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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# 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
Gov. Thomas Hutchinson's Ha-Ha

AND/OR COMMON
same

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
100 and 112 Randolph Ave. — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Milton — VICINITY OF — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11th

STATE Massachusetts — CODE 025 — COUNTY Norfolk — CODE 021

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| __DISTRICT | __PUBLIC | __OCCUPIED | __AGRICULTURE | __MUSEUM |
| __BUILDING(S) | X PRIVATE | __UNOCCUPIED | __COMMERCIAL | __PARK |
| X STRUCTURE | __BOTH | X WORK IN PROGRESS | __EDUCATIONAL | __PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| __SITE | **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** | **ACCESSIBLE** | __ENTERTAINMENT | __RELIGIOUS |
| __OBJECT | __IN PROCESS | __YES: RESTRICTED | __GOVERNMENT | __SCIENTIFIC |
| | __BEING CONSIDERED | X YES: UNRESTRICTED | __INDUSTRIAL | __TRANSPORTATION |
| | | __NO | __MILITARY | X OTHER: none |

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mary Sturgis and St.Michael's Church

STREET & NUMBER 100 Randolph Ave. and 112 Randolph Ave.

CITY, TOWN Milton — VICINITY OF — STATE Massachusetts 02186

## 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

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## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1974 — __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Boston — STATE Massachusetts

# 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| __EXCELLENT | X DETERIORATED | __UNALTERED | X ORIGINAL SITE |
| __GOOD | __RUINS | X ALTERED | __MOVED DATE_____ |
| __FAIR | __UNEXPOSED | | |

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Located behind St.Michael's Church on Randolph Ave. in Milton, Gov.Hutchinson's Ha-Ha is a stone faced ditch 120' long, 6' wide and 4' high. The slanted sides of the ha-ha, which are composed of puddingstone and granite rubble, are topped with large cut granite blocks, 5' long, 8"high and 1' deep. The ha-ha runs north-south and forms the western boundary of the now deteriorated formal garden. The ha-ha is currently in a state of disrepair; many stones have fallen and it has become congested with debris. Stone steps which descended west to the pasture are located at the southern end of the ha-ha. The garden, which was maintained into the 20th c., measured approximately 320' by 220' and was divided by gravel paths into four sections with a small rear rose garden. Each section of the garden was enclosed with shrubs and perennials and various hardwoods were placed throughout. While some shrubs and trees still exist, the garden plan is no longer visible and a 20th c. house is located in the middle of the area. With the presence of the house, the garden is unrestorable but plans do exist to restore the ha-ha. The paved drive which runs to the house is located on the natural northern boundary of the ha-ha.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| __PREHISTORIC | __ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | __COMMUNITY PLANNING | X LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | __RELIGION |
| __1400-1499 | __ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | __CONSERVATION | __LAW | __SCIENCE |
| __1500-1599 | __AGRICULTURE | __ECONOMICS | __LITERATURE | __SCULPTURE |
| __1600-1699 | __ARCHITECTURE | __EDUCATION | __MILITARY | __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| X 1700-1799 | __ART | __ENGINEERING | __MUSIC | __THEATER |
| __1800-1899 | __COMMERCE | __EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | __PHILOSOPHY | __TRANSPORTATION |
| __1900- | __COMMUNICATIONS | __INDUSTRY | X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | __OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | __INVENTION | | |

**SPECIFIC DATES** c.1771 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Gov. Hutchinson's Ha-Ha is significant as the last extant feature (aside from foliage and land) of Gov.Hutchinson's estate, one of the few ha-has visibly extant in New England, and one of the few in the United States. The ha-ha was a very important element in the late 18th and early 19th c. formal garden. Designed, in part, to keep out wandering cows while not interrupting the view from within the garden, the ha-ha was so named because it was a feature not visible until one was almost upon it, thus the expression of surprise,"ha". In 1771, the year Thomas Hutchinson became Provincial Governor of Massachusetts, Horace Walpole published the most complete description of a "ha-ha" composed up to that point. In his book, On Modern Gardening, the purpose of the ha-ha was to harmonize the prim regularity of the cultivated portion of the property, the lawn, flower gardens, etc. with the wilder pastures, meadows, deer parks, and cultivated fields outside. Combining them in a general design, "all nature" would thus become a garden. The ha-ha was a most fashionable formal garden feature and it is thought that Gov.Hutchinson constructed the ha-ha shortly after the appearance of Horace Walpole's book. Hutchinson had bought the property in Milton in 1742 and by 1744 had built his "Monticello in Massachusetts". He continually embellished his estate and his love for his garden and knowledge of horticulture were respectfully noted by even his enemy, John Adams. Hutchinson served as Governor from 1771 to 1774 when he left for England and never returned to America.

Thomas Hutchinson was considered to be the most distinguished as well as the most loyal Colonial-born official of his time. Provincial assemblyman, speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, councillor, lietenant governor, chief justice (during the 1760's) and governor (1771-1774), he was also America's most accomplished Colonial historian. Hutchinson went into exile in June of 1774 and lived in London until he death in 1780.

Plans now exist to restore the ha-ha to its former appearance.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


1. Walpole, Horace, On Modern Gardening, London, 1771.
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4. Rivers, George, The Governor's Garden, Boston, 1896.


## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM OK CD

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ~~less than 1 acre~~

UTM REFERENCES

| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | 19 | 329 ~~420~~ 400 | 4681 ~~100~~ 080 |
| B | | | |
| C | | | |
| D | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Mindy Arbo, N.R.Editor for Pat Weslowski, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE: 1/14/75

STREET & NUMBER: ~~40 Beacon 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 X STATE X LOCAL X

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE Elizabeth R. Amodon

TITLE Exec.Dir. MHC

DATE Jan. 17, 1975

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 2/13/75

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2-12-75

Property Gov. Hutchinson's Ha-Ha

State Mass. Working Number 1.28.75.133

~~Nortucker~~ Norfolk

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 2

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK pl 1.30.75

**HISTORIAN**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

I spoke to Pat Wieczlowski - 20th C. house is in center of what was garden. Orig. house burned in 1872, finally dismantled in 1946. Carriage house incorporated into modern house in '46, another house built adjacent to it (over) Accept Thorman 1-31-75

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

Too bad the area of the garden cannot be restored.

Accept M. Barnet 6 Feb 75

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory _____

Review _____

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept Cole 2-12-75

**BRANCH CHIEF**

accept [signature] 2-12-75

**KEEPER**

[signature] 2/12/75

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered FEB 18 [illegible]

Federal Register Entry 4-1-75 Re-submit _____

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later — both are on site of (but not found across of)
Hutchinson's house.

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AND/OR COMMON same

## 2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Milton ___VICINITY OF COUNTY Norfolk STATE Massachusetts

## 3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Fasch Studio,Milton DATE OF PHOTO 12/74

NEGATIVE FILED AT same

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET PHOTO NO.

looking southeast with the rear corner of St.Michael's Church (c.1900) in the right corner of the picture.The paved driveway forms the northern boundary of the ha-ha.

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PHOTO NO.

Looking southeast

#203

744189

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#203

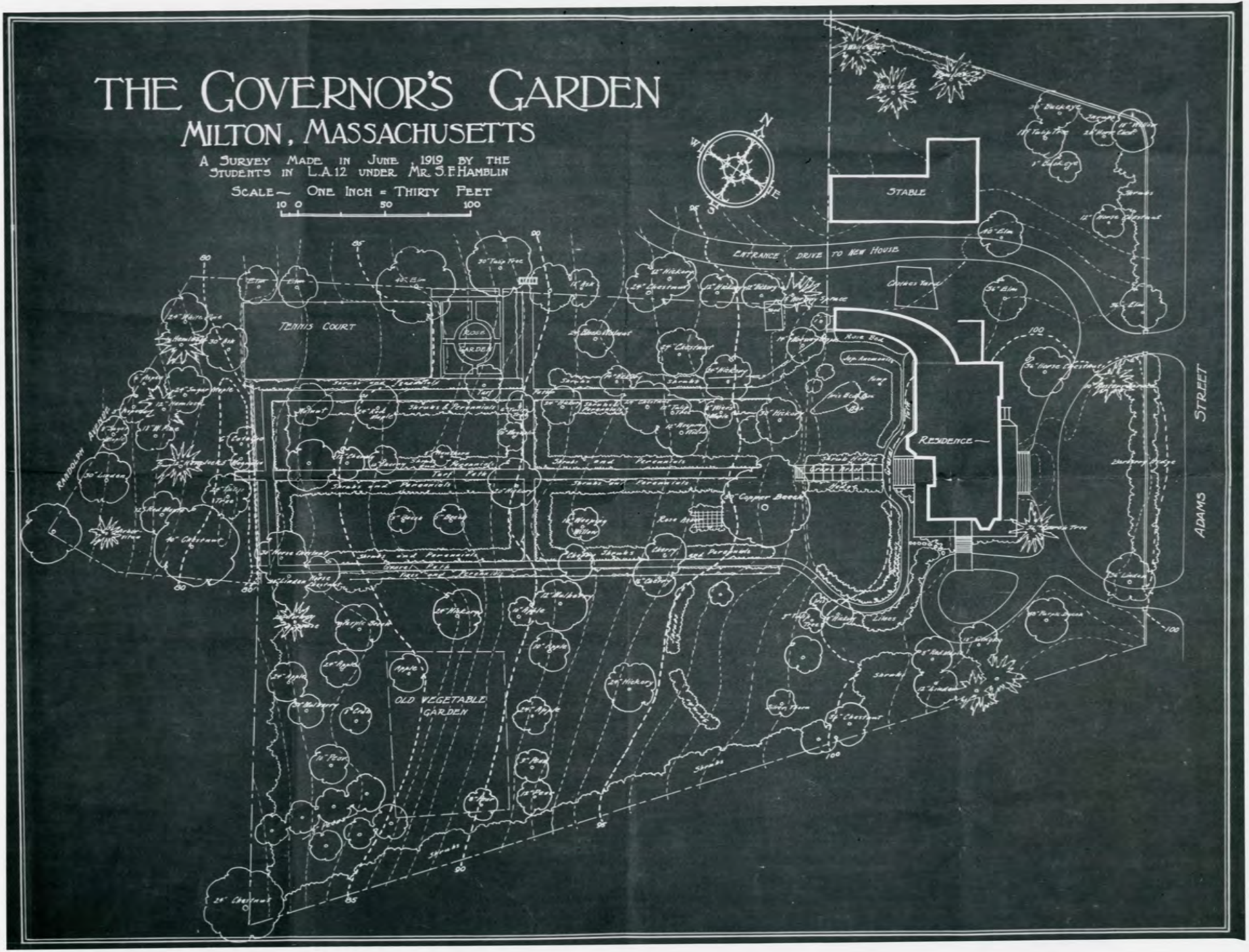
# THE GOVERNOR'S GARDEN

## MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

A SURVEY MADE IN JUNE, 1919 BY THE STUDENTS IN L.A.12 UNDER MR. S.F. HAMBLIN

SCALE — ONE INCH = THIRTY FEET

10 0 50 100



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## 3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Fasch Studios DATE OF PHOTO 12/74

NEGATIVE FILED AT same

## 4 IDENTIFICATION

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1919 plan of the Gov.'s Garden, with ha-ha forming western edge of garden (ha-ha runs north-south)

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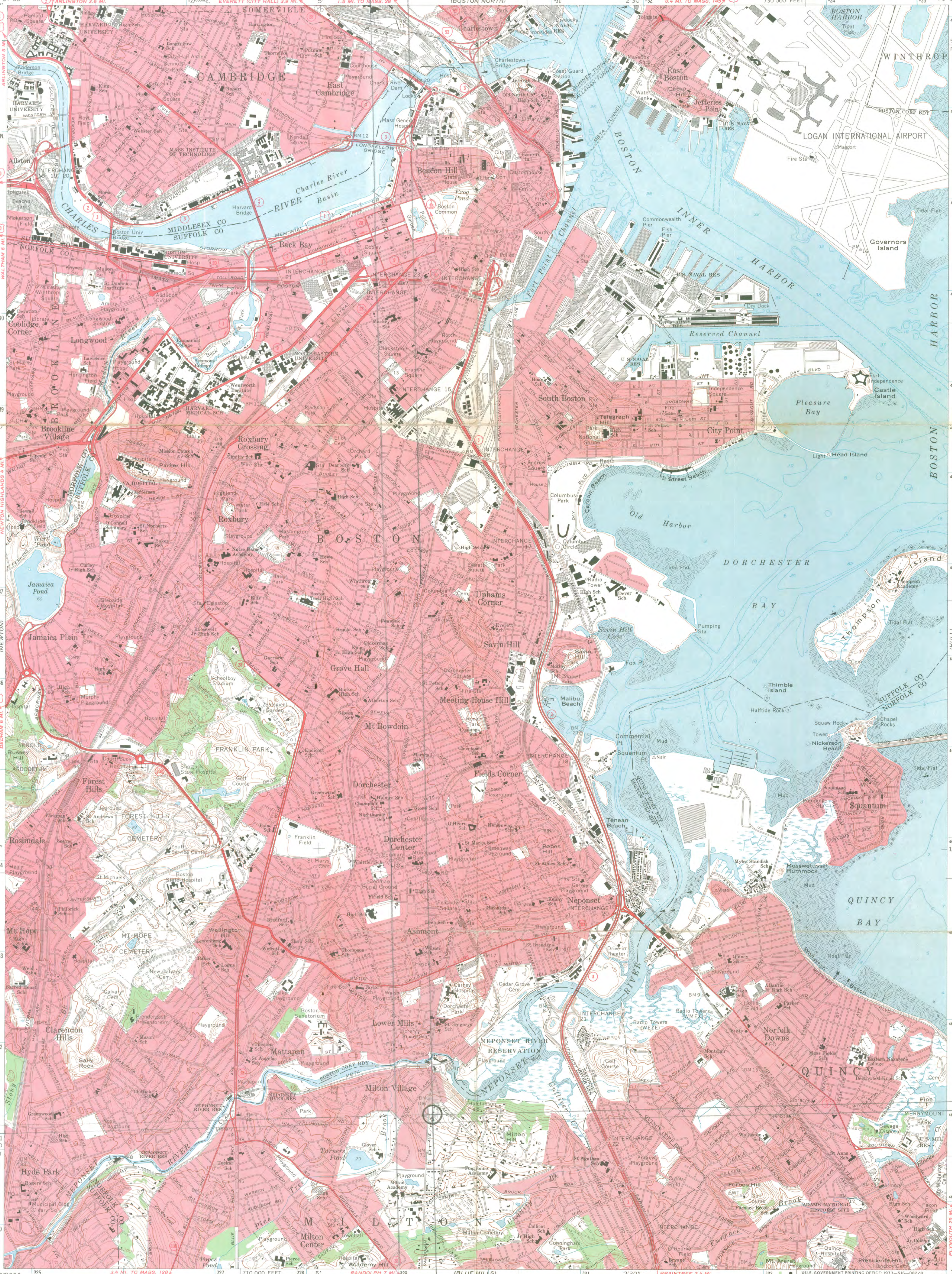
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

# BOSTON SOUTH QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)




GOV.HUTCHINSON'S HA-HA,
MILTON
219
E 3,29,420 N 46,81,100

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey

Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 246 and 248 (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
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue

Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied by Massachusetts Department of Public Works

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Primary highway, hard surface | Light-duty road, hard or improved surface |
| Secondary highway, hard surface | Unimproved road |

Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

MASS.
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

BOSTON SOUTH, MASS.
N4215—W7100/7.5

1970

AMS 6768 I SE—SERIES V814

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## 2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN: Milton
___VICINITY OF
COUNTY: Norfolk
STATE: Massachusetts

## 3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: USGS Boston South,MA.

SCALE: 1:24,000
DATE: 1970

## 4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

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**FOLLOW-UP SLIP**

To: Jan

Date 2/10

They say that there is a 20th c. house there now. Is it on top of Gov's house? Is Gov's house standing? Ruins below ground?

Please call.

See control sheet - Jan

K.

*NOT TO BE FILED*

Signature

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered FEB 1 3 1975

| Name | Location |
| --- | --- |
| Gov. Hutchinson's Ha-Ha | Milton<br>Norfolk County |
| South Station Headhouse | Boston<br>Suffolk County |

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. James A. Burke
Hon. John J. Moakley

Regional Director, North-Atlantic Region

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

PR MMott/bsh 2/14/75

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/29/77
Reviewer INITIALS: DRG
NR DOE Feb. 13, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Hutchinson's, Gov. Thomas, Ha-Ha

OTHER NAMES:

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 100 ~~and~~, 122 Randolph Ave.

CITY, TOWN Milton CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11th

VICINITY OF

STATE Massachusetts COUNTY Norfolk code 021

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

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

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

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

| INTERIOR | EXTERIOR | ENVIRONS |
|---|---|---|
| _ Substantially intact-1 | _ Substantially intact-2 | _ Substantially intact-3 |
| _ unknown - 4 | _ unknown -5 | _ unknown -6 |
| _ not applicable - 7 | _ not applicable - 8 | _ Not applicable-9 |

_ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION – _EXCELLENT _GOOD _FAIR _DETERIORATED _RUINS _UNEXPOSED _Unexcavated _UNALTERED _ALTERED _Reconstructed _Excavated _ORIGINAL SITE _MOVED _Unknown

ACCESS – Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

## ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

## FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- ~~[illegible]~~ garden wall

now- None

## SIGNIFICANCE:

_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
_AGRICULTURE
_ARCHITECTURE
_ART
_COMMERCE
_COMMUNICATIONS
_CONSERVATION
_ECONOMICS
_EDUCATION
_ENGINEERING -11
_EXPLORATION
_INDUSTRY
_INVENTION
_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE 15
_LAW/Gov't/politics
_LITERATURE
_MILITARY
_MUSIC
_PHILOSOPHY 21
_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
_RELIGION
_SCIENCE
_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
_TRANSPORTATION
_OTHER (SPECIFY)
_entertainment
_health
_recreation
_settlement
_socio/cultural
_urban & commun planning

## Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** N.A.

**architect/m.builder:**

**landscape/garden designer:**

**interior decorator:**

**engineer:**

**artist/artisan:**

**builder/contractor:**

**ETHNIC GROUP:**

**NAMES:** (label role & appropriate date)

**personal** Gov. Thomas Hutchinson - designed "ha-ha" around his formal gardens (Governor, horticulturist, Speaker of State House, Chief Justice ...)

**events** Horace Walpole - publ. book On Modern Gardening which may have been inspiration for "ha-ha."

**institutional**

**DATES:** DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): c.1771

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

**SOURCE:** (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV"T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

**ACREAGE:** (to nearest tenth of an acre) less than 1

**COMMENTS:** (include architectural information here)

Remains of 120#-long stone faced ditch; 4' high. Slanting walls of granite and puddingstone rubble topped by cut granite slabs; Restoration planned. Designed ~~c.1771~~ by (2) Gov. Thomas Hutchinson, noted ~~Mass~~ MA statesman, chief justice, and ~~Chief Justice~~ colonial historian.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** (maximum two sentences) to keep wandering cows ~~and~~ out of his formal gardens ~~and~~ (not intact) while allowing an unobstructed view of the landscape; One of few visibly extant "ha-ha's" in the U.S.