

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Massachusetts

COUNTY:

Plymouth

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE

OCT 9 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

Jabez Howland House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

33 Sandwich Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Plymouth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

12th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY:

Plymouth

CODE

023

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ Public
☒ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☒ Occupied
☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☒ Restricted
☐ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☒ Other (Specify)
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific office for the society
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Pilgrim John Howland Society, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:

33 Sandwich Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Plymouth

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE

025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

North Russell Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Plymouth

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967

- ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Boston

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE

025

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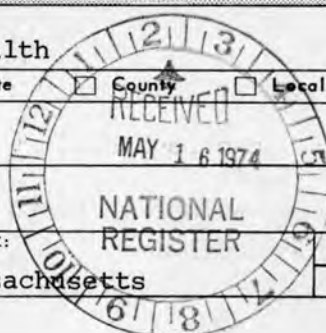
STATE: Massachusetts

COUNTY: Plymouth

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The clapboard and shingle Jabez Howland House was built in 1667. Howland acquired it a year after its construction by Jacob Mitchell. The house faces south, at right angles to the road, on a barren piece of land that was once adorned by large and handsome elms.

Originally, the house had two rooms, one over the other, with the chimney, entry hall, and stair at the southwest corner of the facade. It was three bays wide and one deep. It still has the original oak frame, gunstock posts, summer beam, and single second floor boards. There is evidence of early whitewash on first floor ceiling beams and joists, demonstrating that these members were originally exposed. The small windows are casement with leaded diamond panes and the front door and surround are unembellished.

In 1750 the house was enlarged to the west by the addition of a one room over one room unit, resulting in the present four bay width of the facade. Windows in this addition are 12/12, approximately twice the size of the 1667 casement openings. Lean-to's were added at various times, resulting in a two-bay deep structure, except where a small one story shed protrudes to the rear northwest.

In 1941-42 the house was restored. The roof of the 1667 half was lowered to its original steep pitch and the leaded casement sash were replaced. The saltbox house is covered with clapboards on the south facade and east elevation, and wood shingling on the north and west sides.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☒ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century |
| ☐ 15th Century | ☒ 17th Century | ☐ 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1667, 1750

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☒ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) _____ |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Architecture | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | ☐ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | | |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The prime significance of this house lies in its connection with the Howland family. Jabez Howland, b.1664, was the son of John Howland, b.1592, who came over on the Mayflower and married Elizabeth Tilley in 1623. John Howland was a signer of the Compact in Plymouth Harbor, November 21, 1620. In 1638 he bought the plantation of John Jenney at Rocky Nook in Kingston. He died in Plymouth in 1672, and "was the last man that was left of those that came over in the shipp called May Flower, that lived in Plymouth." (Plymouth Colony Records, 1672)

Son Jabez bought the house from Mitchell in 1668. Tradition has it that it is the only house standing that heard the voices of the Pilgrims, John and Elizabeth Howland.

This was the first house in Plymouth to be "saved". The Pilgrim John Howland Society, incorporated in 1911, bought the house in 1912 and, after needed repairs, opened it to the public. The Society subsequently acquired 20 acres of the John Howland site in Rocky Nook.

The house is also an excellent example of two architectural periods combined in one structure. Its handsome clustered chimney is the dividing point for the two halves, which show their difference chiefly through their fenestration.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Davis, William, Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth, Boston, 1883.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41 ° 57' 16 "	70 ° 39 ' 46½ "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: C.14 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
MA			

UTM
19/362170
4645850
CD

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
For Elizabeth Amadon, State Survey Director By Mindy Arbo

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: 5/7/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 02108

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name: Honorable John F.X. Davoren
Title: Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission

Date: 5/8/74

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/9/74

ATTEST:

Date: 10.2.74

PROPERTY Howland, Jabez, House STATE Mass.

WORKING NUMBER 5.16. 74. 805

Plymouth

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 1

MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW

Cm
522
74

OK

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
Huyam
7/19/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

How much of the present bldg. is orig.? Called Minley
Arbo 7/18 - most of it is orig. - Things mentioned in #7 are
just highlights -

Accept
JCT
7/18/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
9/12/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept
Huyam
for Murbach
10.7.74

National Register Write-up Nov 12, 1974

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 12/3/74

Re-submit _____

Entered _____

OCT 9 1974



Jabez Howland Hse
33 Sandwich St
Plymouth Mass

By J. Katz
3/74

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Jabez Howland House	same	OCT 9 1974
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Plymouth	Plymouth
STREET AND NUMBER		
33 Sandwich Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Jacqueline Katz	3/ 74	photographer
4. IDENTIFICATION		

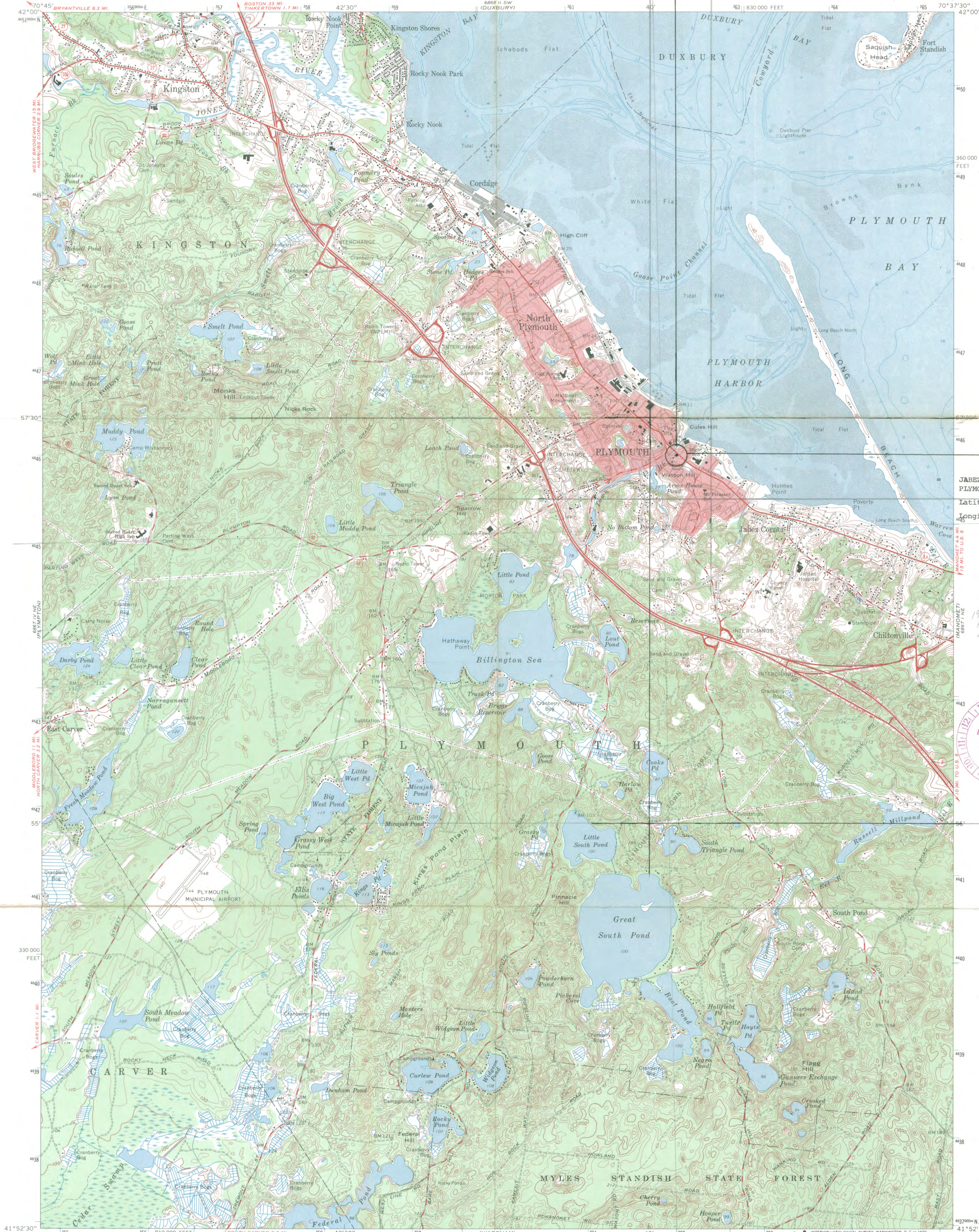
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View from the southwest corner of the facade

#1

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



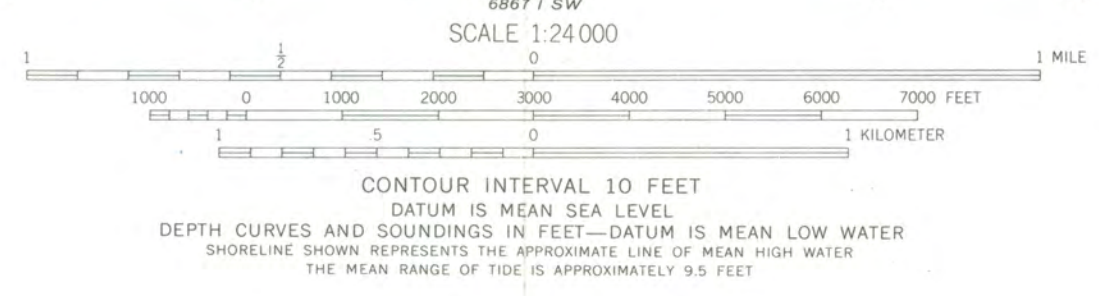
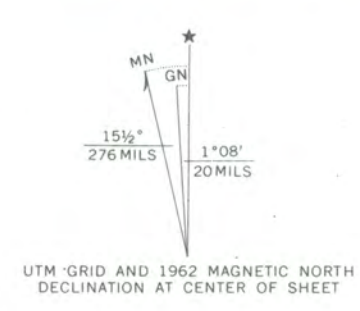


JABEZ HOWLAND HOUSE,
PLYMOUTH
Latitude 41° 57' 16"
Longitude 70° 39' 46"

UTM
19/62 170
4645 850
CD



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1934. Revised 1962
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 245 (1960)
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 ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



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



PLYMOUTH, MASS.
N4152.5—W7037.5/7.5
1962
AMS 6867 1 NW—SERIES V814

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COMMON Jabez Howland House	AND/OR HISTORIC same	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS) OCT 9 1974
2. LOCATION		
STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Plymouth	TOWN Plymouth
STREET AND NUMBER 33 Sandwich Street		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE U.S.G.S. Plymouth, Mass.	DATE 1962	SCALE 1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered OCT 9 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Russell, The Jason, House	Arlington Middlesex County
Hale, Rev. John, House	Beverly Essex County
The 1790 House	Woburn Middlesex County
Sparrow, Richard, House	Plymouth Plymouth County
Howland, Jabez, House	Plymouth Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Edward W. Brooke	Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.	Secretary of the Commonwealth
Hon. Michael J. Harrington	Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald	Commission
Hon. Gerry E. Studds	40 Beacon Street
Regional Director, North	Boston, Massachusetts 02108
Atlantic Region	

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