILITARY - 18
☒ INDUSTRY - 13 ☐ MUSIC - 19
☐ INVENTION - 14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY - 20
☐ POLITICS / GOVT. - 21 ☐ RELIGION - 22
☐ SCIENCE - 23 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN - 24
☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL - 30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION - 25
☐ RECREATION - 26 ☐ SETTLEMENT - 28
☐ URBAN PLANNING - 31 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

20 functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: COMMUNITY, INDUSTRIAL AREA
 CURRENTLY: COMMUNITY
 21 dates of initial construction: 1820-1835 ✓
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 historic events: _____
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32 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: Ammi Philips (1788-1865), artist, resident.

EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL: Pagenstacher Paper Mill, first wood-pulp mill in America, which revolutionized the printing and paper industries in the country, was briefly established in Curtisville after the Civil War.

33 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP
 The district incorporates a number of sites of mills and factories important to the e. 19th C. ~~development~~ industrial development of the area. Since it was by-passed by the railroad in the 1830's, the community has survived virtually unchanged and incorporates a fine grouping of Federal and Greek Revival buildings, including the Prall-Jones-Jackson House, home of artist Ammi Philips (1788-1865). The Pagenstacher Paper Mill, the first wood-pulp paper mill in America, which revolutionized the country's printing and paper industries, was first established in Curtisville after the Civil War