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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Massachusetts | |
| COUNTY: Essex | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
| | APR 3 1973 |

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1. NAME

COMMON:
City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
City Hall

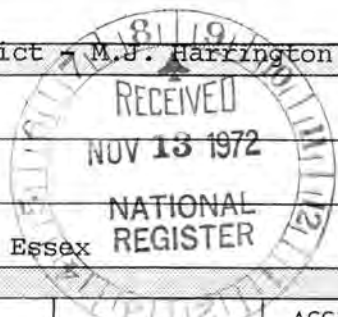
2. LOCATION

6th Congresssional District - M.J. Harrington

STREET AND NUMBER:
93 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Salem

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025 COUNTY: Essex CODE: 009



3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Salem

STREET AND NUMBER:
93 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Essex County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
32 Federal Street

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The City Hall is located on Washington Street, the main thoroughfare of Salem, with commercial structures on either side of it. Completed in 1838, this two-story building is late Greek Revival in style. The side and rear elevations are unadorned brick while the main facade is dressed granite. Three bays wide, this facade is broken by four giant pilasters, one on each corner and one on either side of the recessed center bay. The bays are set with tall windows, 6 over 6. The central entrance is reached by a short flight of granite steps; a cast iron lamp on a bracket projects from above. The tall front double doors are made of mahogany with brass studs outlining the center panels.

The pilasters support a massive entablature whose frieze is decorated with carved stone laurel wreaths. A parapet rises from the entablature and, over the center bay, this forms a partial pediment. The latter is topped by a gold leafed eagle which is an exact copy of the original, hurricane-damaged one done by Samuel McIntire.

The first floor is occupied by various city offices. The Mayor's office and City Council Chambers are on the second floor, unaltered since 1838. The Council Chamber is notable for its fine center and corner rosettes in the ceiling, repeated in the corner rosettes of the fluted door and window framing.

The building was enlarged in 1878 by an extension in the rear which in no way altered its original appearance as seen from the street.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1838

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Salem's City Hall was built in 1837-38 under the supervision of Mayor Leverett Saltonstall and a committee appointed for that purpose. Salem was the second city in Massachusetts to be incorporated (1836) and Saltonstall was Salem's first mayor. The City Hall was built from the surplus revenue of the United States Treasury distributed in 1837 to the states and by the latter to the towns and cities. The building cost \$22,878 when finished; this is perhaps one of the few municipal structures in existence paid for without taxing the citizens.

Since 1837, the building has served as the focal point for the decision-making process in Salem. Such men as Saltonstall, Reverend Charles W. Upham, General William Cogswell, General Henry Kemble Oliver and George J. Bates not only occupied City Hall as mayors of Salem, and thereby took part in the political process, but subsequently went on to serve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as the Congress of the United States, in a distinguished manner.

The City Hall is architecturally significant because of its excellent Greek Revival design. It is perfectly proportioned and in spite of its comparatively small size, gives a feeling of strength and dignity. At present the architect is unknown, in spite of extensive research. He was described in contemporary reports only as "an architect of great fame", "an architect of high reputation" and designed by "a distinguished architect." The facade is reminiscent of Robert Mills, with the ceiling rosettes in the Council Chamber exact duplicates of those done by Alexander Parris for Faneuil Hall Market in Boston.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Essex Institute, Visitor's Guide to Salem, Salem, Mass. 1953
2. Webber, C.H., Old Naumkeag, Salem, Mass. 1877
3. Winwar, Frances, Puritan City, New York, N.Y. 1938
4. Official City documents and records, Office of Salem City Clerk
5. Salem Gazette, newspapers for 1837-38, at Essex Institute, Salem
6. Robotti, Frances Diane, Chronicles of Old Salem, New York, N.Y. 1958

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | | | | | | |
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| | | | 42° | 31' | 19" | 70° | 53' | 45" | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1/2 acre

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 AND TITLE:
Elizabeth R. Amadon, Regional Director (617-727-8470)

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: 7/22/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

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

Date: November 3, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/3/73

ATTEST:
W. Woodford
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/27/73

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 ZONE 19
 E 344100
 N 4709310
 8-10-75
 SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY

City Hall

STATE *Mass.*

Working number

11.13.72.1704

Essex

TECH REVIEW

6-4-73

Photos 1

Maps 1

REVIEW

7/2-5-73

HISTORIAN

*Accept - AML
3/12/73*

ARCHEOLOGIST

*Accept
3-26-73
3-26-73*

ARCHITECT

*Accept
KH
3/19/73*

BRANCH CHIEF

*OK [Signature]
3/22/73*

EDITORIAL REVIEW

KEEPER

*OK [Signature]
3/28/73*

National Register write-up _____

Federal Register entry *6-5-73*

Acknowledge _____

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

Register no. *APR 3 1973*



CITY HALL

KEEP
SALEM
CLEAN

NPS Number 4/3/73

Title: City Hall

Loc. Essex, Mass.

West facade

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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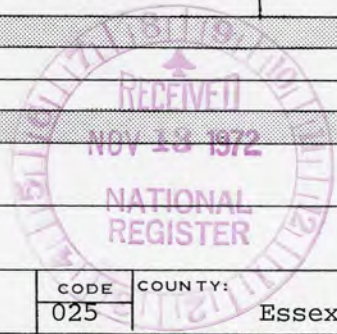
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Gregory Senko, City Planner

DATE OF PHOTO: 1972

NEGATIVE FILED AT:
City planner's office, 60 Washington St., Salem, Mass. 01970

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

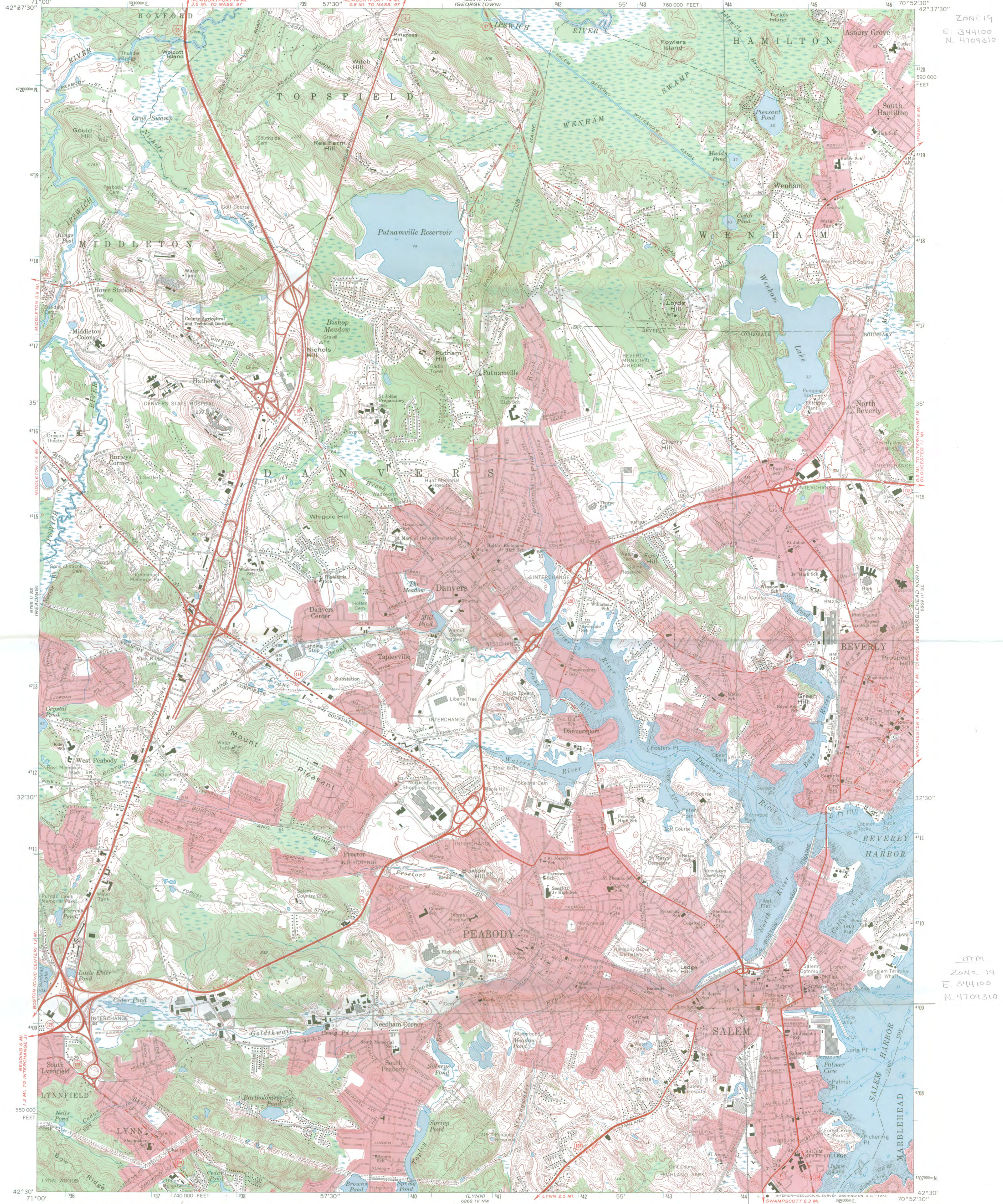
Looking at the west facade and south elevation

CITY HALL
ESSEX COUNTY

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SALEM QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS-ESSEX CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

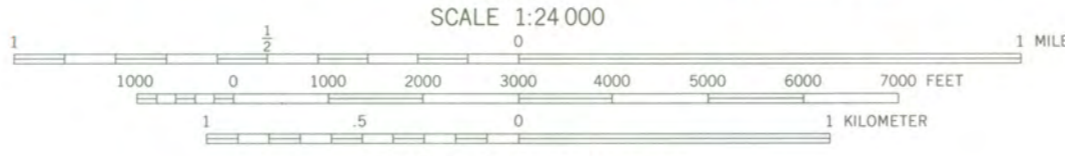


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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1938. Topography by planimetry surveys 1942
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 240 and
241 (1970). This information is not intended
for navigational purposes.
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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 FEET



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

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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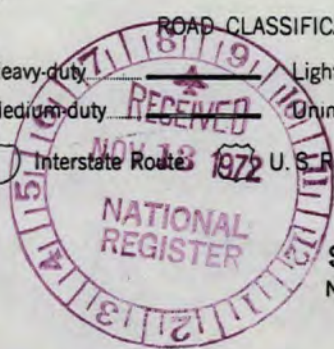
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SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS
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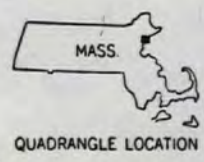
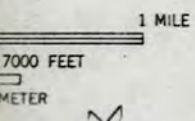


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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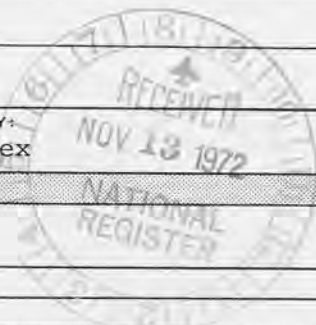
3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. Salem, Mass.
SCALE: 1: 24,000
DATE: 1956

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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40 Beacon Street

Boston, Mass. 02108

November 6, 1972

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed is National Register submission for:

Essex County, Salem, City Hall

This has been declared eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Review Board, and have been signed by Secretary of the Commonwealth, John F.X. Davoren, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and designated the State Liason Officer.

Sincerely yours,

Robert B. Rettig

Robert B. Rettig
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 3 1973

Name

Location

City Hall

Salem
Essex County

Lenox Library

Lenox
Berkshire County

Mechanics Block Historic District

Lawrence
Essex County

Bowe Village Historic District

Boxford
Essex County

Claflin-Richards House

Wenham
Essex County

Mohawk Trail

vicinities of Charlemont, Florida, and
Savoy
Berkshire and Franklin Counties

Fort Washington

Cambridge
Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Michael J. Harrington
Hon. Silvio O. Conte
Hon. Paul Cronin
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

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Director, Northeast Region