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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

**
Snow Fountain and Clock

AND/OR COMMON

Winthrop Square Fountain

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection of North and East Main Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Brockton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11 th Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Plymouth

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: Service

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Brockton ATTN: Water Department

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Brockton

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

City Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Brockton

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Snow Fountain and Clock stands in the middle of Winthrop Square, at the intersection of North and East Main Streets. Although the present apron is asphalt, contemporary reports suggest that it was originally surrounded by cobblestones and a granite curb. The surrounding neighborhood is mixed commercial, residential and institutional.

The south half of the base of the object is a semi-circular, 12' diameter, granite horse trough. The trough has a sculptured cyma recta profile with a molded lip and full round returns on the side. It is now used as a planter. The north side of the base has three granite steps that lead to a granite drinking fountain. The asphalt covered granite curb may have been a fourth step. This small basin has a cyma recta profile topped by a smaller cavetto profile. On the east and west sides are dog troughs. The water was supplied from sculptured dog heads.

Above this first stage is the clock structure, which rests on a square granite base with an egg and dart cornice. On the east, west, and north sides are roccaille. On the north side is a dedication plaque. Above the plinth of the base is a cyma recta, bound icanthus torus, and cavetto. The square column is proportioned and fluted with a semi-spherical stop flute at the bottom. Above the astragal, the capital is horizontally ridged with slender volutes running out to the corners. The abacus is exaggerated to support the clock. The four sides are ridged horizontally and flare out to the four thirty diameter clock faces which have raised bronze numerals. At the corners are shields with top volutes and spears that conceal incandescent bulbs. The four sides recede quickly to the finial with incandescent bulbs along the ridges. The top of the finial has incandescent bulbs on the four sides and is topped by a acorn lantern.

The clock was built by the E. Howard Clock Company and erected in 1902. The clock was refurbished and restored in 1976. The long disappeared wooden hands are to be replaced with gold-leafed aluminum substitutes. The black polished granite balls at the northeast and northwest corners of the base were removed some time ago.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

clock: E. Howard & Company
fountain: Milnes & Chalvers, Cont.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Snow Fountain and Clock is significant as an important local landmark, and as an example of civic munificence by an important Brockton citizen.

The Snow Fountain and Clock was presented to the City of Brockton by the Industrialist George G. Snow in 1902. He was a prominent Brockton shoe manufacturer, whose house stood just east of the fountain on East Main Street. The clock and fountain quickly became an important local landmark to Brockton citizens, as well as to horses and dogs. The clock was so important that in 1950, when the clock was no longer functioning, the City erected a modern clock across on the facade of North Main Street so travelers could continue to mark their time at Winthrop Square. The clock is once again in working order and will continue to serve a useful purpose to the community.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kingman; Bradford, History of Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts 1656-1894,
 Syracuse: D. Mason & Co., 1895.
 Brockton Enterprise, May 23, 1902.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100 Sq. Ft.

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	9	3	3	2	9	8	0	4	6	6	2	1	8	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

John R. Wilson, Planner
 Office of the City Planner

NAME / TITLE
 Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor and

ORGANIZATION
 Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE
 May 19, 1977

STREET & NUMBER
 294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE
 617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN
 Boston

STATE
 Massachusetts

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 Amadon

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE 5/26/77

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Walter J. ...*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2/25/77
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 7/14/77

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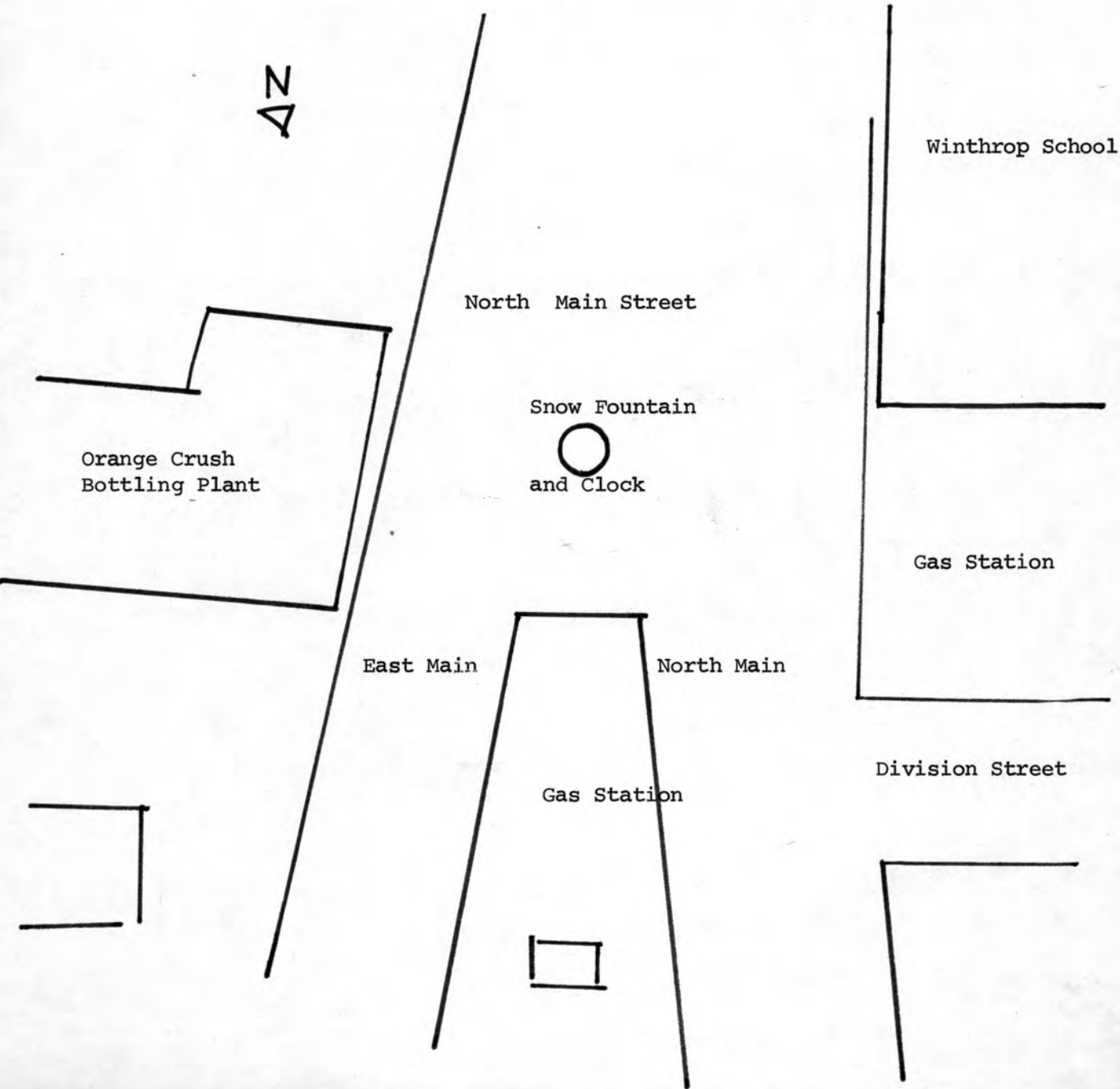
CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER

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Snow Fountain and Clock
Brockton, MA.

Property Sketch Map
Scale 1"=40'
Taken from the Assesors Map (undated)



Property Snow Fountain and Clock
State Mass. Working Number 5.31.77.889

Plymouth

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{pl} 6.2.77

HISTORIAN

Accept
Franklin
7.14.77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
LEBOVICH
7/14/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
7/14/77

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept Hung
7.22.77

KEEPER

W
7/25

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 9-6-77 Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Snow Fountain and Clock

Brockton, MA. *Plymouth County*

1976

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Office of the City Planner

City Hall, Brockton, MA. 02401

Photo #1 *of 2*

Looking south at the north side of the fountain

JUL 25 1977 MAY 31 1977

Photo #1

North side of Fountain

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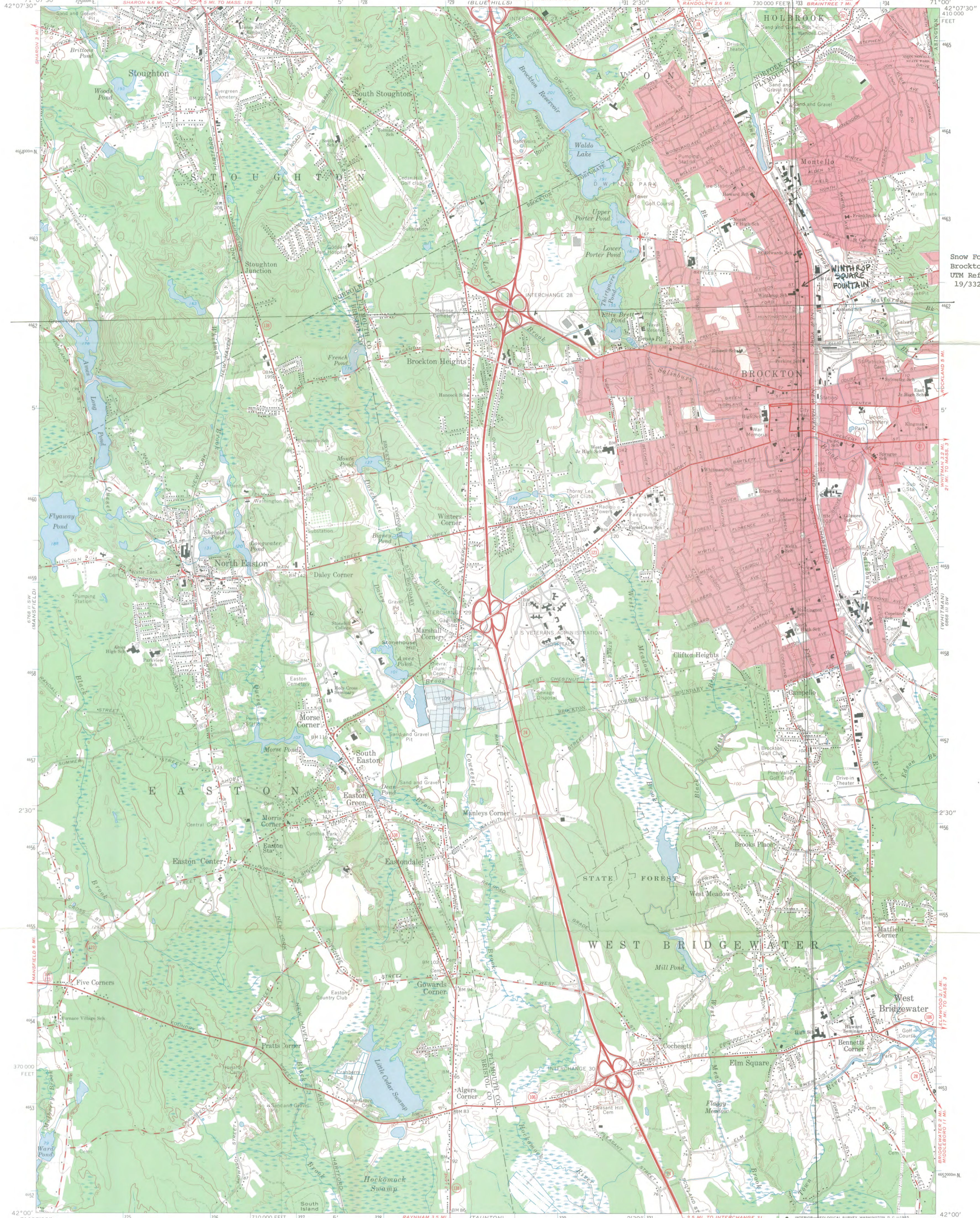
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Looking north at the south side of the
fountain

JUL 25 1977

Photo #2

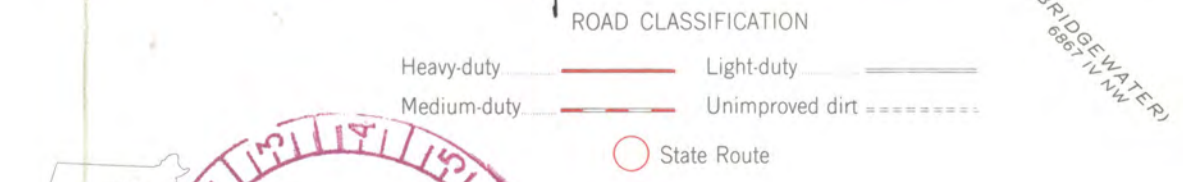
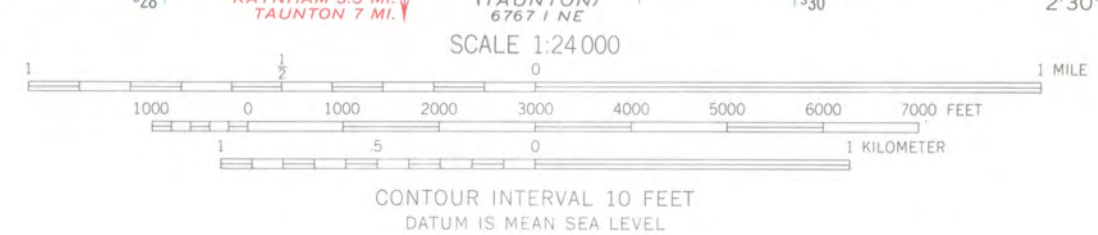
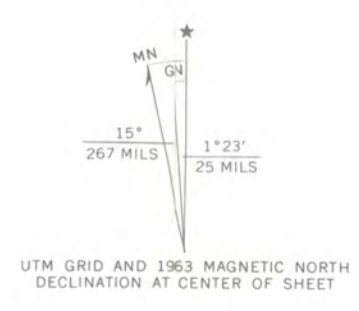
South side of fountain

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Snow Fountain and Clock
Brockton, MA.
UTM Reference:
19/332980/4662180

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Topography by planetable surveys 1936. Revised 1963
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
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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



BROCKTON, MASS.
N4200—W7100/7.5
1963
AMS 6768 II SE—SERIES V814

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

(617) 727-8470

Secretary of the
Commonwealth

27 May 1977

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration Branch
National Register of Historic Places
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find nomination forms for the following properties:

1. Brockton: Snow Fountain and Clock
2. Hadley: Hadley Center Historic District
3. Holden: Holden Center Historic District
4. Natick: Natick Center Historic District

These properties have all been voted and reviewed by the State Review Board and signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Reed Amadon.

Sincerely Yours,

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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PLW/jro

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUL 25 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Central Fire Station	Brockton Plymouth County
Snow Fountain and Clock	Brockton Plymouth County
Kingman, Gardner J., House	Brockton Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. James A. Burke
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: **Snow Fountain and Clock** ② OTHER NAMES: **Winthrop Square Fountain** ③ date of entry: **JUL 25 1977** ④ county code: **23**

⑤ LOCATION street & number: **N. Main and E. Main Sts.** city / town: **Brockton** vicinity of: _____ state: **MA** county: **Plymouth** 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: **11th** 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: **1** ⑯ LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑰ CONDITION deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated

⑱ 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

⑲ ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown ⑳ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO ㉑ SAVED? YES NO ㉒ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

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

㉔ CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

㉕ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **Clock-Fountain** CURRENTLY: **Clock-Fountain** ㉖ dates of initial construction: **1902** major alterations: _____ historic events: _____ ㉗ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: _____

㉘ architectural style(s): _____ ㉙ architect: **E. Howard + Co, MILES + Chabers** ㉚ master builder: _____ ㉛ engineer: _____

㉜ landscape architect / garden designer: _____ ㉝ interior decorator: _____ ㉞ artist: _____ ㉟ artisan: _____ ㊱ builder/contractor: _____

㊲ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: _____ EVENTS: _____ INSTITUTIONAL: _____

㊳ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP
Local landmark - once more common, example of civic munificence
Granite water trough, ^{metal} column with clock