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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

Odd Fellow's Hall (preferred)

AND/OR COMMON

Halberg's Market

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1-5 State Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Spelburne Falls,
Buckland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

second 1A

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

011

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**
 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT
OWNERSHIP
 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED
STATUS
 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO
PRESENT USE
 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:
4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Michael T. McCusker

STREET & NUMBER

Upper Street

CITY, TOWN

Buckland

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Greenfield

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1978

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

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

The Odd Fellow's Hall stands at the corner of State Street and Clement Street. Across the street and slightly north of the Hall a small iron bridge spans the Deerfield River, thereby connecting the towns of Buckland and Shelburne to form the commercial center known as Shelburne Falls. The Hall overlooks the river from its site at the base of a large hill. Because of its hillside site, its small rear lot is separated from the building by a six foot stone retaining wall.

Rectangular in plan, the three story, balloon frame structure is sheathed with narrow clapboards and framed by paneled pilasters. Two storefronts with large plate glass display windows flanking recessed entrances occupy most of the facade's ground floor. To the north is an original door which opens to a wide stairway providing access to the upper stories. All three doors are reached by flights of three granite steps, and they are sheltered by a low pitched roof supported by four large and elaborately cut brackets.

Six windows, grouped in threes, light the second story. These contain 6/6 double hung sash, have architrave moldings and projecting cornices. Two large Palladian windows occupy the third story. Its fan is divided by radiating muntins while the upper sash are divided into thin vertical panes with a row of diamond shape panes across the top. Between the windows, the outline of the original International Order of Odd Fellows' insignia can be seen. The building is capped by a wide dentiled frieze, an overhanging brachetted cornice and a paneled parapet. The remaining elevations are simply treated with irregularly spaced paired and single windows similar in appearance to those of the second story.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) fraternal organisation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1877, rebuilt 1895 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Odd Fellow's Hall in Buckland retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling and reflects the popular nineteenth century institution of the fraternal organization. It is also representative of late nineteenth century industrial and commercial developments in Shelburne Falls and anchors the west end of the commercial area.

Nearly 75% of the downtown of Shelburne Falls was built in the last fifty years of the nineteenth century. The railroad arrived on the Buckland side of the Falls in 1867 providing direct passage to New York City for both passengers and freight. By 1890 industries were thriving on both sides of the river: Lamson and Goodnow's cultery and sewing machine needle industry, Linus Yale's lock manufacturing company, the Mayhew Silk Company and various other businesses were all important to the boom period of Shelburne Falls which occurred between the 1860's and World War II. The year after the rebuilding of the Odd Fellow's Hall (1896) saw the introduction of the Shelburne Falls and Coleraine Street Railway Company with tracks running throughout Shelburne Falls and the neighboring towns. In 1900 Buckland was reported as one of five towns in Franklin County which had more people involved in manufacturing than in agriculture.

The Alethian Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows was chartered on August 3, 1848 (only twenty-eight years after the founding of the entire order). The Lodge was originally housed on the third floor of the Annawansett Block. In 1876, however, a large fire originating in this block, destroyed most of the buildings on the Buckland side of Shelburne Falls, including the prestigious Woodward House hotel. Soon after the fire the Odd Fellows purchased the old hotel lot from the Woodwards and commenced the building of their own hall. The completed hall was dedicated on June 8th, 1877. In 1895 another fire partially destroyed the building and it was rebuilt in its present form.

The International Order of Odd Fellows was one of many similar civic-minded fraternal orders established in Buckland in the nineteenth century. It remained strong well into the twentieth century, having 137 members in 1935 when the town's total population was only around 1,500. The Hall was owned by the Odd Fellows until 1962.

The first story of the building was used by a variety of retail businesses over the years. Andrew Sauer, a German immigrant, had his clothing store there from 1877-1913. Upon his death the business was purchased by Samuel Walker. He, in turn, sold it to Frank E. Innis in 1915. Mr. Innis subsequently moved the business to the Shelburne side of the Falls

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
 QUADRANGLE NAME Shelburne Falls QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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| C | | | | D | | | |
| E | | | | F | | | |
| G | | | | H | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at the northeast corner, the property runs westerly across the southern line of what was formerly the store lot of the Newell Brothers and continues west to the land of Clarissa S. Montague. The property runs south on the east line of Clarissa S. Montague's

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

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

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| NAME / TITLE <u>Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator</u> | Jean Follett-Thompson AGF for Massachusetts |
| ORGANIZATION <u>Massachusetts Historical Commission</u> | DATE <u>March 1979</u> |
| STREET & NUMBER <u>294 Washington Street</u> | TELEPHONE <u>617-727-8470</u> |
| CITY OR TOWN <u>Boston</u> | STATE <u>Massachusetts</u> |

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 Patricia L. Weslowyke 3/9/79 DATE 3/9/79
 TITLE Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER Charles Keating DATE 5-10-79

ATTEST Donna M. O'Neil DATE 5/9/79
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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around 1920 as part of a general commercial move towards the Shelburne side of the river. Mr. Halberg established his market in the building soon thereafter. These businesses are typical of the retail commerce which took place in Shelburne Falls - supplying residents with dry goods and food stuffs -- and making it the market center for all the neighboring towns.

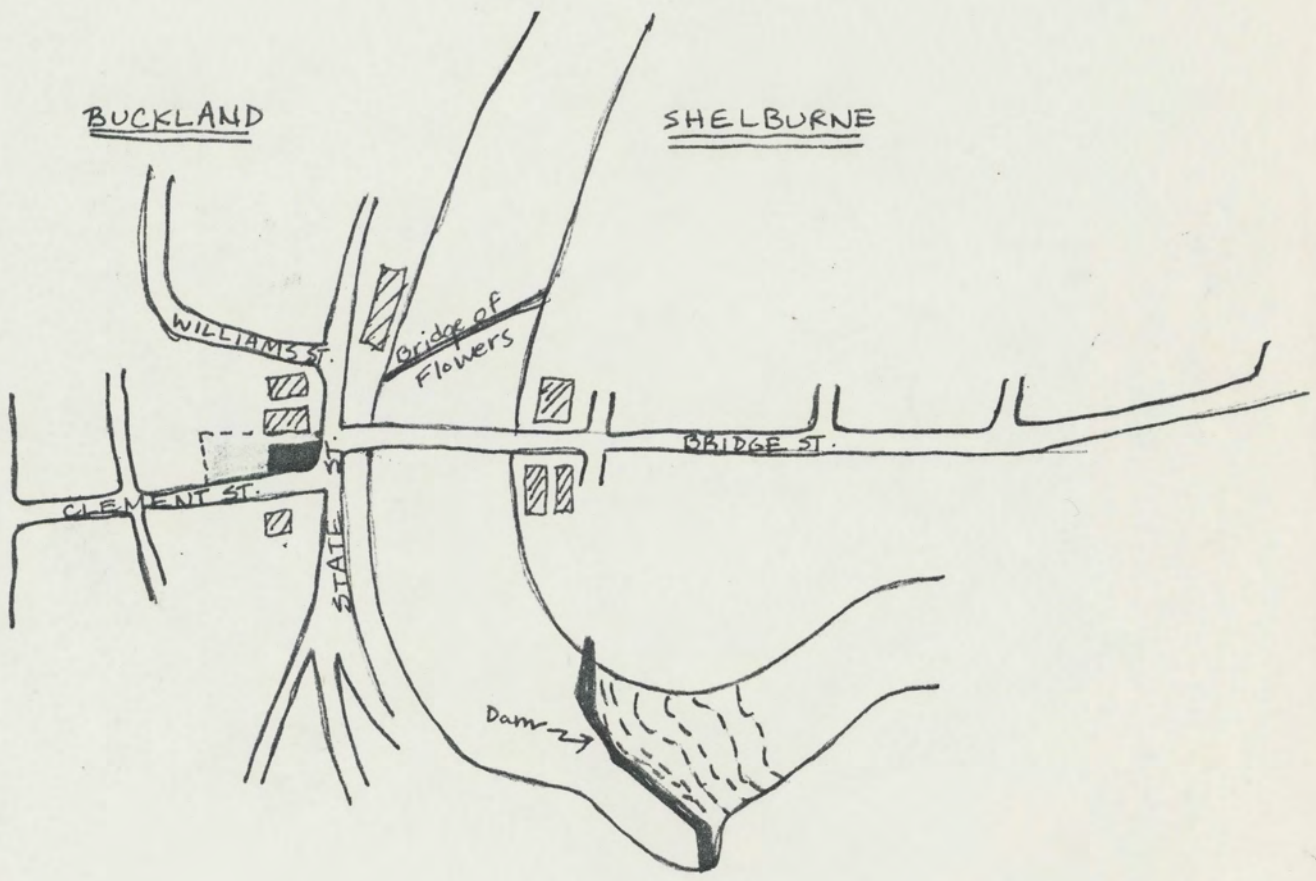
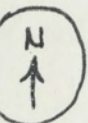
Because the Odd Fellow's Hall has had only two owners, very few physical changes have been made. The removal of the Odd Fellows insignia and the remodeling of the store interiors to accommodate more modern day uses are the only visible changes which have occurred since the building's reconstruction in 1895. Thus, today the Odd Fellow's Hall represents a style of building which is unique in Shelburne Falls, i.e. balloon frame commercial Victorian architecture. Its striking facade serves as a visual landmark for all those who pass through the town. Furthermore, it stands as a reminder of an era when Shelburne Falls prospered as a small industrial community and encouraged the growth of organizations such as the International Order of Odd Fellows which nurtured the civic pride and the quality of life which were so sought after around the turn of the century. Its interior is graced by a grid of fine, fluted cast iron columns and a ceremonial ballroom whose size and style and finish are unmatched in the town of Shelburne Falls. Although its commercial uses have not been anything out of the ordinary, certainly the Odd Fellow's Hall should be retained as an unusual architectural achievement and as a local monument to the civic pride of nineteenth century fraternal organizations such the The Odd Fellows.

The area around the Hall may be nominated to the National Register as a district when additional survey work has been completed. As this may take some time this key building is being nominated individually.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (cont.)

land to Clement Street, east on Clement Street to the original boundary of County Road to the property' s northeast corner.

Odd Fellow's Hall
Buckland, Massachusetts



ENLARGEMENT OF USGS MAP OF SHELBURNE
FALLS, MASS. 1961
N4230 - W7237.5 / 7.5

Property Odd Fellow's Hall
State Mass. (Franklin) Working Number 3.19.79. 572

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1, drawing

CONTROL

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OK 3.20.79
HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ACCEPT
MAL DUBOIS
5/9/79

BUILT IN 1877 AND ~~REBUILT~~ REBUILT IN 1895 THE ODD FELLOWS HALL IS AN IMPORTANT VISUAL LANDMARK IN THE COMMUNITY. IT IS SIGNIFICANT NOT ONLY FOR ITS ~~LONG~~ LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION WHICH ~~OWNED~~ ^{OWNED} IT UNTIL 1962 BUT ALSO FOR ~~THE VARIETY OF~~ ^{THE VARIETY OF} COMMERCIAL USES ON ITS LOWER FLOORS THROUGH THE YEARS. IT IS PART OF A POTENTIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN DEFINED.

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAY 10 1979
Federal Register Entry 6-5-79 Re-submit _____



Odd Fellow's Hall

Buckland, MA

Joy Turner

negative filed with photographer

1976

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Franklin County

Photo #1

Facade looking west

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Buckland, MA

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*Buckland
Odd Fellows
Hall*

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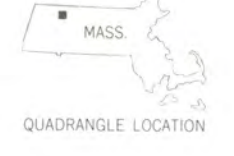
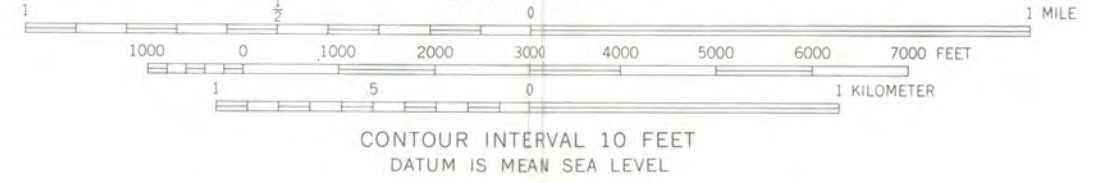
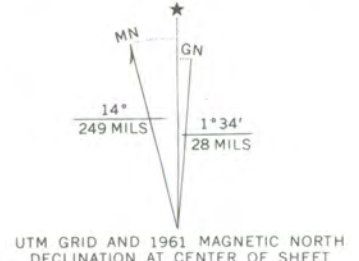
Storefront looking south

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BUCKLAND
HALBERG'S MARKET
UTM REFERENCES:
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Topography by planetable surveys 1937. Revised 1961
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 18, shown in blue

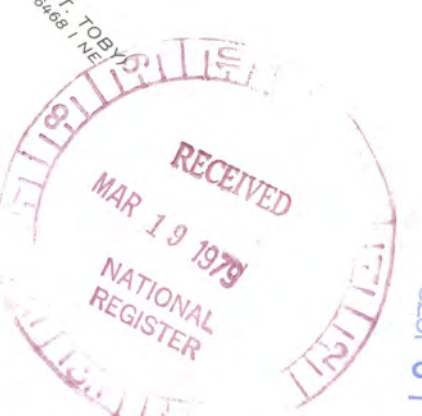


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Heavy-duty | Light-duty |
| Medium-duty | Unimproved dirt |
| State Route | |

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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1961
AMS 6469 II SW—SERIES V814



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 10 1979

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Odd Fellow's Hall | Shelburne Falls Franklin County |
| Conkey-Stevens House | Amherst Hampshire County |
| Sanderson, Julia, Theater (Paramount Theater) | Springfield Hampden County |
| Winchester Square Historic District | Springfield Hampden County |
| Turner, Stephen, House | Norfolk Norfolk County |
| Abbot, Edwin, House (Longy School of Music) | Cambridge Middlesex County |
| Chaplin-Clarke House | Rowley Essex County |

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