

DO NOT Film

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

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

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

For HCRS use only

received MAR 6 1981

date entered MAY 12 1981

1. Name

historic Jefferson School

and/or common Jefferson Center for the Arts and Sciences

2. Location

street & number 200 Middle Street

not for publication

city, town E. Weymouth

vicinity of

congressional district 12th

state Massachusetts

code 025

county Norfolk

code 021

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Weymouth

street & number 200 Middle Street

city, town Weymouth

vicinity of

state Massachusetts 02189

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 650 High Street

city, town Dedham

state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1978

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston

state Massachusetts

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Jefferson School is a good example of the Queen Anne style applied to an institutional use. The school is located on a large flat site near a major center of town.

The large, 2½ story, T-shape building is constructed of wood, with clapboard and wood shingle siding. The main block of the building, running parallel to the street, has a high hip roof, while the central pavilion on the facade has a steep gable roof. At either side of this pavilion and joining it to the main block is a decorative hip-roofed porch.

The design of the building is quite symmetrical and functional, and the ornamentation of elements is simple and discrete. The symmetrical fenestration consists of narrow 2 over 2 windows separated horizontally by a decoratively shingled pent roof. Each of the 4-bay sides of the main block culminates in a large triangular dormer.

The visual focus of the building is the large central pavilion. The gable returns of this wing are connected by a narrow corniced fascia which contains a decoratively shingled gable field and continues around the entire building. Centered on the facade of the pavilion on the first floor is a horizontal pair of windows, in a characteristic Queen Anne glazing pattern of a center rectangle surrounded by small square panes. Centered on the second and third stories is a flat arched element which encloses a panel of geometric strapwork on the second story and a vertical pair of Queen Anne windows on the third story. Centered atop the pavilion is a tall octagonal clock tower with a domed roof and panelled sides. A small pitch-roofed dormer with double windows is centered on each slope of the gabled roof.

The small entry porches at each corner of the pavilion have high hip roofs, slender turned posts spanned by simple arched panels, turned lower balustrades, and a geometric upper balustrade.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1889 **Builder/Architect** S.S. Woodcock

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Jefferson School is historically significant as one of the oldest active schools in East Weymouth. Its impressive scale and siting combine with an inventive design to produce a local architectural landmark. The building thus meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The school is located on Middle Street (formerly the Central Trail) and is close to the Jackson/Central Square area at the center of East Weymouth. The building stands on the site of the former Tenth District School, built in 1847. When the district school system was abolished in 1871, a new schoolhouse (Middle Street School) was built. By the late 1880's, that schoolhouse was too small for the growing population of East Weymouth and was replaced by the present structure in 1889. Jefferson School presently serves as the town's Educational Center for the Arts and Sciences.

Jefferson School is a limited but inventive adaptation of the Queen Anne style. The pretensions of the architectural concept--particularly evident in the clock tower and the arch motif --are not fully developed, but the vitality of the design is locally remarkable.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Nash, Gilbert, Historical Sketch of the Town of Weymouth, Massachusetts from 1622-1884, Town of Weymouth, 1885.
Torrey, Bates, Shoe Industry of Weymouth, Pub. No. 6, Weymouth Historical Society, 1933.

Continued

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property $\frac{1}{2}$ acre approximately

Quadrangle name Weymouth

UMT References

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

A	1 9	3 4 0 0 8 0	4 6 7 5 4 4 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached map.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner, with Chester B. Kevitt, Chairman,
Massachusetts Historical Commission Weymouth Historical Commission
organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date December 17, 1980
street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470
city or town Boston state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

For HCRS use only

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

Keeper of the National Register

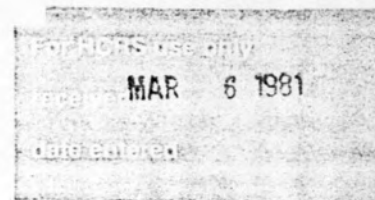
date

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

9

Page

2

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Weymouth Historical Society, History of Weymouth, Massachusetts, Vols. 1 and 2, 1923.
Weymouth Planning Board, Jackson Square Urban Design Plan, 1979.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Name of Property Jefferson School
State, County MA Norfolk County
Federal Agency _____

The above nomination is being returned to you because of problems in the areas checked below and/or on the back of this form. Please return this form when the nomination is resubmitted.

Technical Review

☐ Name
☐ Location
☐ Classification
☐ Category ☐ Ownership ☐ Status ☐ Present Use
☐ Owner of Property
☐ Location of Legal Description
☐ Representation in Existing Surveys
☐ Description
☐ Condition ☐ Original Site/Moved (w/date)
☐ Significance
☐ Period ☐ Areas of Significance ☐ Specific Dates
☐ Major Bibliographical References
☐ Geographical Data
☐ Acreage ☐ Quad Name ☐ Quad Scale ☐ UTM
☐ Verbal Boundary Description and/or Site Plan or Tax Map
☐ Form Prepared By
☒ Certification
☒ Level of Significance ☒ SHPO Signature ☐ Federal Signature
☐ Photographs
☐ Missing ☐ Not Adequate in Quality
☐ Maps
☐ USGS Map ☐ Site Plan/Sketch Map ☐ Historic District Map
☐ Comments:

☐ Substantive Review Problems (see reverse)

Signed Deloris Byers 4/16/81

Property

Jefferson School

State

MA, Norfolk

Working Number

3/6/81/68

DUE
3/31/81 - 4/20/81

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 11

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back 4.16.81

Entered _____

Federal Register Entry _____

Re-submit _____

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

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

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

For HCRS use only

received MAR 6 1981

date entered MAY 12 1981

1. Name

historic Jefferson School

and/or common Jefferson Center for the Arts and Sciences

2. Location

street & number 200 Middle Street not for publication

city, town E. Weymouth vicinity of congressional district 12th

state Massachusetts code 025 county Norfolk code 021

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Weymouth

street & number 200 Middle Street

city, town Weymouth vicinity of state Massachusetts 02189

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 650 High Street

city, town Dedham state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1978 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Jefferson School is a good example of the Queen Anne style applied to an institutional use. The school is located on a large flat site near a major center of town.

The large, 2½ story, T-shape building is constructed of wood, with clapboard and wood shingle siding. The main block of the building, running parallel to the street, has a high hip roof, while the central pavilion on the facade has a steep gable roof. At either side of this pavilion and joining it to the main block is a decorative hip-roofed porch.

The design of the building is quite symmetrical and functional, and the ornamentation of elements is simple and discrete. The symmetrical fenestration consists of narrow 2 over 2 windows separated horizontally by a decoratively shingled pent roof. Each of the 4-bay sides of the main block culminates in a large triangular dormer.

The visual focus of the building is the large central pavilion. The gable returns of this wing are connected by a narrow corniced fascia which contains a decoratively shingled gable field and continues around the entire building. Centered on the facade of the pavilion on the first floor is a horizontal pair of windows, in a characteristic Queen Anne glazing pattern of a center rectangle surrounded by small square panes. Centered on the second and third stories is a flat arched element which encloses a panel of geometric strapwork on the second story and a vertical pair of Queen Anne windows on the third story. Centered atop the pavilion is a tall octagonal clock tower with a domed roof and panelled sides. A small pitch-roofed dormer with double windows is centered on each slope of the gabled roof.

The small entry porches at each corner of the pavilion have high hip roofs, slender turned posts spanned by simple arched panels, turned lower balustrades, and a geometric upper balustrade.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1889 **Builder/Architect** S.S. Woodcock

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Jefferson School is historically significant as one of the oldest active schools in East Weymouth. Its impressive scale and siting combine with an inventive design to produce a local architectural landmark. The building thus meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The school is located on Middle Street (formerly the Central Trail) and is close to the Jackson/Central Square area at the center of East Weymouth. The building stands on the site of the former Tenth District School, built in 1847. When the district school system was abolished in 1871, a new schoolhouse (Middle Street School) was built. By the late 1880's, that schoolhouse was too small for the growing population of East Weymouth and was replaced by the present structure in 1889. Jefferson School presently serves as the town's Educational Center for the Arts and Sciences.

Jefferson School is a limited but inventive adaptation of the Queen Anne style. The pretensions of the architectural concept--particularly evident in the clock tower and the arch motif --are not fully developed, but the vitality of the design is locally remarkable.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Nash, Gilbert, Historical Sketch of the Town of Weymouth, Massachusetts from 1622-1884, Town of Weymouth, 1885.
Torrey, Bates, Shoe Industry of Weymouth, Pub. No. 6, Weymouth Historical Society, 1933.

Continued

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property $\frac{1}{2}$ acre approximately

Quadrangle name Weymouth

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UMT References

A

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

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

D

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

E

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

F

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

G

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

H

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached map.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner, with Chester B. Kevitt, Chairman,
Weymouth Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date December 17, 1980

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

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Peterson L. Weslowski 4/22/81

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

For HCERS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 5/12/81

for Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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

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

For HCRS use only

received MAR 6 1981

date entered MAY 12 1981

Continuation sheet

Item number

9

Page

2

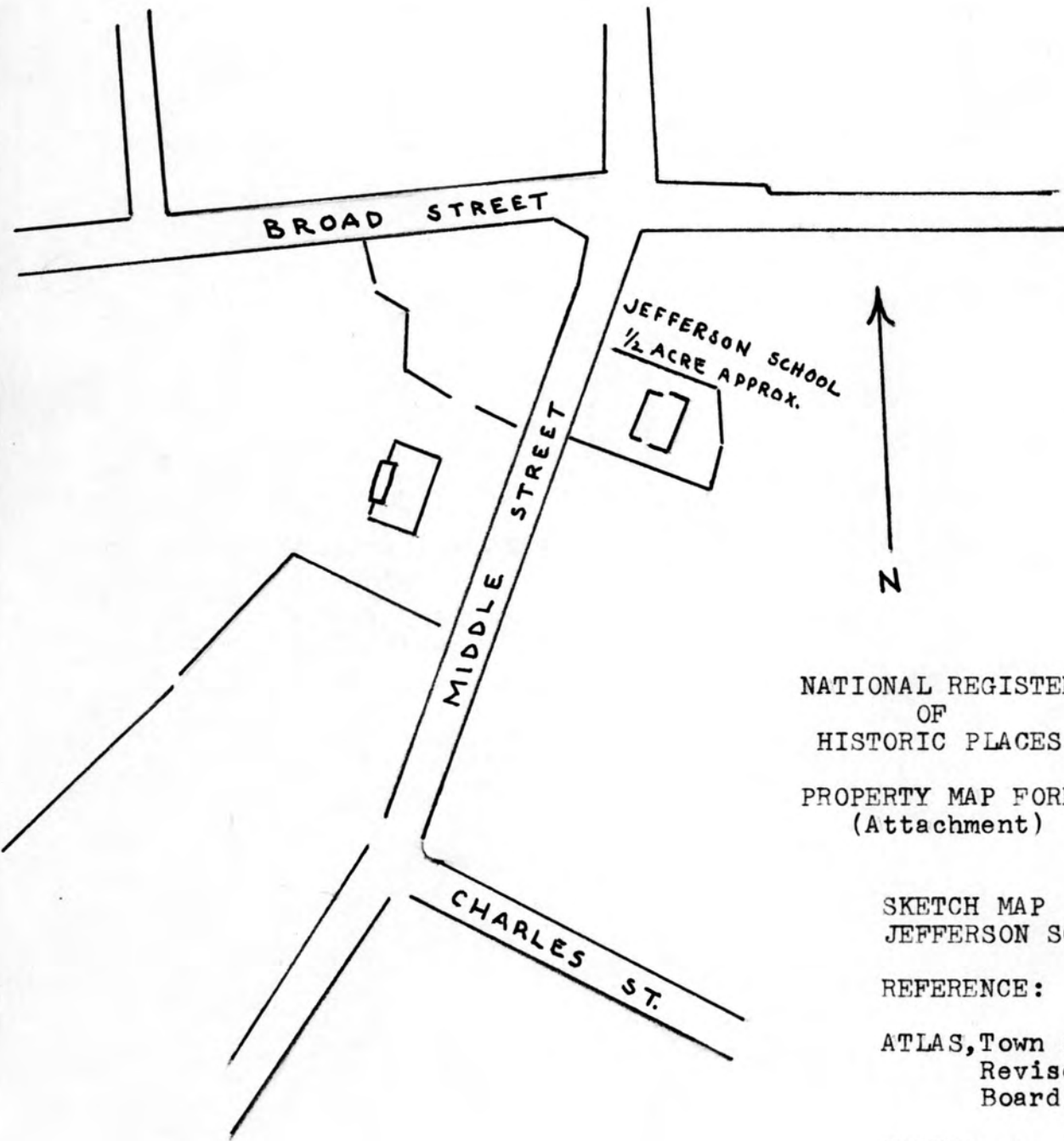
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Weymouth Historical Society, History of Weymouth, Massachusetts, Vols. 1 and 2, 1923.
Weymouth Planning Board, Jackson Square Urban Design Plan, 1979.



WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS



NATIONAL REGISTER
OF
HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Attachment)

SKETCH MAP
JEFFERSON SCHOOL

REFERENCE:

ATLAS, Town of Weymouth
Revised 1974
Board of Public Works

SCALE: one inch = 200 feet

MAR 6 1981

MAY 12 1981

Property <u>Jefferson School</u>		2nd control <u>DOE 6/21/81</u>
State <u>MA, Norfolk</u>	Working Number <u>3/16/81/68</u>	

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 2
Maps 41

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____	Send-back _____	Entered <u>MAY 12 1981</u>
Federal Register Entry <u>2.2.82</u>	Re-submit <u>5-7-81</u>	



Jefferson School

View: Front-facing west
Side-facing south
Elev.

WEYMOUTH, MA

Jefferson School

Norfolk 1851 9 Co. *MA*
West and south
elevations

Photo by Steve Chop,
1980

Negative filed at
Weymouth North High
School

MAY 12 1981



OFFICIAL UNITED STATES PHOTOGRAPHY
CLEARED FOR PUBLICATION

IF PUBLISHED CREDIT
MUST BE GIVEN AS FOLLOWS
OFFICIAL U.S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

PH1 T. L. ALEXANDER

1979

WEYMOUTH, MA
Jefferson School

Norfolk Co. MAR
West and south
elevations

Official U.S. Navy
Photograph; PH1
T.L. Alexander
1979

MAY 12 1981

PLAN OF LAND IN WEYMOUTH,
NORFOLK COUNTY, MASS.

JOHN H. MORSE,
JANUARY 12, 1981

TOWN ENGINEER
SCALE: 1" = 20'

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN CONFORMS WITH THE
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF
DEEDS

Paul J. Knight

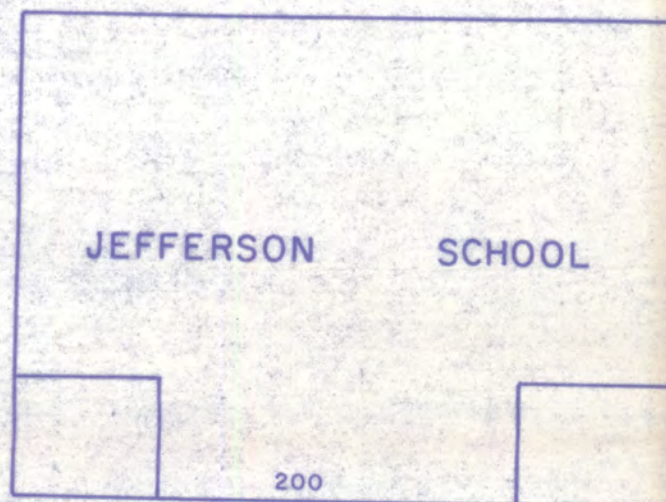
SCALE
0 10 20 40

NICOLA RUBBO

KENNETH &
HELEN ST. PETER

I CERTIFY THAT THE PROPERTY LINES SHOWN
ARE THE LINES DIVIDING EXISTING OWNERSHIPS,
AND THE LINES OF STREETS AND WAYS SHOWN
ARE THOSE OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STREETS AND
WAYS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND THAT NO NEW
LINES FOR DIVISION OF EXISTING OWNERSHIPS OR
FOR NEW WAYS ARE SHOWN

Paul J. Knight



AREA = 21,558 S.F.

C.B. 49.44' SPK. 123.00' 566.56' C.B.
N25°-12'-30"E

MIDDLE

STREET



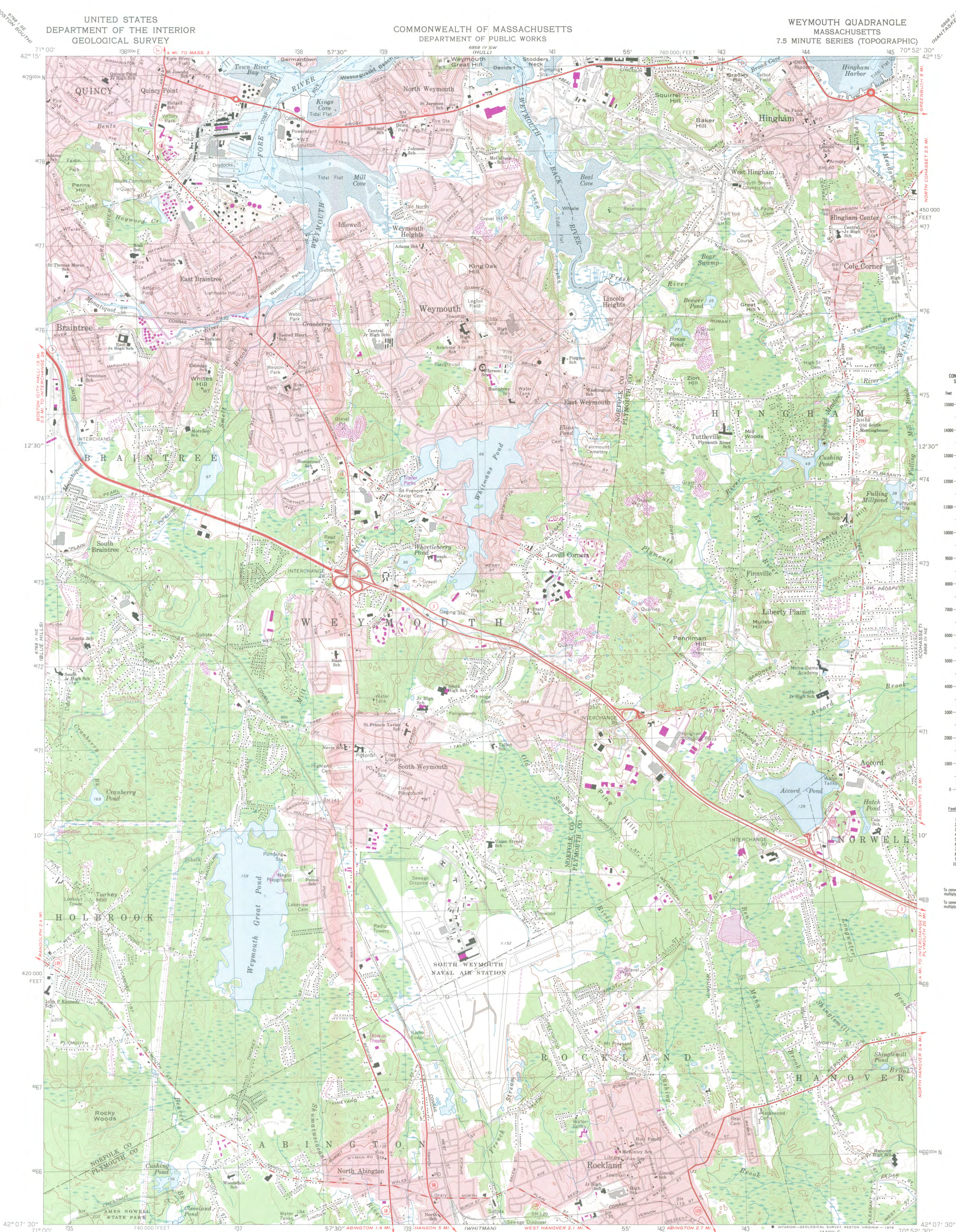
Paul J. Knight

PHILIP J. PETROCELLI & PHILIP A. PETROCELLI

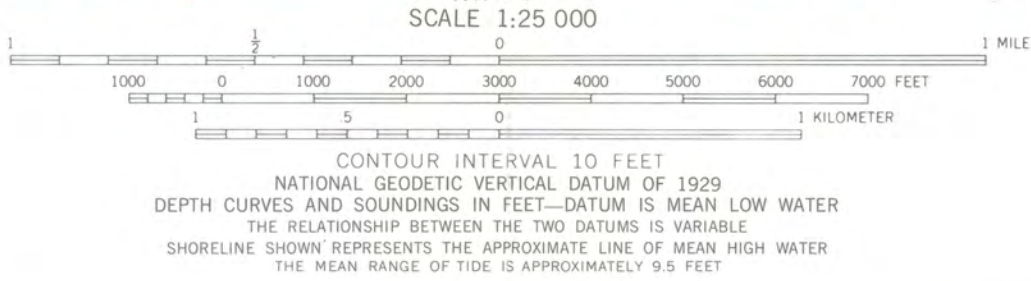
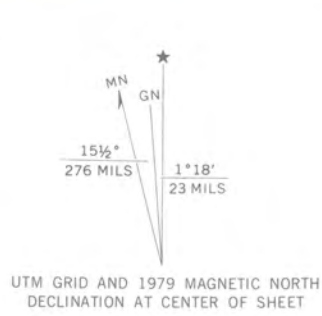
180.00'
N64°-47'-30"W

MAR 6 1981
MAY 12 1981

WEYMOUTH, MA
Jefferson School
UTM Reference:
19/340080/4675440



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Topography by planimetric surveys 1935. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971.
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 246 (1971)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
zone 19
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

WEYMOUTH, MASS.
N4207.5—W7052.5/7.5
1971
PHOTOREVISED 1979
AMS 6868 III NW—SERIES V814



MAY 12 1981

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

EDWARD W. OWENS, JR.
CHAIRMAN
BARBARA LEARY SCANNELL
VICE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK
WILLIAM J. GUNVILLE
J. FRANK McDONOUGH
RICHARD R. WALSH

335-2000



East Weymouth, Mass. 02189

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
PAUL F. TROTMAN

THE TOWN OF WEYMOUTH Feb. 2, 1981

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108
ATTN: Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner

RECEIVED

FEB - 5 1981

Dear Ms. Frontiero:

MASS. HIST. COMM.

This letter is to inform you that the Jefferson School, located at 200 Middle Street, East Weymouth is classified as 'public property' and as this falls in the proper guidelines it would certainly be appreciated if you would endorse our request for consideration for mention on the National Register of Historical Landmarks.

Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by the Weymouth Board of Selectmen and the Weymouth Historical Commission.

Very truly yours,

TOWN OF WEYMOUTH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Susan DeChristoforo
Susan DeChristoforo
Executive Secretary

/sdc
cc: Chester Kevitt

MAR 6 1981

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 12 1981

Name

Location

Jefferson School

**Weymouth
Norfolk County**

Also Notified

Honorable Paul E. Tsongas

**Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Gerry E. Studds**

Northeast Region, HCRS

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

NR

Eady/bjr/5/15/81

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