

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	44

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PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

See attached map.

Town Sherborn
Address 27 Hollis Street
Historic Name Deacon William Leland House

Use: Present Residence
Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1717
Source Francis Bardwell, ed., "Historical Sketches, Sherborn, 1652-1952"
Style First Period/Early Georgian

Architect N/A
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings Garage (20th century)

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 3.45 acres

Setting This building is situated in southwest Sherborn's farming/estate neighborhood known as Stannocks. The lot is exceptionally well maintained and features an herb garden adjacent to the main block.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg
Organization Mass. Historical Commission
Date May 1985

(Staple additional sheets here)

UTM reference: 19 302120 4675410
scale 1:25,000 Holliston Quadrangle

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Deacon William Leland House, which like many other late 17th and 18th century New England dwellings faces south, is composed of a 2½-story main block and single-story western ell. The simply adorned building is crowned with a gable roof, and a large central chimney is centered on the ridge. The main five-bay facade features symmetrically placed narrow windows with 9/6 sash, simple vertical boards and a dentilated lintel. The building's dark clapboards have been recently treated with a mixture of linseed oil and

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Located in southern Sherborn on one of the community's earliest roadways, and far removed from the present town center, the Leland House reflects Sherborn's earliest development patterns of dispersed agricultural settlement. The house was built in 1717 for Deacon William Leland, a prominent citizen in early 18th century Sherborn and a son of Henry Leland, one of the area's first grantees. Deacon Leland served as Town Clerk for five years and was representative of the General Court in 1735; in addition, he ran a prosperous farm.

The property remained in the Leland family until the mid 19th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Francis Bardwell, ed., "Historical Sketches, Sherborn Tercentenary, 1652-1952" Research by Margaret Dowse Buntin
Anne C. Shaughnessy, A Guide to Sherborn and the History of Sherborn, 1974.
Maps of 1788, 1875, and 1889.
Genealogical research by Susan Ware, 1981.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Sherborn	Form No: 44
Property Name: Deacon William Leland House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Cont'd)

and penetrol as a wood preservative, and its trim is painted red. Unlike other First Period dwellings in Sherborn, the Leland House has sustained relatively little exterior alteration. It remains a fine example of the early Georgian style.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Deacon William Leland House is a well-preserved early Georgian dwelling, a rural example of the style that has sustained very little external change. Built by a prominent member of the community in the early 18th century, the house retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling, and workmanship, as well as association with Sherborn's earliest development patterns--dispersed settlement near the Charles River. It represents the transition in Sherborn from First Period to early Georgian construction, and is one of a cluster of such buildings in the town that comprise a valuable document for study of early architectural practices. The building thus fulfills Criteria D, B, and A of the National Register of Historic Places.

MAP KEY

- A: House
- B: Garage (non-contributing)

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Sherborn Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Cleale, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 1/3/86

12. Dowse, Rev. Edmund, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 1/3/86

13. Fleming, Thomas, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 1/3/86

14. Goulding, Eleazer, House

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 1/3/86

15. Holbrook, Charles, House

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Delores Byers 1/3/8616. Leland, Deacon, William,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

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17. Lewis, Charles D., House

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National Register

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18. Morse, Daniel, III, House

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19. Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House

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20. Sanger, Asa, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

86000503

Leland, Deacon William, House (Sherborn MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/20/85

Fed. Reg. Date: 3/3/87

Date Due: 12/19/85 - 1/4/86

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-386

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

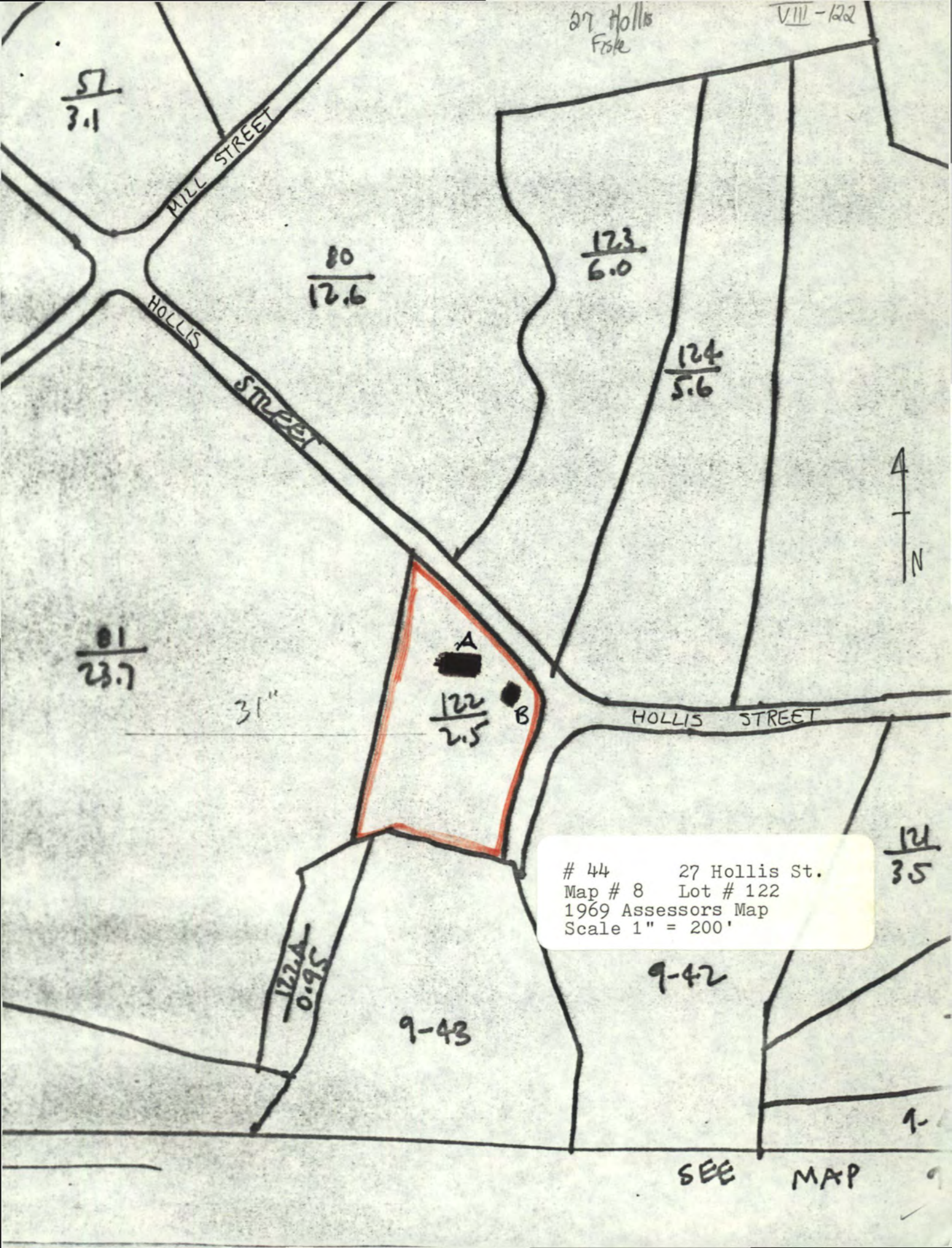
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Leland Deane, William, Huse

Sherburne MRT, Ma



44 27 Hollis St.
Map # 8 Lot # 122
1969 Assessors Map
Scale 1" = 200'

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000293