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National Park Service**

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

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

1. Name

historic James Smith House

and or common Same

2. Location

street & number 706 Great Plain Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Needham N/A vicinity of

state MA code 025 county Norfolk code 021

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 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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input 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 checked="" 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 Claude and Margaret Hodges

street & number 706 Great Plain Avenue

city, town Needham N/A vicinity of state MA

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 650 High Street

city, town Dedham state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts #32 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston Street

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

James Smith House, Needham, Massachusetts

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | see text | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The James Smith House, Needham, is located on Great Plains Avenue, one of the earliest transportation routes in this suburban community 12 miles southwest of Boston. With a 1 1/2-story rear ell built ca. 1730 and a 2 1/2-story, five-bay main block added ca. 1810-1830, the Smith House is one of the oldest structures in Needham. The building is of wood construction, the main block sheathed in clapboard and the ell presently cedar-shingled, and rests on a brick foundation. Both main block and ell sit above full basements.

Originally part of a 15-acre parcel on Needham's "Great Plain," the house now stands on a level lot of less than one acre in a residential neighborhood dominated by single-family dwellings constructed in the 20th century. The house faces north and is set back almost 20 feet from the road. It is fronted by a picket fence and plantings of flowering bushes and evergreen trees. On the building's east side is an asphalt driveway. A clapboard barn (ca. 1960) stands at the rear of the property.

The present James Smith House was constructed in two phases in the early 18th and early 19th centuries, with a third phase overlaying stylish ornamentation later in the 19th century. It is apparent that the earliest portion, ca. 1730, survives partially intact as a rear ell of the present house, while the main Federal-style front portion dates to the occupancy of the Smith family ca. 1810-1830. (It is also conceivable that the main block may have been built as late as 1832-1835, when the property was acquired by George G. Stevens.) The Greek Revival-style alterations to the house, notably a front porch (now removed), mantels in the front rooms, and new roof over the main block, were undoubtedly done during George Stevens' occupancy ca. 1840-1860. A former woodshed, one story in height with a gable roof, appended to the ell's rear wall, also dates to the mid 19th century. The surviving components from the different periods of the house are enumerated below. See attached plan (Figure 1).

Eighteenth Century House

The rear ell consists of the nearly intact frame of a ca. 1730 structure. The heavy posts and chamfered girts are typical of the period, as is the summer beam and the low stud height of the structure. The double thickness board and batten door with strap hinges is also representative of the period. It appears from the mortises for studs and corner braces in the underside of the girt near the probable former woodshed (a nineteenth-century addition) that this was originally an exterior end wall.

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Thus, the house as of ca. 1730 seems to have been a typical story and a half structure of a single room, with the chimney formerly in the present stair location. The presence of brick underpinning around the foundation perimeter suggests that the house may have been moved onto this location, or that it was raised and the foundation altered when the front portion of the house was built. The basement room was used as a kitchen after the construction of the front portion of the house; a chimney base, brick oven, and evidence of a former fireplace remain.

Early Nineteenth Century

The two-story front section of the house dates to the first quarter or early second quarter of the nineteenth century: the end-lapped clapboards fastened with cut nails and other details suggest a date after ca. 1810 and before 1835. The front doorway with its six flat panels and the profile of the muntins of the sidelights of this doorway are typical of this period, as are the cased posts visible on the first floor. On the second floor, these posts are buried in thicker walls. Windows are 6/6 throughout the main block. Typical of the datable details of the Federal period is the front stair newel post, similar to that illustrated in Asher Benjamin's American Builder's Companion of 1806-1827 (Figure 2).

Mid-Nineteenth Century and Later Alterations

The house underwent a further remodelling, ca. 1840-1860 when Greek Revival-style details were added. The changes at this time included a new roof with typical overhanging eaves and rake at the gable ends, new exterior trim at windows and doors, a new verandah visible in an old photograph, and new interior doors and mantels on the ground floor. A representative example of similar woodwork details of the period is shown in a plate from a later Benjamin book, The Builders Guide of 1839-1845 (Figure 3). Door, window, and mantel trim on the ground floor--including shallow pitched "pediment" and fretwork designs--are similar to those depicted in Benjamin's book.

Later changes to the property, such as the removal of the front porch, the large angled bay added to the rear of the parlor and the rebuilding of the parlor chimney, as well as the addition of east and west ell dormers, occurred early in the twentieth century.

Archaeology

While no prehistoric sites are currently recorded on the property, it is possible that sites may be present. Located on a south facing terrace the Charles River, the area would have been attractive for prehistoric

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settlement. Since very few sites have been reported in Needham, any survivals would be significant.

There is also potential for significant historical archaeological deposits, especially occupation-related features such as privies, trash pits, and wells. Archaeological testing may also help to document the construction dates for the different sections of the building. Careful sampling and analysis of the surviving historical archaeological features would be significant in documenting, detailing the social, cultural, and economic patterns which characterize the house's occupation over nearly two and a half centuries.

8. Significance

James Smith House, Needham, Massachusetts

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | | | Community Development | |

Specific dates ca. 1730, ca. 1810-1835, **Builder/Architect** Unknown
ca. 1840-1860

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The James Smith House, Needham, retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Architecturally, the property is significant as a demonstration of the evolution of building practices and styles in the colonial and early national periods, as the building was altered to suit changing needs. A modest ca. 1730 dwelling survives as the building's rear ell; the main block, a five-bay, 2 1/2-story structure was built ca. 1810-1835, and Greek Revival-style decorative features were added in the mid 19th century. The James Smith House thus fulfils Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

Needham, originally part of the 1636 Dedham grant, was incorporated in 1711. By ca. 1712, a meetinghouse stood west of the Great Plain (at the intersection of Great Plains Avenue and present-day Central and Nehoiden Streets). Four years later, a bridge had been built across the Charles River. Great Plains Avenue evolved early in the 18th century as a link from Dedham west to a growing village center. The Plain and the banks of the Charles River were the first areas settled, with scattered farmsteads. The village as a whole remained rather isolated and undeveloped up to the eve of the Revolution.

The small structure that is now the rear ell of the nominated property, built ca. 1730, was probably the Smith family farmhouse, although this assumption is unproven. It is known that James Smith arrived in the area and owned this piece of property by 1727.

The name of James Smith first appears in town records in 1726, when he and his wife Mary were admitted to membership in Needham church, shortly after they arrived from Ireland. They presented a testimonial from the minister of the congregation in Ballykelly, in Londonderry. In 1727, James Smith bought from John Fisher fifteen acres of land on the road from Dedham to Needham, now Great Plain Avenue, and here he built his house and established a farm shortly thereafter. His name appears in town records in subsequent years in connection with town and parish affairs. He died in 1754 and was buried in the old town burying ground.

Robert Smith, the next owner and occupant, first appears in town records in 1759 when he served with the colonial troops in Nova Scotia during the French and Indian War. In May 1775, he was appointed a member of the Committee of Correspondence, and that same year, he was also elected captain of the militia company of East Needham; he was probably chosen because of his earlier military experience. He was in command of the East Needham Militia Company on April 19, 1775, when it responded to the Lexington Alarm. On the morning of that day, he mustered the company in the open space before the church and

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Newton

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Assessor's Map

Northerly by Great Plain Avenue 793 feet

Easterly by Lot#1, 152 feet

Southerly by land or formerly by McGarry, 78 feet/Westerly by lot #3, 138,87 feet

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

state N/A code _____ county _____ code _____

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner, Massachusetts Historical Commission w/ Needham Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date June 1986

street & number 30 Boylston Street telephone 617-727-8410

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 Vallie A. Talmage
title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date July 21, 1986

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

Entered in the National Register

J. Allouez Byers
Keeper of the National Register

date 8-21-86

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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marched them off toward Lexington. They encountered the British troops in their retreat from Lexington to Boston and fought in the engagement now known as the Battle of Menotomy. Five Needham men died in that engagement.

Captain Smith later served during the Siege of Boston and with General Washington at Dorchester Heights. In 1774, he was a member of the town committee appointed to direct the payment of town bounties to the town's enlisted soldiers. He was paid for guard duty in 1778, and in 1780 he was appointed to a committee charged with the enlistment of new men. After the war, Captain Smith remained active in militia affairs, and he served the town in various offices; in 1793 he was elected a selectman. He died in 1800, and he too was buried in the town burying ground.

The small, simple house remained in Smith family ownership until it was sold in 1832 to farmer George Gay Stevens, who had earlier lived in the West Needham Parish. In addition to maintaining the farm, Stevens was a distinguished member of the community, serving as deacon of the First Parish Church for fifteen years and as a "noted surveyor of highways" (the latter according to a 19th century town history). At some point during the change in ownership, the small original house was moved back to become the rear ell of the present main block, which was built before 1835.

In 1875, Stevens died; at that time, the original fifteen-acre lot was divided. Tax lists of 1887 show Harriet Stevens, George Stevens' widow, owning 6 3/4 acres, a barn and shed (both demolished). The house remained in the Stevens family from 1832 until 1914, and during these years it came to be known as "the Stevens Homestead." While in possession of the Stevens family, the building received its modest Greek Revival-style ornamentation, including a new gable roof with overhang, a porch (now removed), and interior finishes.

Since 1914, the house has had a succession of owners who have carefully preserved the historical characteristics of the house. By 1945, the parcel had dwindled to its present one-quarter acre. In 1973, it was bought by Claude and Margaret Hodges, the present owner-occupants.

Architecturally, the James Smith House is significant as a representative of the evolution of building practices over two centuries. At its rear, the building retains the modest 1 1/2-story house that remains one of the few early 18th century houses still standing in Needham. Its small size and sturdy construction evidence both the construction methods of an early eastern Massachusetts agricultural community and the relative isolation and apparently impoverished state of a community where such a modest structure would survive essentially unchanged for close to a century. The building's later history of construction is typical of many early Massachusetts dwellings, as the simple

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dwelling of an early settler was relegated to the rear of a more up-to-date Federal-style two-story house ca. 1810-1835. That larger structure was modernized in the middle of the nineteenth century in the then fashionable Greek Revival style. Further changes in the twentieth century, including the addition of a large bay window at the rear of the parlor, and of attic dormers, as well as the removal of a mid 19th century front porch and rear privy, have made it a comfortable house for today.

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Needham Town Archives, Needham Public Library.

Norfolk County Records, Dedham, Mass.

Figure 1.

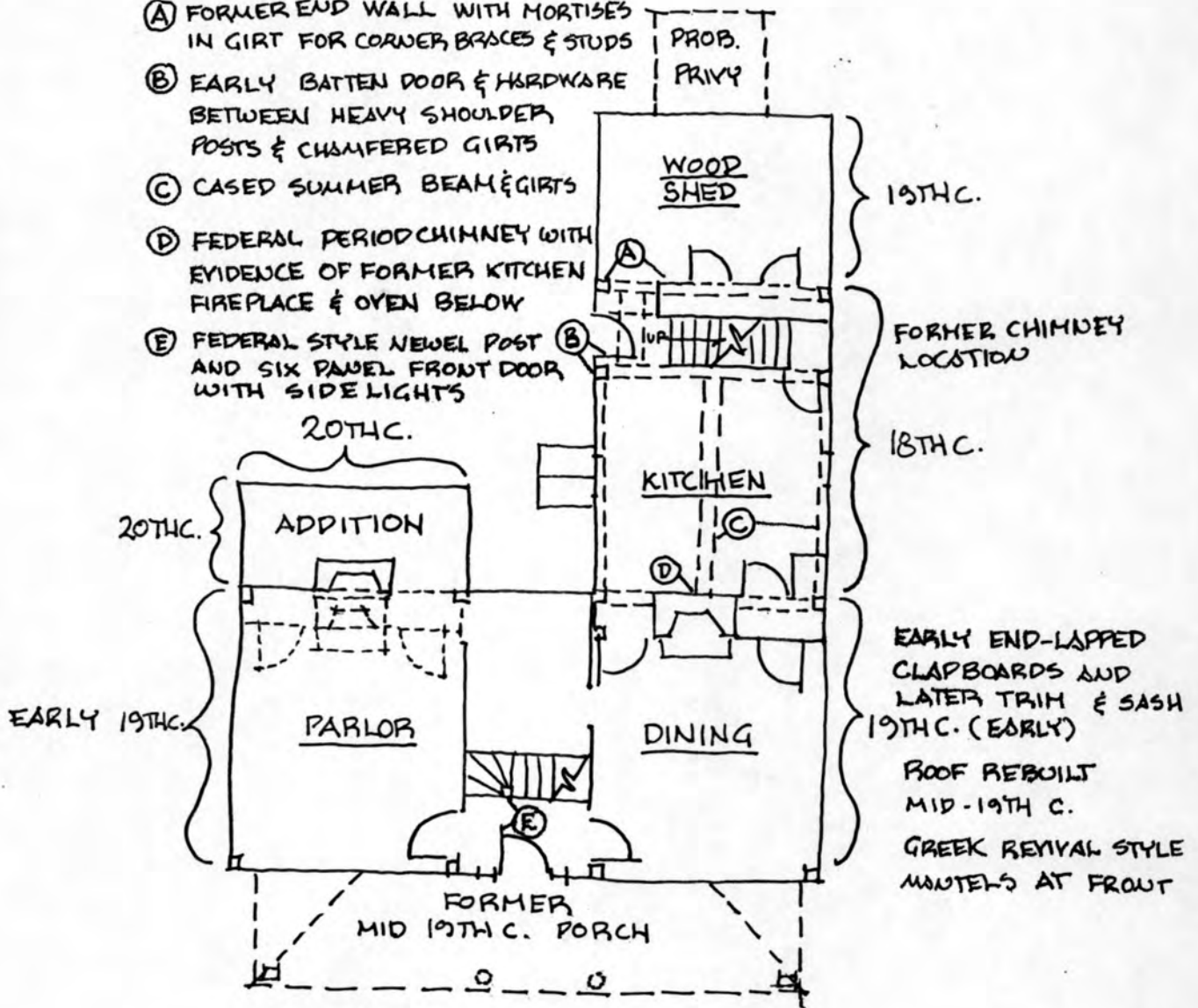
FIG. 1. 706 GREAT PLAIN AVE., NEEDHAM, MA.

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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PRINCIPAL FEATURES

- (A) FORMER END WALL WITH MORTISES IN GIRT FOR CORNER BRACES & STUDS
- (B) EARLY BATTEN DOOR & HARDWARE BETWEEN HEAVY SHOULDER POSTS & CHAMFERED GIRTS
- (C) CASED SUMMER BEAM & GIRTS
- (D) FEDERAL PERIOD CHIMNEY WITH EVIDENCE OF FORMER KITCHEN FIREPLACE & OVEN BELOW
- (E) FEDERAL STYLE NEWEL POST AND SIX PANEL FRONT DOOR WITH SIDE LIGHTS

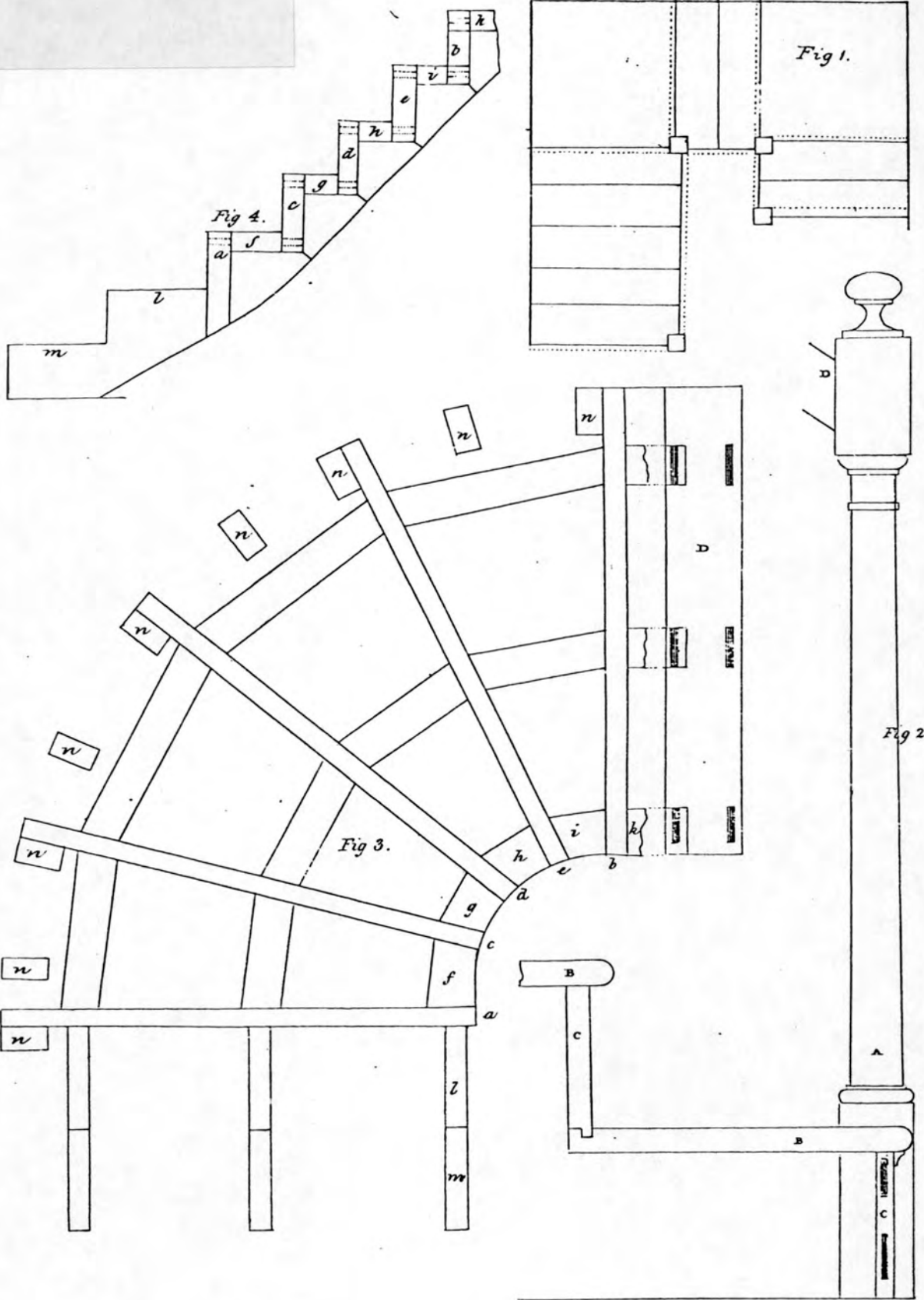


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James Smith House
706 Great Plain Avenue
Needham, Massachusetts

Figure 2.



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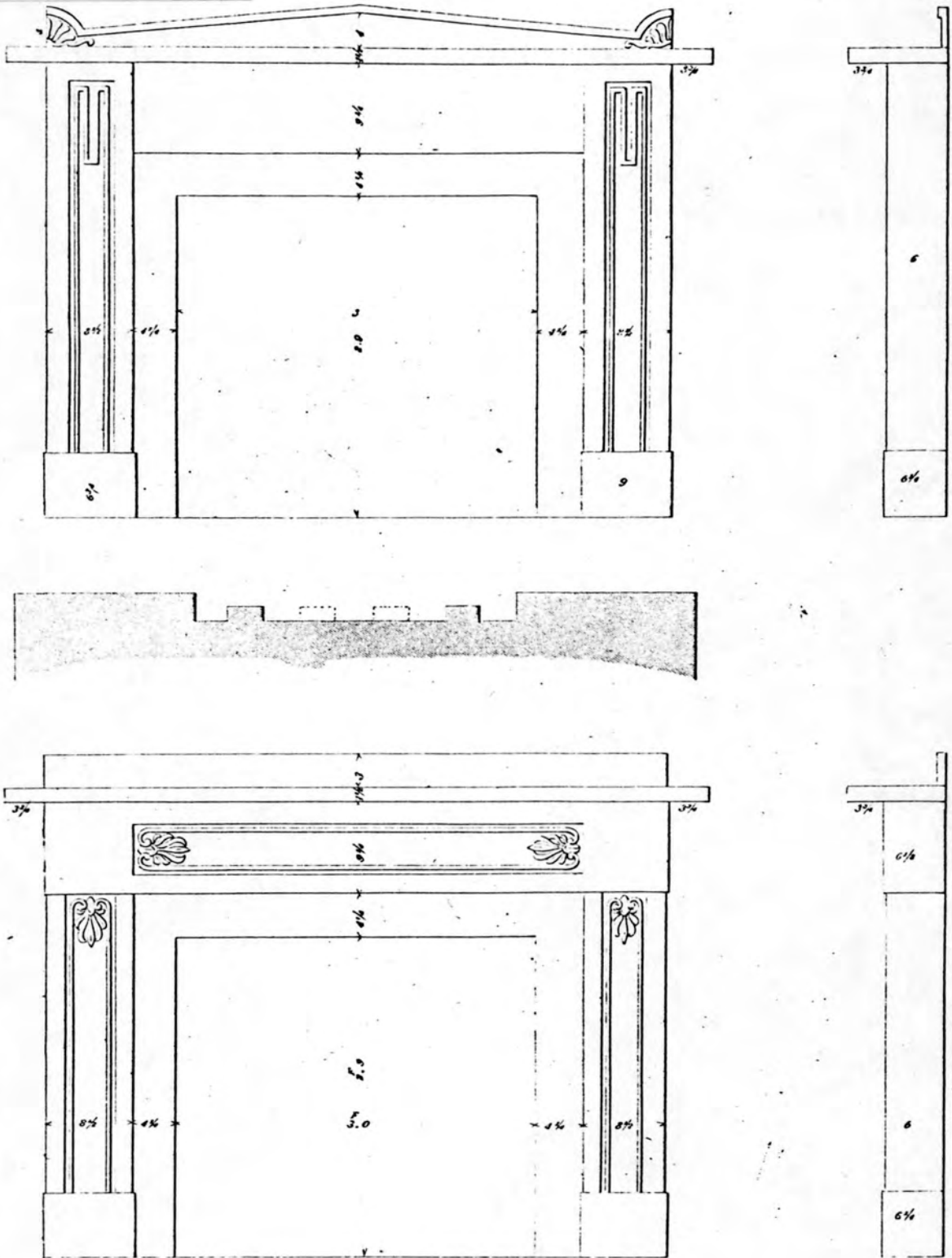
Fig. 2

James Smith House
706 Great Plain Avenue
Needham, Massachusetts

Figure 3.

CHIMNEY PIECES.

PL. III.



G.W. Benton Jr.

Fig. 3

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Smith, James, House
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

JUL 25 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 3/3/87

Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/8/86

Entered in the National Register
Action: ACCEPT 8-21-86
 RETURN
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- 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 Public Acquisition | Status Accessible | Present Use |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
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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

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

Smith, James Jones
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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W. CHICAGO, ILL.

James Smith House
706 Great Plain Avenue
Needham, Massachusetts

Needham Historical Commission 1984
Town Hall, Needham, MA
Photo #1 of 2, North Elevation

KENNETH E. WATSON
142 HILLCREST RD.
NEEDHAM, MA 02192

James Smith House
Photo #1
North Elevation

NEEDHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Town Hall
Needham, MA 02192

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706 Great Plain Avenue
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Photo #2 of 2, East Elevation

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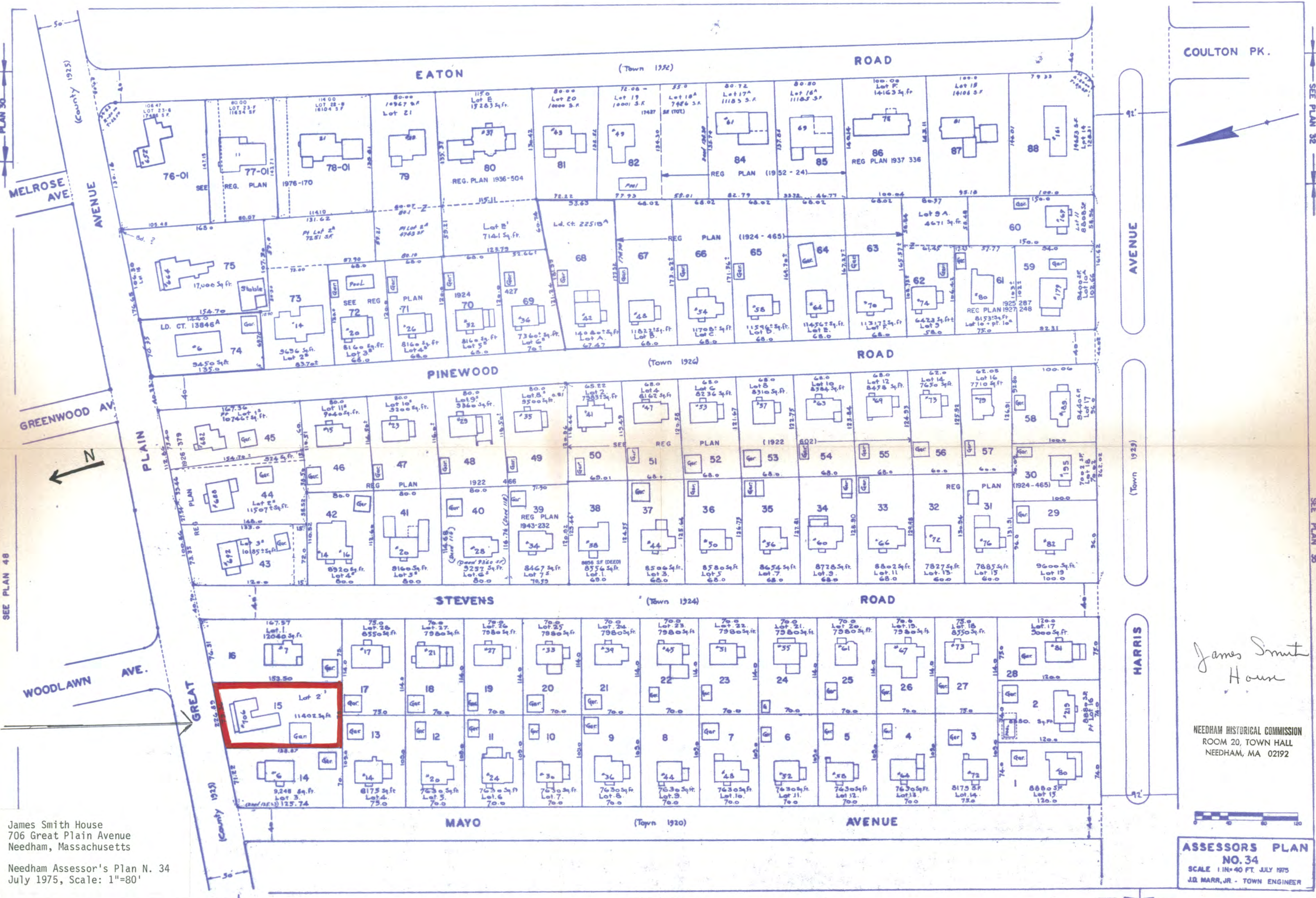
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Needham Assessor's Plan N. 34
 July 1975, Scale: 1"=80'

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James Smith House

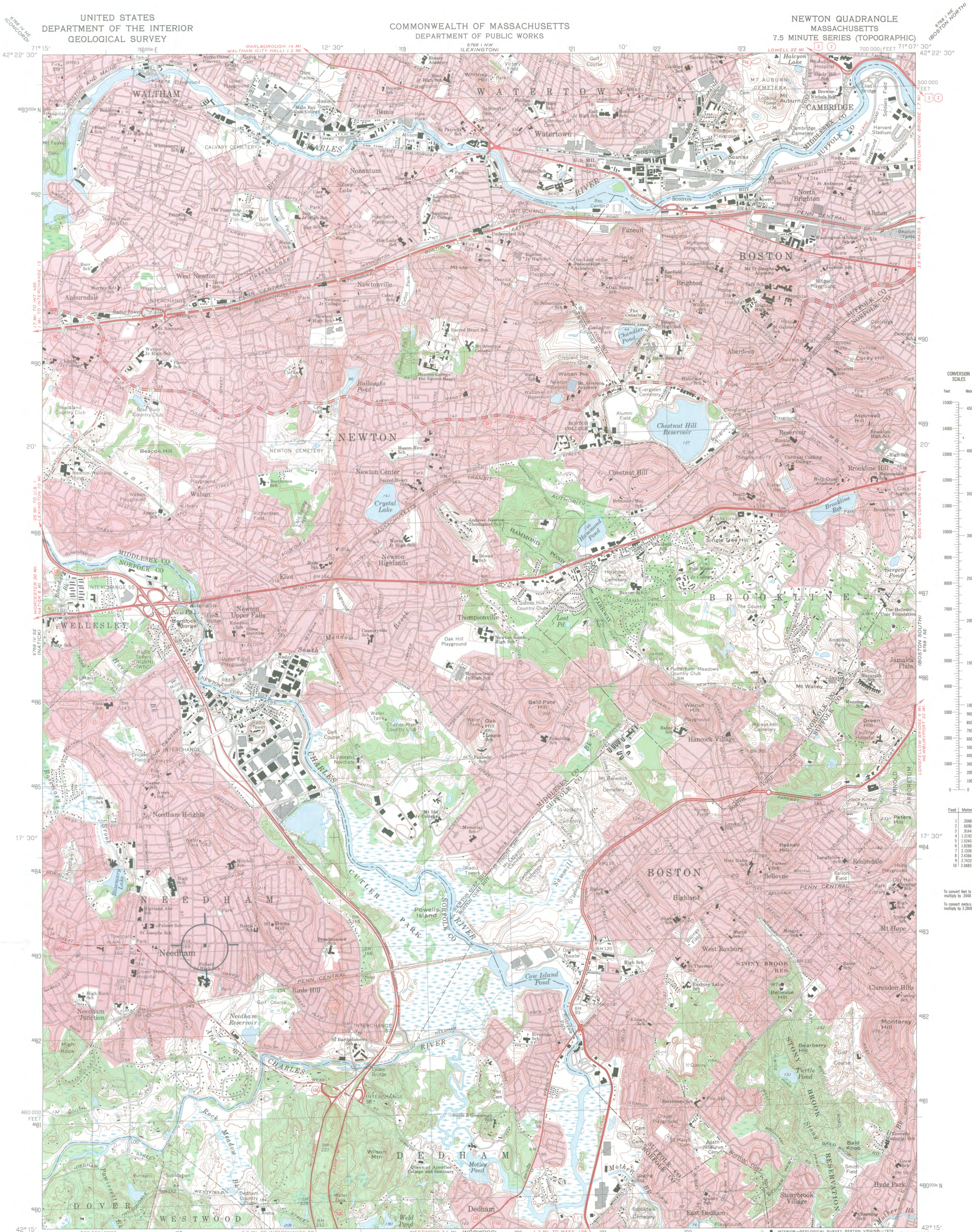
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 ROOM 20, TOWN HALL
 NEEDHAM, MA 02192

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 SCALE 1 IN. = 40 FT. JULY 1975
 J.B. MARR, JR. - TOWN ENGINEER

SEE PLAN 48

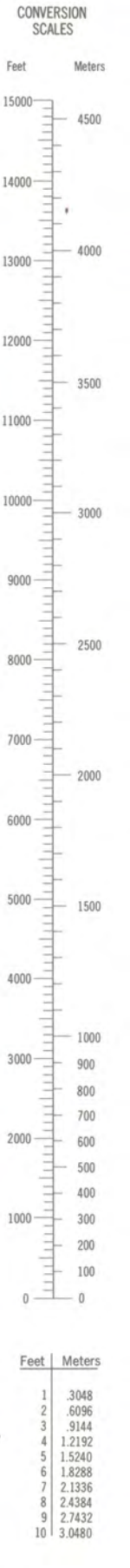
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SEE PLAN 32

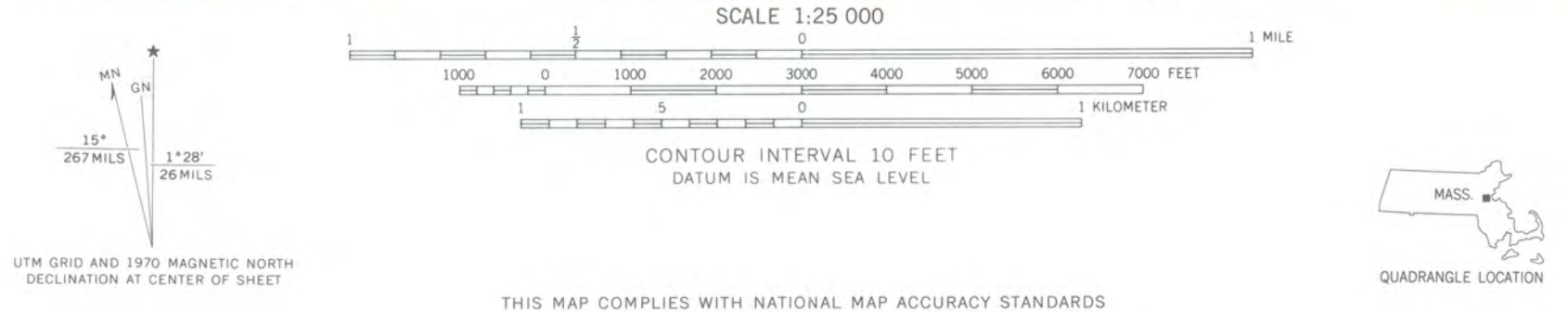


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Needham, Massachusetts

Newton Quad, 1:25,000
UTM Reference:
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taken 1939. Topography by plane-table surveys 1943.
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970.
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



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

NEEDHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
ROOM 20, TOWN HALL
NEEDHAM, MA 02192

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary of State
Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission
Valerie A. Talmage
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

July 21, 1986

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

Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Duxbury, OLD SHIPBUILDER'S HISTORIC DISTRICT, located on both sides of Washington Street from Rowden Avenue to just north of South Duxbury.

Harwich, BERRY, CAPTAIN JAMES HOUSE, 37 Main Street,

Harwich, SOUTH METHODIST CHURCH, 270 Chatham Road.

Needham, SMITH, JAMES HOUSE, 706 Great Plain Avenue.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah J. Zimmerman".

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