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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC New Salem Common Historic District
AND/OR COMMON New Salem Common

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Multiple *S. Main St.*
CITY, TOWN New Salem VICINITY OF 1st
STATE Massachusetts CODE 01355 COUNTY Franklin CODE 011

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Multiple (see continuation sheet)
STREET & NUMBER Multiple
CITY, TOWN New Salem VICINITY OF Massachusetts 01355

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Franklin County Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER 425 Main Street
CITY, TOWN Greenfield STATE Mass. 01301

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic American Buildings Survey
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
DATE 1940
1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress
Massachusetts Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN Washington D.C. STATE Mass. 02108
Boston

7 DESCRIPTION

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The New Salem Common Historic District is located in the center of New Salem, Massachusetts at an elevation of approximately 1,000 feet. The district is comprised of 35 acres and includes the Town Common and its north and south environs for approximately 3/4 of a mile. The district runs along the east and west sides of South Main Street from the junction of West Main Street, North Main Street, Wendell Road, and Millington Road southerly to approximately 100 feet beyond Lovers Lane. The twin spires of the town's two churches are visible from the north and south approaches (#2 and #13).

The surrounding area is wooded. The elevation of the village affords a fine view of the Quabbin Reservoir and surrounding valleys and hills.

New Salem Common Historic District encompasses 43 buildings and sites. Most of the buildings contained date from the 19th century. The shaded street, stone walls, and open spaces present a serene and rural atmosphere. In 1828 the area was described as follows: "The center of the town is elevated, and enjoys an extensive prospect over neighboring valleys...there is a handsome square common, on which is situated a good meetinghouse, and an academy...". Education, religion, town business, and town activity have been centered in the area since the incorporation of New Salem in 1775.

Town Common or Meeting House Common (#1) now comprises approximately two acres. It is an area of land which was set aside for common use by the first proprietors, who were granted property for a plantation in 1734. The Town of New Salem acquired the common in 1753. From all available evidence, the original common was much larger than the present two acres. It included much of the present day village. The east side was used as the training field for the militia. The south end was for many years used as a baseball field for students of the New Salem Academy. Town Common was also employed for the New Salem Academy annual reunions, and in recent years has been the focus for "Old Home Day" events.

PHOTO # 3
First Congregational Church (Unitarian) (#2) is located on the west side of South Main Street, facing the common, on the site of the original meetinghouse. The church was completed on December 1, 1794. The one story, white clapboard, ridge roof structure is approximately 48' x 60' in size. The foundation is faced with finished granite blocks. Fenestration is Gothic arched with shutters. Surmounting the building is a steeple which includes a flat base with projecting cornice, a simple square belfry with a louvered opening on each of its four sides, and topped by a hexagonal spire.

PHOTO 1
The three bays of the facade are defined by fluted pilasters. The center bay contains a Gothic window. The north and south end bays each contain a simple wooden door framed by its architrave alone, and headed by a 20 light Gothic window. The gable pediment is plain clapboards with a date "1794" in the peak.

The side elevations are four bays deep with Gothic arched windows. They are identical except that shutters have been removed from three of the north elevation windows. The rear elevation is completely sheathed in clapboard.

The building was originally an oblong, unornamented building with the gable ends facing north and south. The entrance was probably on the south gable end with the pulpit on the north end. In 1837 the structure was turned 90° around to face east.

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- #8,#9,#10,#26,#32,B: New Salem Academy Trustees
✓ P.O. Box 26 ✓
✓ New Salem, Mass. 01355
- #11,#12,#14,#16,#17,#18,
#19,#20,#21,#22,#23: ✓ Town of New Salem ✓
✓ New Salem, Mass. 01355
- #2: ✓ First Congregational Church ✓
✓ New Salem, Mass. 01355
- #4: Miss Doris Abramson ✓
✓ P.O. Box 32 ✓
New Salem, Mass. 01355
- #5: Mrs. Augustus Alessi ✓
✓ 92 Goulding Street ✓
Holliston, Mass. 01776
- #6: Miss Gertrude Perry ✓
✓ Star Route ✓
New Salem, Mass. 01355
- #13: ✓ Central Congregational Church ✓
✓ New Salem, Mass. 01355
- #23: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Leonard ✓
✓ Star Route ✓
New Salem
- #24: Mrs. George Mann ✓
✓ Dalton Road R.F.D. #1 ✓
Exeter, New Hampshire 03833
- #25: ✓ Mrs. Carol Hillman ✓
✓ Glendale Road ✓
Harrison, New York 10528
- #27,D: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson ✓
✓ P.O. Box 116 ✓
New Salem, Mass.
- #28: ✓ Mr. William S. Barkinten III ✓
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- #29: ✓ Mr. Thomas Hutchinson
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- #30: ✓ Miss Doris E. Bailey
P.O. Box 7 ✓
New Salem
- #31: ✓ Rev. William V. Albert
278 Second Street ✓
Jersey City, N.J. 07302
- #33: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Palmeiri
P.O. Box 45 ✓
New Salem
- #34: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cogswell
77 Tatham Hill Road ✓
West Springfield, Mass. 01089
- #35: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. George Colby
P.O. Box 104 ✓
New Salem
- #36: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Spencer
P.O. Box 62 ✓
New Salem
- A: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Dunbar ✓
28 Triangle Street
Amherst, Mass. 01002
- C: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell Shaw ✓
Star Route
New Salem
- F: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Leonard ✓
Star Route
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- G: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Normon Rawson ✓
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There is a scar of an original porch at the rear (west end, original south end). During this time extensive repairs and alterations were made following the Greek Revival style with the construction of a portico and slender columns on the eastern facade. Interior changes conforming with the exterior changes were also made at this time. It is presumed that the original pews with button doors and hinged seats were replaced by the present box pews at the time of these alterations.

In 1862 the columned portico was removed. The steeple was repaired and painted. At this time the turned acorn finial, and a metal weather vane were installed. Since 1862 only minor changes have been made including electrical wiring, the addition of a wood burning stove, the removal of the pulpit, and the addition of a low platform across the west end of the auditorium. This auditorium has no interior support columns.

Horse Shed (#3) is located behind the First Congregational Church, and is owned by the Town of New Salem. The shed was built in 1908, and is in poor condition today. It is a low wooden structure on a dry stone foundation, and covered by a shed roof extending north to south. The five arched openings face east toward the rear of the church. There are several granite hitching posts located near the south side.

Porter J. Eaton House (#4) is located on the west side of Old Main Street facing the common. It was built in 1854 by Porter J. Eaton. It is a two story, ridge roof, clapboard house with a one story ell and shed added in 1893. The house was purchased by the New Salem Academy in 1871, and is now used as a dormitory for students and faculty.

Stowell Bungalow (#5) is located on the west side of Old Main Street facing the common. The house was built in 1922 on the site of an early house destroyed by fire the preceding year. It is a 40' long frame bungalow style dwelling with detached shed and barn. The building has housed the New Salem Post Office since April 1958.

Jonathan Gregory House (#6) is located on the southwestern corner of Old Main Street and South Main Street, and faces north toward the common. The two story house was built between 1815 and 1824. It is a ridge roof structure with clapboard exterior, and a two story ell with attached barn on the south elevation. The house originally had a hip roof with east and west end chimneys. At some time prior to 1900 the roof was altered to its present form, an attic was added, the second story was added to the ell, and a porch was built across the north facade.

William H. White House (#7) is located on the east side of South Main Street. The house was built some time before 1843, and was originally a simple 1½ story ridge roof structure. At some later date, two gable dormers and a one story porch were added to the western facade. A small entry porch was added to the south elevation at this time. The house is sheathed in clapboards, the porches in shingles. There are two chimneys.

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Academy Hall (New Dormitory) (#8) is located on the east side of Academy Drive, and is owned by New Salem Academy. The structure was built in 1871 by Charles A. Merriam and Porter J. Eaton of New Salem. It is a two story clapboard building with a Mansard roof and dormers. There is a small one story ell on the south elevation. The building originally served as a dormitory for students and summer visitors. The first floor at one time accommodated the Household Arts Department as well as a school cafeteria. The second floor has been altered in order to house an instructor and his family. The building has also housed school offices and classrooms, but at the present time is vacant. It has been well maintained, and alterations have been made only to conform with requirements for school buildings.

New Salem Academy (#9) is located on the east side of Academy Drive. The two story hip roof structure was constructed in 1908. The exterior walls are concrete block. Fenestration is one/one framed by simple flat sandstone architraves. The slate roof is topped by an observation deck. The eight bay facade faces west. Five stone steps lead to the arched entrance in a sixty foot tall off center tower which is crowned by an octagonal belfry, and surmounted by a dome. There are clocks on the south, west, and north sides. of the tower, all headed by an overhanging cornice. The belfry contains four tall arched windows, and quoined corners. The bell was transferred from the Old Academy Building in 1908, and was cast by William Blake and Company in 1872.

The north and south elevations of the building are six bays deep. The first floor houses the front hall, boys and girls dressing rooms, and two 25' square recitation rooms. The second floor contains an assembly hall, a recitation room and office space. The observation platform on the roof is reached by a staircase from the attic.

Old Academy (#10) is located on the east side of Academy Drive. It was built in 1838 to replace an earlier structure which served as an Academy and Town House, and was destroyed by fire on October 4, 1837. Old Academy is a 2½ story, clapboard structure. Fenestration is 2/2 on the first and second stories, 12/12 in the gables, all framed by their architraves alone. The third floor is groined. The building rests on a quarried granite foundation with a shallow cellar supported by granite posts. The wall and partition construction is of 1" thick boards laid face to face with ½" plaster lapping. There are no joists or lathes except in the ceiling and floors. The ridge roof has an east end chimney, and is surmounted at the facade by a four sided bell tower and belfry. Both stages of this steeple are crowned by a balustrade with spires on each corner. The three bay symmetrical facade faces west. The center is a six panel door flanked by five light windows and headed by an eight light window, all framed by a molded entablature. The triangular pedimented gable contains twelve windows.

PHOTO 4-A

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The identical north and south elevations are four bays deep. The rear elevation has three windows on the first story, four on the second, and two in the gable. The only alteration to the building was that the 12/12 windows on the first floor were replaced by 2/2 windows in 1879.

Center Grammar School (#11) is located on the east side on South Main Street. It is a one story, two room clapboard elementary school built between 1810-1817. It is the only remaining district school in the area. The original one room schoolhouse was remodeled to its present state in 1941-1942.

Center Cemetery (#12) consists of approximately three acres on the east side of South Main Street. It is separated from adjoining land by stone walls on three sides, and by a wrought iron fence along the west side facing the street. Standing just outside the fence are a row of granite hitching posts. The cemetery is the oldest burying ground in New Salem. The earliest stone is dated 1745. There are more than 65 carved stones which reflect a variety of colonial period and early Federal folk art designs. The stone monuments have recently been repaired under a project for the town's Bicentennial program.

Third Congregational Church (#13) is situated on approximately 1/4 acre of former common or town land. The church society was organized in 1845, and held their meetings in the Town House until 1854 when the Congregational Church was erected. It was built by George Howe of Orange at a cost of \$1,200. It is a white clapboard ridge roof structure of approximately 30' x 40' in size. A wide molded entablature encircles the building. There are chamfered Doric pilasters at the four corners, and two chimneys on the eastern end. Fenestration is 12/12, with flat architraves and shaped lintels on the main floor, and 6/6 in the basement. The east facade entrances on the eastern and western ends. Four stone steps lead to the four panel doors. There is a window at the center, below the plain gable. At the east end of the north elevation is a shed roof open entry porch to the basement. The church is surmounted by a two stage square bell tower with four louvered openings in the belfry, and is crowned by a spire. The bell was recast from one in the Enfield, Massachusetts Congregational Church (this town no longer exists; it is now the Quabbin Reservoir area). In 1895 the Church was moved twenty feet to the West, and was slightly raised. At that time a vestry was added. The North Dana Universalist Society (also in the Quabbin Reservoir area) gave the church pews, a pipe organ, and a pulpit in 1937. The gallery was remodeled and a fire escape was added during that same year.

House Sheds (#14) are located behind the Town Hall. It is a simple gabled structure, three bays wide. The foundation is of dry stone. One section may have been constructed in 1894. The date of the remaining sections is unknown. The sheds are scheduled to be razed.

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Photo
Old Town Hall (#15) is owned by the Town of New Salem. It was built in 1838 from surplus U. S. revenue accumulated in the U.S. Treasury during the Jacksonian administration which was distributed among the states. The one story, ridge roof, white clapboard building is approximately 28' x 30' in size. It sits on a quarried granite foundation. There is a chimney on the west end. A wide flat entablature runs beneath the overhanging eaves. The corner boards are plain. Fenestration is 12/12. The windows and the four panel entrance door on the two bay wide eastern facade are original. The triangular pedimented gable on the facade is plain. The building was slightly altered by the addition of a kitchen ell on the west elevation. A brick vault was added at some time. The structure was used as a town hall until the present Town Hall was built in 1939. In 1970, the building was converted for the use of the public library, which was moved there from the Old Academy building (#10). No changes were made to the basic structure.

W. W. I. Honor Roll Stone Monument (#16) was erected by the Town of New Salem in 1920.

Site of the First Meeting House Stone Marker (#17) was erected in 1903 by the town. It marks the site of the first meeting house, built in 1739. By vote of the town in 1793 the building was moved to the northeast corner of the common, and was repaired so as to be suitable for an academy and town house (See #10)

Stone Market (#18) was erected by the town in 1903 on the east side of South Main Street. It marks the "Site of One of the Old Forts erected by the Early Settlers in Defense Against Indian Hostilities About 1740".

William Stacy Memorial Stone Marker (#20) is on the east side of South Main Street. It is a bronze plaque honoring Lt. Col. William Stacy (1733-1804). It was presented to the town in 1956 by a descendent of Stacy's, Mr. Fiske Rollins. The plaque is mounted on a granite doorstep salvaged from the Old Dormitory when it was razed.

W.W. II Memorial Stone Marker (#19) was erected by the town in 1953 on the east side of South Main Street. It replaced a wooden memorial.

Site of the Powder House (#21) is on the west side of South Main Street, southwest of the Jonathan Gregory House (#6). The building was located on a ledge in the former Perry pasture, and was presumed to have been built in 1777-78. The Powder House was constructed of brick made in the local Townsend brickyard. It was razed by William Parkhurst after 1871, and the brick was reused in the construction of a chimney on another site.

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Town Pound (#22) is located on the east side of South Main Street. The building was constructed sometime after 1737 following the first settlement of the town plantation. It was formerly a square (approximately 30' x 30') walled enclosure, with a stout gate in the front. The structure was used to house stray animals until they were claimed by their rightful owners. It was repaired in 1870, but by the 1890's, it fell into dis-use. The building has fallen into great disrepair, but the remains of the stone enclosure are visible.

Knappe Cottage (#23) is on the east side of South Main Street. It was built in 1893 as a small two story summer cottage with a one story porch continuous on the north and east elevations. There have been no exterior alterations, but the interior has been modernized for year round occupancy.

William Knight House (#24) is on the east side of South Main Street. This 2½ story, ridge roof structure was built c. 1808. The elevations of the main house are brick but the gables on the side elevations are clapboarded. A two story clapboarded ell with attached barn and shed, projects from the rear elevation. The brickwork is done in Flemish bond on the western facade, and on the north and south elevations. The rear, west, elevation is done in common bond. All of the brick was produced locally at the Townsend Brickyard. Fenestration is 2/2. The brick elevations have grouped Jack Arch lintels. The western facade has a two story open porch with balustrades. The house was originally a two story, central hall structure with a hip roof. It was altered in 1893 to its present ridge roof form. A one story ell on the east elevation, and a porch on the facade were added sometime prior to 1905. In 1926, the house was modernized and made ^{into} a two family dwelling, and a second story was added to both the ell and the porch. At this time, the four interior fireplaces located north and south of the central hall on both floor were removed.

The Charles Roboteau House (#25) is located at the southeast corner of South Main Street and Lovers Lane. The House was built some time during the late 18th or early 19th century. It is a two story, central hall plan, ridge roof structure with a clapboard exterior. Fenestration is 12/12, framed by simple flat architraves. There are two chimneys. The five bay facade faces west. A six panel center entrance is framed by fluted pilasters, and a molded entablature which is crowned by a triangular pediment.

PHOTO 5
The south chimney rests on a exposed brick arch, the north chimney on a stone foundation. The chimney bricks are held together with clay mortar. The fireplaces are plain, with no mantels, and the summer beams are enclosed. Wall panelling is chamfered, and the pine floor boards are from 16" to 24" in width. Much of the interior hardware is original.

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The roof line on the east elevation was altered at some unknown date by the addition of a one story ell with an extended roof overhead. This alteration gives the structure a saltbox appearance. A porch was added to the facade, but has been recently removed. There is a barn and tool shed on the property.

Levi Flagg House (#26) was constructed in 1909 by Levi Flagg, and was originally called the Stowell Engine Block. It was built as a factory for the manufacture of the T and F Cycle Car. This one story masonry structure is constructed of hollow concrete. There is a full basement. The lathes were located on the main floor, and the milling machines were in the basement. The building has also been used as an automobile factory, an exchange for the Crescent Telephone Company, a plumbing shop, a residence, and a classroom building. In 1940, it was acquired by the New Salem Academy. In 1946, a 30' x 70' brick wing was added to the east elevation. The building is currently used as an elementary school classroom.

Allen Law Office (#27) is presumed to have been built between 1829 and 1834 for Frederick H. Allen. The small building originally stood north of the driveway of the Samuel C. Allen House (#29). It was moved to its present site in approximately 1892-93 by the McGibeny Family who then owned the adjoining properties (#28 & 29). It was at this time converted from a law office to a laundry house. In 1939, the building was purchased by George A. Brown, a local historian, and remodeled into a private dwelling.

Congregational Parsonage (#28) was built by Josiah Howe of Orange in 1901-02. It is a two story, clapboard structure with a one story ell. In 1904, a 26' x 24' barn was added to the ell.

Samuel C. Allen House, "The Lilacs" (#29) was built in 1816. It is a two story, clapboarded, hip roof structure. Fenestration is 12/12, with much of the original glass remaining. The corner boards are plain. The side entablature and the underside of the overhanging eaves are decorated by detailed modillions. There is a chimney on the north and south end. There is a one story ell and shed with attached barn on the east elevation. A center entrance is framed by louvered shutters and headed by an entablature which repeats the design of the entablature of the house.

The interior is a center hall plan, with fireplaces built into the north and south exterior walls. Originally there was a third chimney for a large kitchen fireplace on the east elevation. The north and south parlors are beautifully decorated with rope molding, arched openings, and detailed mantels over the fireplaces. The second floor bedrooms also retain fine molding.

PHOTO 6

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There have been no major structural changes. A long porch across the western facade was removed in 1938, and a small porch was added to the south elevation in 1938.

Frederick H. Allen House (#30) is a small one story clapboard structure with an attached ell and barn on the east elevation. Built between 1811 and 1816 for Samuel Allen. He sold it to his son, Frederick H. Allen, in February 1816. The house was altered at some time by the addition of a small porch, and the addition of two dormers on the south elevation roof.

Asaph Lyons House (#31) dates from approximately 1794. The original small, one story house had either an attached or detached barn, and outbuildings, all on approximately ½ acre. By the turn of the century the house had been converted to a two story structure with an ell extending from the east elevation, and a one story porch across the western facade. At a later date, a second story was added to the porch, and it was entirely enclosed. Bay windows were added to the north elevation, a second story put on the ell, a large room extended from the rear, and a garage added to the south elevation.

Noah Packard House (#32) and barn were built in 1876-77 by Noah Packard of Orange, Massachusetts. From 1881-1935 the structure housed the Stowell Bros. Store. It has since been converted to apartments, and is owned by New Salem Academy.

Robert D. Cook House (#33) and barn were built c. 1870 by Robert D. Cook.

Rev. David Eastman House (#34) was also built by R. D. Cook, before 1858. Rev. David Eastman resided in the house during his thirteen year pastorate at the Orthodox Congregational Church. The building has been owned by the Cogswell family since 1891.

Willard Harris House (#36) and barn were built c. 1860.

Clarissa Cogswell House (#35) is a small Cape built in 1840.

New Salem Town Hall (#37) is on the east side of South Main Street. The "Colonial" design structure was built in 1939 by the W.P.A. The main structure houses a school cafeteria, a kitchen and heating plant, and a large auditorium with stage. The west wing houses offices and a vault. In 1967, a demountable structure was added to the east elevation for elementary school classrooms.

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Wilnah Marshall Cottage (A) is located on the west side of Old Main Street. It is a small, one story, three room house built in 1944 on the site of the Rev. Perry Marshall home, which was destroyed by fire in 1929.

Automotive Shop Building (B) is on the east side of Academy Drive. It is a modern one story concrete shop building constructed in 1958 as a vocational education space. Since 1968, the building has been used as an off-campus facility of the Mahar Regional High School, Orange, Mass. The structure has always been owned by New Salem Academy.

Russell Shaw House (C) (1968) is on the east side of South Main Street. It is a contemporary split level house with a brick and wood exterior.

Robert Henderson House (D) is on the east side of South Main Street. It is a contemporary 1½ story Cape with clapboard exterior, built in 1975-76.

Elwyn Leonard House (E), on the west side of South Main Street, is a ranch style structure built in 1973.

Norman Rawson House (F) is located on Lovers Lane, and was erected in 1969-70.

Photo 7
Photo 8
Photo 9

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The New Salem Common Historic District is significant because it reflects a continuity in the town's history from its first settlement to the present. The district illustrates various facets of the town's history through the interrelationships between the buildings, sites, residents, and occupations.

This rural Franklin County district is situated on land granted to residents of Salem in 1734. The first settler arrived in 1737. After the Revolution, agriculture and lumbering flourished. By 1820 New Salem had a population of 2,146. State coaches running between Brattleboro and Worcester made the town a trade center. With the building of railroads, however, it was gradually isolated, and its population decreased rapidly.

Significant properties range in age from the 1794 First Congregational Church (Unitarian) to the 1939 WPA constructed Town Hall. The area includes the Town House built with surplus revenues from the Andrew Jackson Administration, the 1909 factory built for the construction of the T & F Cycle Car, the buildings for the New Salem Academy, and the 18th Century Town Pound.

Through a series of misfortunes, much of the town's recorded and architectural history has been lost. Fires in private homes, the first Academy Building, and the Town House, all before 1837, resulted in the loss of many important recording documents. In 1855 all of the Town Clerk's records were destroyed by fire.

Some information does still exist however, and the historic district represents visible evidence of the town's past in its variance of architectural styles. Town affairs have always been conducted in the area.

The First Congregational Church (#2) became Unitarian during the early 1840's. The building was used for a variety of public events: New Salem Academy graduations, local theatricals, the annual reunion, etc. Since 1963 it has been opened for the Annual Pilgrimage to New Salem with the objective of preserving the old meeting house.

The Old Academy Building (#10) was in continuous use as a classroom building through W.W. II. From 1913-1970 it housed the public library. The building has always maintained a dominant influence in New Salem, as it has great historical and sentimental significance to the town. The building is incorporated into the Town Seal. The Academy served not only New Salem, but a widely scattered geographic area.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 35 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the southwest corner of the junction of West Main Street and South Main Street; continuing westerly along West Main Street to rear property line of property #32; continuing southerly along rear property lines of properties on the west side of South Main Street (properties #32-#36) to the southern property line of property #36; continuing easterly across South Main Street to rear property line of property #25; continuing northerly across Lovers Lane and along rear property lines of (CONT.)

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 Blaine Mallory and Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor
(Althea B. Daniels, New Salem Historical Commission)

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE February 28, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 294 Washington Street TELEPHONE 617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN Boston 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 Amador*

TITLE Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission DATE 3/16/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION *William H. Sturtevant* DATE 4/15/78
 ATTEST: William H. Cole MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 4-12-78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The Academy was incorporated on February 25, 1795 (It was the fifth academy chartered between 1763 and 1795). In 1895 it became a free public high school, but retained the name New Salem Academy with title to buildings and land being held by the trustees. The Academy remains important to the town as a repository of source material for research purposes. The Academy intends to restore the building, and make it available to the public as a museum, resource, and conference center.

Center Cemetery (#12) reflects much of the early history of New Salem and contains the graves of early settlers, war veterans, militia, the first minister, early town officials, and various other early members of the community.

The First owner of the William Knight House (#24) was William Knight, a private in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He later became a captain in the local militia. The Cogswell and the Stowell families, both later owners of the house, were prominent in town affairs and in association with New Salem Acaemy.

Samuel C. Allen, the original owner of The Lilacs (#29), was a eminent lawyer in Western Massachusetts. Born in Bernardston, Mass. in 1772, he graduated from Dartmouth College in 1794, and was pastor of the Northfield Congregational Church from 1795 to 1798. He studied law in Northfield and was admitted to the bar in 1800. Mr. Allen and his family moved to New Salem in 1803. He practiced law in town until 1806 when he was elected to the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Legislature. From 1812 to 1815, he served the State Senate, and in 1812 he was sent as a delegate to the Northampton Anti-War Convention as the New Salem Representative. Mr. Allen was a trustee of New Salem Academy from 1802- 1825. In 1817 he relinquished his law practice in New Salem to his son-in-law, David Gregg, and moved to Greenfield, Mass. He represented Greenfield in the U.S. Congress from 1817-1829. He was appointed a member of the Governor's Executive Council in 1829, and was again elected State Senator in 1831. Three of Allen's sons also became lawyers.

The Asaph Lyons House (#31) was owned over the years by various individuals who played significant roles in the town's history. For the first thirty years, the structure was occupied by physicians, most notable among whom was Dr. Joseph Goldthwaite. He was a skilled surgeon widely known for his success in treating mental illness. The Rev. Alpheus Harding acquired the property after 1830, and lived the greater part of his life there. A forceful influence in town, he was Preceptor of New Salem Academy, from 1805-1807, a trustee from 1810-1868, the fourth minister of the First Parish Congregational (Unitarian) Church from 1807-1845, and a representative to the General Court in 1836-1837.

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He died in 1869 leaving the property to his widow, who lived in the house until 1873. The property was then acquired by Frederick A. Haskell, the Postmaster from 1868-1877, and a New Salem Academy Trustee from 1876-1882. It was during his ownership that the house also served as a temporary post office, when the post office, a store, and hotel were destroyed by fire in 1876. At the turn of the century, the house was purchased by Alonzo Bancroft, prominent in the development of the town's library system, and its first librarian. The property was then owned by Thomas F. Reddy, one of Boston's foremost attorneys, and a Trustee of New Salem Academy from 1927-1940. From 1906 to 1939, the house was the summer retreat of the Dorothea Dix Hall Association, later the Boston Children's Theater Group. Following the death of William Reddy, Thomas' brother, and a later owner, the house stood vacant for a number of years, until purchased by the present owner, who uses it as a seasonal residence.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

properties on the east side of South Main Street (properties F-#31) to the southern border of East Main Street; continuing west along East Main Street across South Main Street to starting point.

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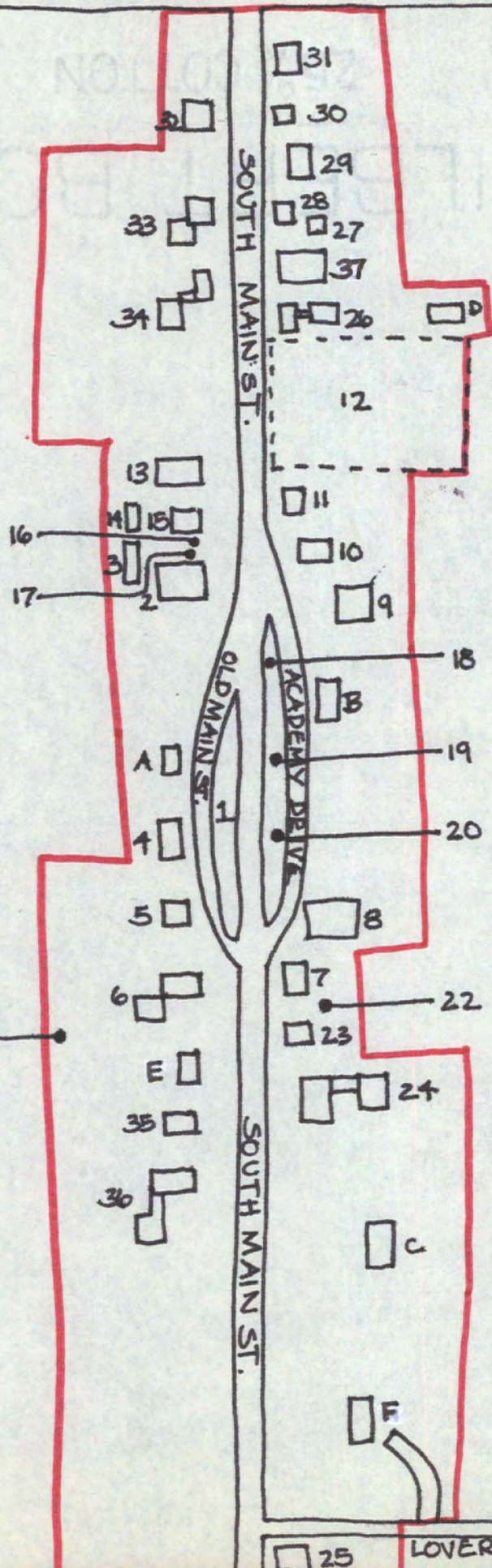
New Salem Common Historic District

Key to Sketch Map

- 1-Town Common or Meeting House Common
- 2-First Congregational Church (Unitarian)
- 3-Horse Shed
- 4-Porter J. Eaton House
- 5-Stowell Bungalow
- 6-Jonathan Gregory House
- 7-William H. White House
- 8-Academy Hall (New Dormitory)
- 9-New Salem Academy
- 10-Old Academy
- 11-Center Grammar School
- 12-Center Cemetery
- 13-Third Congregational Church
- 14-Horse Sheds
- 15-Old Town Hall
- 16-W.W.I Honor Roll Stone Monument
- 17-Site of First Meeting House Stone Marker
- 18-Stone Marker
- 19-W.W.II Memorial Stone Marker
- 20-William Stacy Memorial Stone Marker
- 21-Site of the Powder House
- 22-Town Pound
- 23-Knappe Cottage
- 24-William Knight House
- 25-Charles Roboteau House
- 26-Levi Flagg House
- 27-Allen Law Office
- 28-Congregational Parsonage
- 29-Samuel C. Allen House, "The Lilacs"
- 30-Frederick H. Allen House
- 31-Asaph Lyons House
- 32-Noah Packard House
- 33-Robert D. Cook House
- 34-Rev. David Eastman House
- 35-Clarissa Cogswell House
- 36-Willard Harris House
- 37-New Salem Town Hall
- A-Wilnah Marshall Cottage
- B-Automotive Shop Building
- C-Russell Shaw House
- D-Robert Henderson House
- E-Elwyn Leonard House
- F-Norman Rawson House

WEST MAIN ST.

EAST MAIN ST.



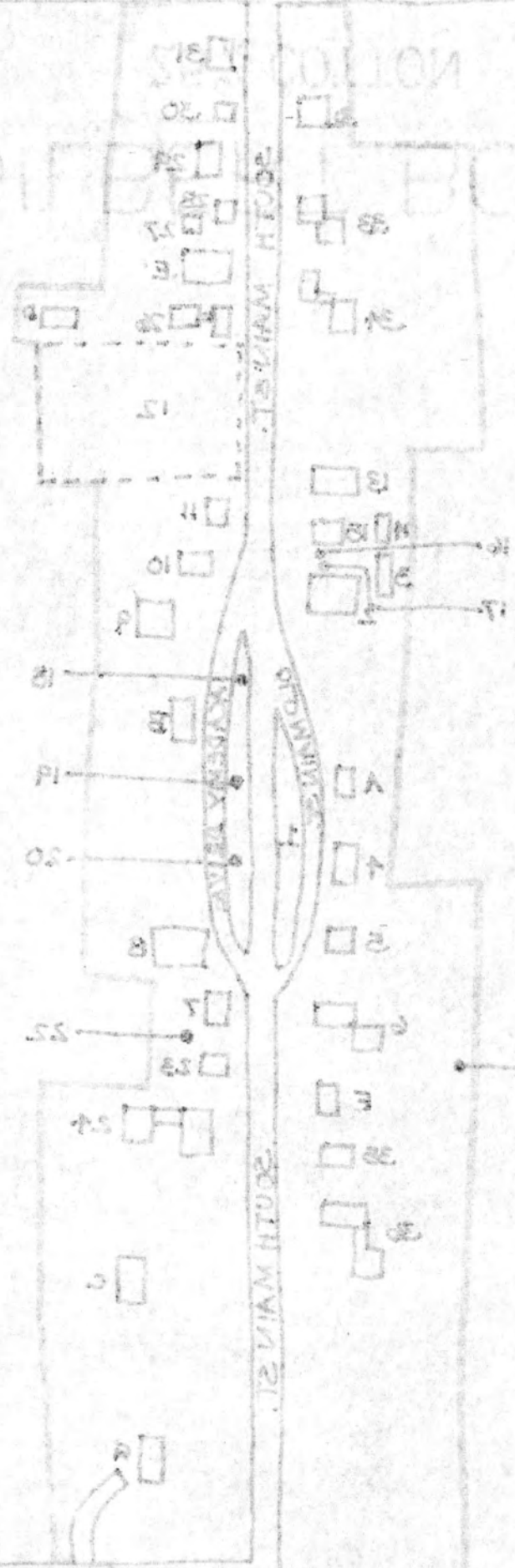
New Salem Common
Historic District
New Salem, Massachusetts
Sketch Map
Not to Scale



EAST MAIN ST.

WEST MAIN ST.

ELBERTA BOND



New Salem Courthouse
Historic District
New Salem Research Center
State Building
New Salem State Park



LOVERS LANE

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Property New Salem Common Historic District

State Massachusetts Working Number 4.12.77.577

Franklin

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 9

Maps 2 / sketch map

OK pl
4.18.77

Photos now 3 years old. Resource obviously eligible. Description of buildings in their numbering system in the 30's gets sketchy to nonexistent. Bill is right - should suggest 2 always accept boundary changes. See last photo report 2-16-78 10-27-77

HISTORIAN

Buildings in question are clearly labeled intrusions

3 of houses intrusions could be easily excluded by boundary change

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

will call after 2nd review
Lebovich
5.25.77

ARCHEOLOGIST

THE BOUNDARIES DO NOT DISTURB ME; THE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE STATES THAT THE DISTRICT "REFLECTS A CONTINUITY IN THE TOWN'S HISTORY FROM ITS FIRST SETTLEMENT TO THE PRESENT." THE MORE RECENT RESIDENCES ARE ONLY "INTRUSIVE" DUE TO THEIR AGE; ARCHITECTURALLY THERE IS A GREAT TRANSCENDENCE OF STYLES ON BOTH SIDES OF MAIN STREET AS ONE PROCEEDS ON A NORTH-SOUTH AXIS.

OTHER

ACCEPT
R. Smith
3/20/78

THE INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS DISPLAY A HIGH DEGREE OF CRAFTSMANSHIP FOR THEIR LOCAL AGE.

HAER

I DO WISH, HOWEVER, THAT MORE PHOTOS WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT.

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Mass ~~either~~ seems unwilling to spend more effort on this nomination, to revise southern boundary since (1) we made our point, and (2) is labelled as intrusions it would be picaresque to argue over this small boundary -

Accept
Lebovich
3/28/78

district showing evolution, growth of town rather than discrete time - has to be evaluated in terms of limited, local resources.

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Handwritten signature

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 6.6.78

Re-submit _____

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New Salem, Massachusetts
1974

Warren N. Doubleday

New Salem Historical Commission

New Salem, Mass.

#1

Looking northwest toward #2, #15, #13, #11.

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6770
Mass. Common

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New Salem Historical Commission

#2 ~~29~~

Looking north up South Main Street
toward First Congregational Church #2
in Distance.

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- (up to right)
- #2 First Congregational Church in distance
 - #9 Academy Hall
 - #8 Fisker Cape
 - #25 Knappe Cottage



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Historic District



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New Salem, Mass.
1974

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New Salem Historical Commission

#3 89

Looking northwest toward east facade
and south elevation of First Congrega-
tional Church #2.

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INV. # B-24

NEW SALEM, MA.

SO. MAIN ST.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

EAST & SOUTH FACADES

NEW SALEM HIST. COMM.

6-1-1973

PICTURE # B-24

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#4 89

Looking east toward facade of Old Academy

#10

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Academy

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1974

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#5 ⁸⁹

Looking east toward facade of Charles
Roboteau House #25

man House

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#6 29

Looking east toward facade of Samuel C.
Allen House #29.

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el C. Allen House

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Historic District



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1976

Sandra Daniels

New Salem Historical Commission

#7 ~~89~~

Looking northeast toward Automotive Shop
Building (B)

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New Salem Common
on Academy Drive

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Daniels

Note of photo July 1976

Negative is held by New Salem Hist. Com
sec'y-treas.

Building faces west

25
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New Salem, Mass.

1976

Sandra Daniels

New Salem Historical Commission

#8 09

Looking east toward Russell Shaw House (C)

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New Salem Common
view facing west
at Daniels

Date of photo: July, 1976

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New Salem Common Historic District

New Salem, Mass.

1976

Sandra Daniels

New Salem Historical Commission

#909

Looking northwest toward Elwyn Leonard
House (E)

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New Salem Common

ce facing east

Daniels

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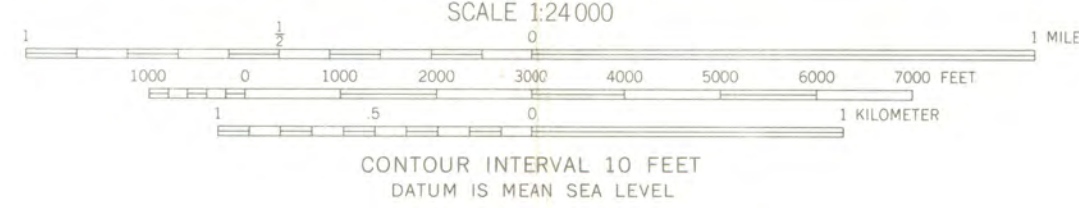
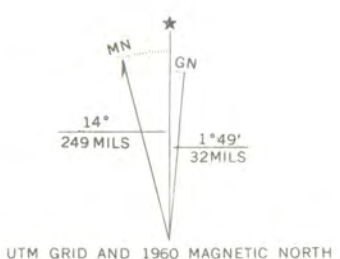
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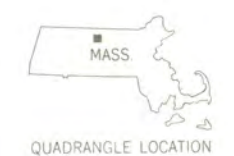


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New Salem, Massachusetts
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mainland zone
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zone 18, shown in blue



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

ORANGE, MASS.
N4230—W7215/7.5

1961

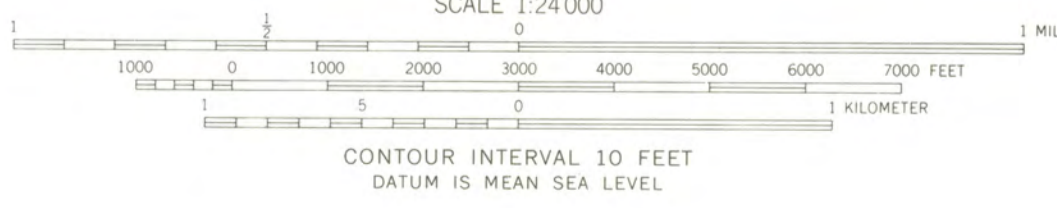
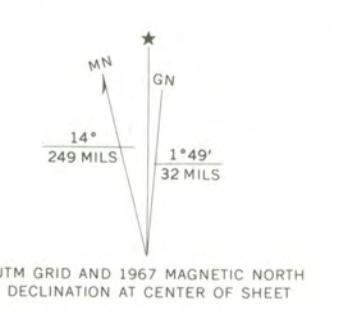
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Historic District
New Salem, Massachusetts
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Dear Property Owner:

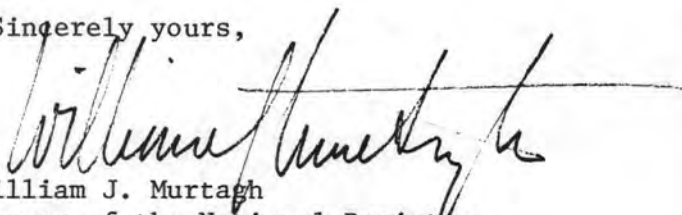
As you have probably already been informed by State or local representatives, the property you own is included in a district that has been nominated by the State for listing in the National Register which is that list of evidences of the past deemed worthy of keeping for the future by the Secretary of the Interior. This nomination is pending in our office.

Since you may not have been aware of potential benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 when the district including your property was originally considered by the State for nomination, we are sending informative material at this time. 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 district (see address label) and property address to be properly handled.

Sincerely yours,


William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosures

10-28-71

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Joe Orfant

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Old Salem Common Hist. Dist.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Question - can boundaries be redrawn to exclude
~~the~~ C, D, and F - intrusions?

(Lebanon recommends leaving open space -
bringing ~~entire~~ boundary boundary to edge
of S. Main Street to avoid C + F.)

Joe will send new VBO & redraw sketch map.

12-14-71

Joe - had forgotten we needed new
sketch map.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Sherfy

TITLE

OFFICE

DATE
TIME OF CALL
AM PM

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Joe Infant

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

617-727-8470

SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

New Salem Cannon Historic District

DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

3 phone calls later - Joe keeps "forgetting" that he was going to redo one - if not two boundary edges

- I agree with him that southern charge hard to accomplish without add - geoglyphs

— Do it want it to make his redo map for a building clearly labeled as intrusion?

PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL	TITLE	OFFICE
Shiff		

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Name

Location

New Salem Common Historic District New Salem
Franklin County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Silvio O. Conte

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

NR Mott 4/24/78

Bruce



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

294 Washington Street
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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

February 20, 1980

Carol Shull, Acting Keeper
National Register, Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
440 G St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20243

RE: New Salem, Massachusetts; New Salem Common Historic District

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please be informed that the Horse Shed which was inventory in the New Salem; New Salem Common Historic District has been demolished with private funds and should be removed from the National Register. We have amended our records.

Franklin county

Sincerely,

Christine Boulding

Christine Boulding
Survey Director

CB/lk

PLOR BOND

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: **New Salem Common Historic District** ② OTHER NAMES: **New Salem Common** ③ date of entry: **APR 15 1978** ④ county code: **11**

⑤ LOCATION street & number: **S. Main St.** city / town: **New Salem** vicinity of: _____ state: **MA** county: **Franklin** ⑥ NPS REGION: **NA**

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name) _____ ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: _____

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT **1st** ⑫ SOURCE OF NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL
if state who prepared form? _____

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES - NAME _____ NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES - NAME _____ NO ⑮ ACREAGE _____
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated

⑰ features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO ⑳ SAVED? YES NO ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ENGINEERING-11 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 TRANSPORTATION-25

㉓ CLAIMS: explain
'first'
'oldest'
'only'

㉔ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: _____ CURRENTLY: _____ ㉕ dates of initial construction: _____ major alterations: _____ historic events: _____ ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION _____

㉗ architectural style(s): _____ ㉘ architect: _____ ㉙ master builder: _____ ㉚ engineer: _____

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer: _____ ㉜ interior decorator: _____ ㉝ artist: _____ ㉞ artisan: _____ ㉟ builder/contractor: _____

㊱ NAMES give role & date
PERSONAL:

EVENTS:

INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP