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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts	
COUNTY: Berkshire	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 26 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Town Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Town Hall 1832-1891 City Hall 1891-1968

2. LOCATION Congressional District 1

STREET AND NUMBER:
43 East Street (at the corner of Allen Street)

CITY OR TOWN:
Pittsfield

STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 025	COUNTY: Berkshire	CODE: 003
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

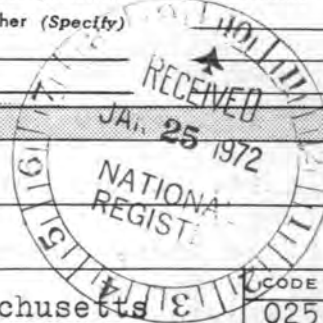
OWNER'S NAME:
City of Pittsfield

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall, 66 Allen Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Pittsfield

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
24 Wendell Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Pittsfield

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: Oct. 20, 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Archives Museum, State House

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

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STATE: Mass.

COUNTY: Berkshire

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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

This building is a two-story rectangular structure measuring 63' by 42'' with its longer facade fronting on East Street and Park Square. Its foundation is of a variety of materials. On the front side it is of cut marble, coursed; ends are of marble rubble squared, the rear has been covered by concrete, scored to give the effect of cut stone, coursed.

Walls are of red brick with the front and back facades stuccoed. The stucco is extended around the corners and scored to give the effect of quoining. The roof is ridge with medium gable. A balustrade of alternating solid panels and groups of turned posts is found on both front and back. There are four brick chimneys placed regularly two at each end. One of each of these pairs is false.

The front facade has three bays containing identical windows in regular placement. Windows are double hung sash 16 over 12, three to each bay. They have plain marble lintels and sills. Above each of the second floor windows is a recessed rectangular panel. The central bay is set 8 to 10 inches forward of the two flanking bays and topped by a plain pedimented central gable. The entrance is at the center of this facade. The door is recessed about a foot and has a six-light transom. The eight-panel door and transom are replacements. Early photographs show additional doors in place of the center windows in both side bays as well as in the center of the end walls.

In 1969-70 the Old Town Hall was completely restored and remodeled (internally) to serve as a bank branch and rental offices. A HUD grant of \$69,000 was received in conjunction with this project. The present lessee, the Berkshire County Savings Bank, spent a considerable additional sum to rehabilitate the structure.

During this restoration work an 1856 photograph and other early prints and photographs were used to enable reconstruction of the balustrade which had disappeared, replacement of chimneys, window sash and other details. A rear wing added in 1896 was also removed returning the structure to its 1832 dimensions.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1832

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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

'This building served for 135 years as the seat of local government - from 1832 to 1891 as Town Hall and from 1891-1968 as City Hall. 'It is the oldest existing city building in Pittsfield and the only remaining public building of late Federal Period architecture in the community.' In addition to serving as the seat of local government, the building has also housed for shorter periods a post office and a bank. It has been used many times for religious services and for several months was the county court house.

'In its earlier years when the Berkshire Agricultural Society held its' fairs in the park opposite, this building housed exhibits of household manufactures. This is the oldest agricultural fair in the country.' Here also were held many patriotic meetings at which soldiers were recruited for the Civil War.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Smith, J.E. A. The History of Pittsfield, Massachusetts 1800 to 1876
 Springfield, Mass.: C.W. Bryan & Co. 1876

Boltwood, Edward The History of Pittsfield, Massachusetts 1876 to 1916.
 Pittsfield: The City of Pittsfield 1916.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one

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:
Donald S. Smith

ORGANIZATION: Berkshire County Historical Society DATE: October 20, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
113 East Housatonic Street

CITY OR TOWN: Pittsfield STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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
 JOHN F.X. DAVOREN
 Secretary of the Commonwealth,
 Chairman, Massachusetts
 Historical Commission

Date December 15, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 4/26/72

ATTEST:
William M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 26 1972

PROPERTY

STATE

Mass

DATE OF RECEIPT 1/25/72 YES

NO

NUMBER

REGISTER:

DATA PAGE _____
PHOTO (S) _____
PHOTO DESCRIPTION (S) _____
MAP (S) _____
MAP DESCRIPTION (S) _____
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OK means 4/20/72

REVIEW

HISTORIAN

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ARCHEOLOGIST

ARCHITECT

OK Chambers 4-12-72

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

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WRITER/EDITOR

OK Manning 4/11/72

CHIEF, OAHP

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

Federal Registry Entry 6-6-72

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COMMENTS:

WORKING NUMBER

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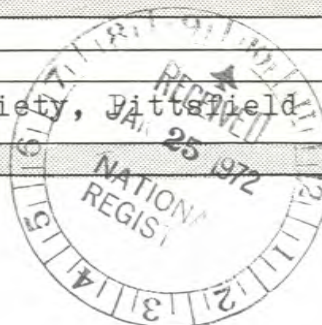
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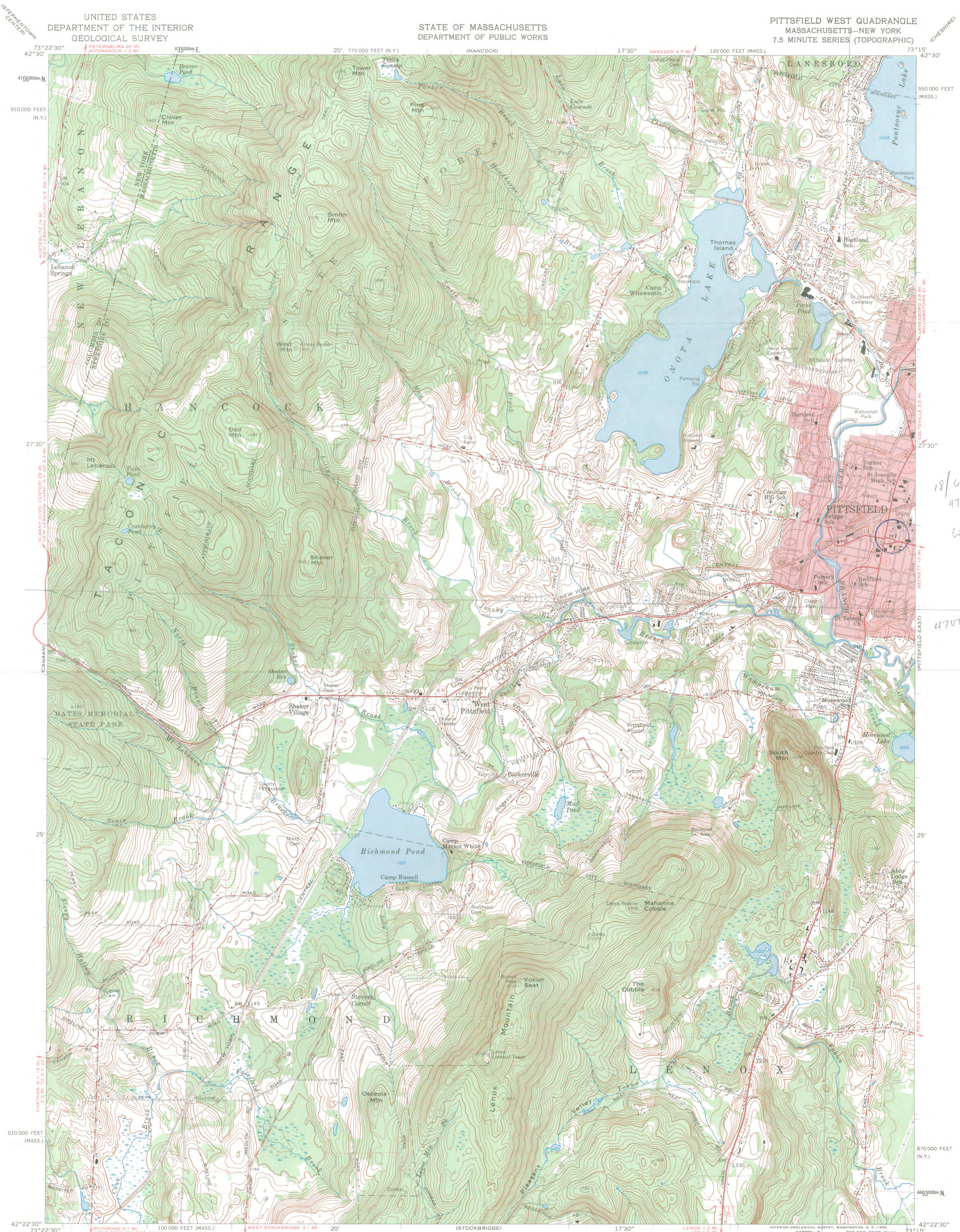
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South and East Facades -

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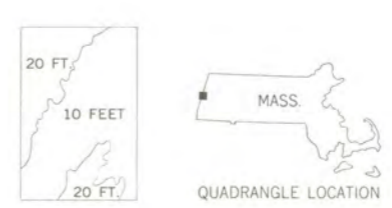
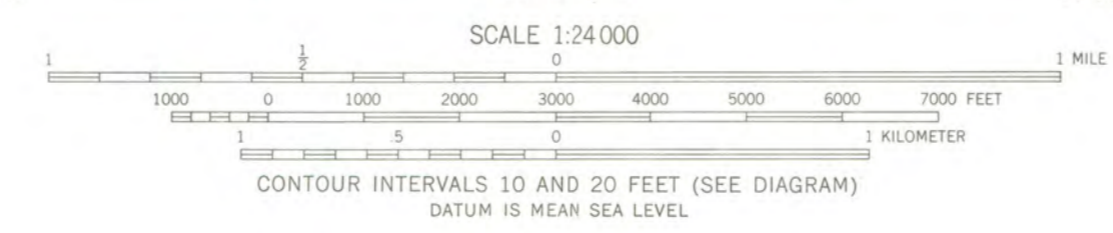
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			CODE
			003
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		Donald S. Smith	
DATE OF PHOTO:		1970	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		Berkshire County Historical Society, Pittsfield	
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
South and east facades			





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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, Massachusetts Geodetic Survey, and
Massachusetts Harbor and Land Commission
Topography by planetable surveys 1943-1944. Revised 1959
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone, and New York coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

PITTSFIELD WEST, MASS.-N. Y.
N4222.5-W7315/7.5
1959

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:	U.S.G.S. Pittsfield West Quadrangle		
SCALE:	1:24000		
DATE:	1959		
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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73° 15' 42"



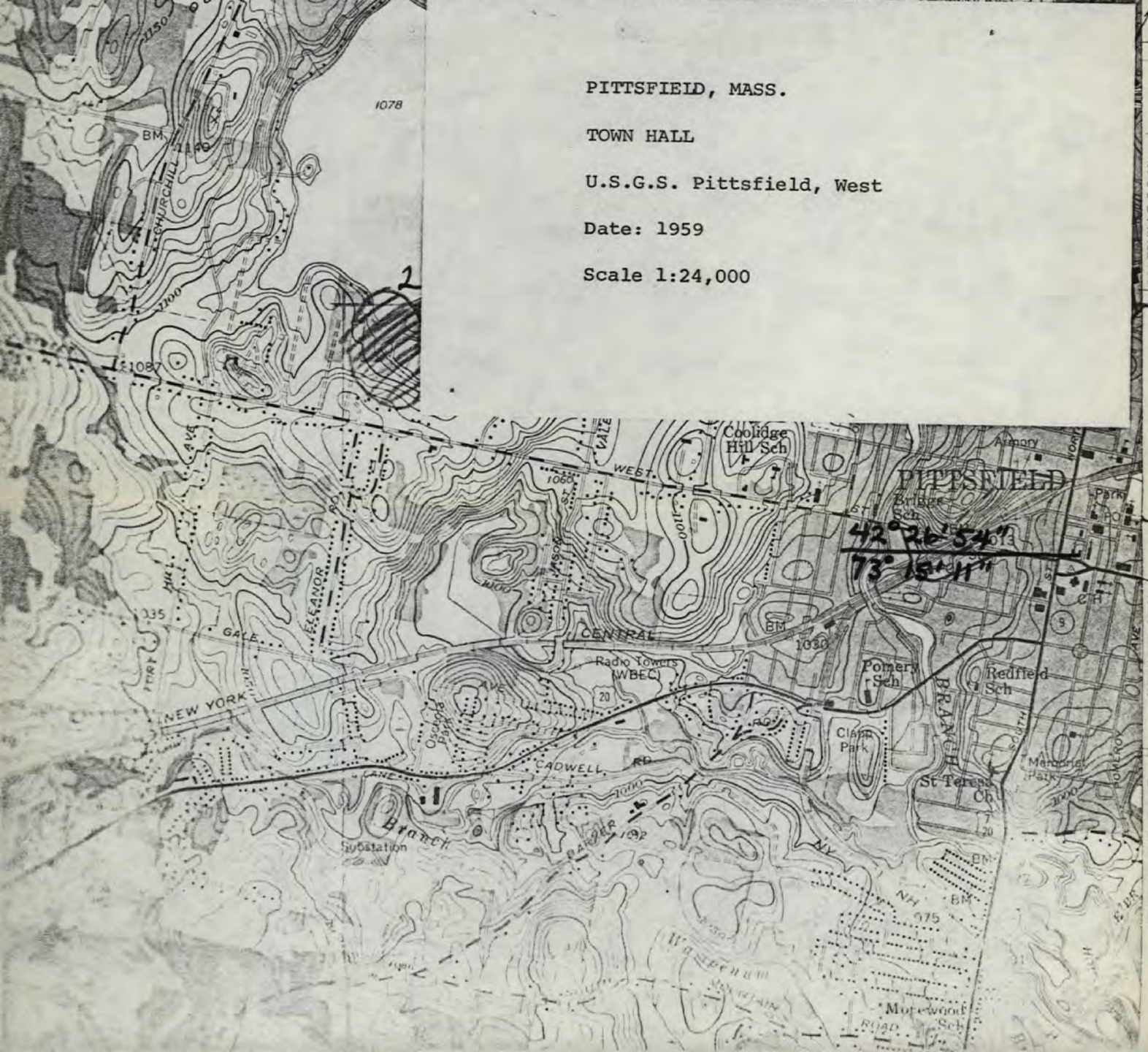
PITTSFIELD, MASS.

TOWN HALL

U.S.G.S. Pittsfield, West

Date: 1959

Scale 1:24,000



550 (MASS)

LANESBORO 3.8 MI.
WILLIAMSTOWN 21 MI.

COLTSVILLE 2.5 MI.
27° 30'

BECKETT 13 MI.

(PITTSFIELD EAST)



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 26 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Loring-Greenough House	Boston (Jamaica Plain) Suffolk County
Holyoke-French House	Lowford Essex County
Old Town Hall	Pittsfield Berkshire County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
 Hon. Edward W. Brooke
 Hon. Louise Day Hicks
 Hon. Michael J. Harrington
 Hon. Silvia O. Conte
 Director, Northeast Region

State Liaison Officer
 Hon. John F. X. Davoren
 Secretary of the Commonwealth
 Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
 Commission
 Office of the Secretary
 State House
 Boston, Massachusetts 02133

HR NRowland:mm 4/25/72

July 24-1937

Dear Sir

The town of Washington is in its 200th year celebration. We're remembering and proud of our past.

We have an old Town Hall and an old school on which we have spent many long hours to preserve. There is a Church in town which we want to save and preserve. These all these buildings will continue to be on the scenic Washington Mt. Rd. for viewing.

All prayers and other help by you will be greatly appreciated by the Washington townspeople.

Please help us save God's Church for our town.

Sincerely,
Cady J Adams
Route 8
Washington, Mass.

United States Senate

August 5, 1977

Adams, Carolyn

Respectfully referred to:

Congressional Liaison
Department of the Interior
Interior Building
Washington, D.C. 20240

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by plus this form

U.S.S.

Form #2

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BOSTON, MASS. 02208

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In Reply Refer To:
H34-880
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9/8/77

Honorable Edward W. Brooke
United States Senator
2003F JFK Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Dear Senator Brooke:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of Ms. Carolyn Adams concerning the preservation of the town hall, school and church in Washington, Massachusetts.

These properties may be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed leaflet describes the National Register program. National Register nominations are submitted by the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amdon, Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108. We have brought these three properties to the attention of Mrs. Amdon's staff.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

15/ Gary R. Catron

Gary R. Catron
Assistant to the Secretary and
Director of Congressional and
Legislative Affairs

Enclosures (CIR)

cc:
Your Washington Office

h.c. to FW 9/2-4P

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bcc:

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
29¹/₂ Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108) w/c of inc.

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