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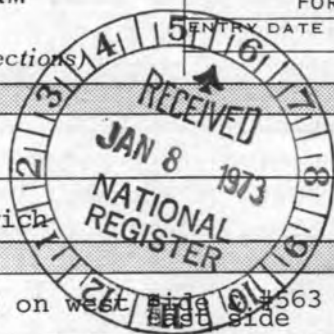
Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Essex
FOR NPS USE ONLY

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



ENTRY DATE APR 13 1973
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<b>1. NAME</b>
COMMON: Hamilton Historic District
AND/OR HISTORIC: The Hamlett, Third Parish of Ipswich

<b>2. LOCATION</b>
STREET AND NUMBER: Bay Road (Route 1A) - #540 through #700 on west side of road #563 through #641 on east side
CITY OR TOWN: Hamilton
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: #6
STATE: Massachusetts
CODE: 025
COUNTY: Essex
CODE: 009

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE</b> (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>
OWNER'S NAME: Multiple - private and public
STREET AND NUMBER: #540 - #700 Bay Road; #563 - #641 Bay Road
CITY OR TOWN: Hamilton
STATE: Massachusetts
CODE: 025

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Essex County Registry of Deeds
STREET AND NUMBER: 32 Federal Street
CITY OR TOWN: Salem
STATE: Massachusetts
CODE: 025

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>
TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission
STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street
CITY OR TOWN: Boston
STATE: Massachusetts
CODE: 02108
CODE: 025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hamilton Historic District runs in a northeasterly-southwesterly direction for approximately three-quarters of a mile along Bay Road (Route 1A) and contains 62.10 acres. There are no cross roads in the district but two streets lead off of it: Paddock Lane on the east side and Cutler Road farther north on the west side. Tall trees, low stone walls, hedges, and picket and wide board fences border the road on either side. There is a semi-circular driveway leading to the large Colonial Revival Town Hall. The one commercial structure in the area, the former village store, now contains the local post office and an antique shop with a residence above. The building still retains its country store appearance with a covered veranda running the width of the facade.

There are twenty houses in the district, ranging in age from the early eighteenth through the nineteenth century. All are privately owned and presently occupied, in excellent condition. Large barns flank many of the two- or three-story structures, most of which are clapboard with shuttered windows. Four of the dwellings and the church have been moved back from original sites on the street and turned end on, creating spacious green lawns intermittently among the houses left standing near the road. Eighteen of the dwellings were built before 1872, one in 1873 and one in 1900. Boundaries for the historic district were made along back lot lines wherever possible.

The district also includes, besides the store (c. 1840) and the Town Hall (1898) already mentioned, the Hamilton Cemetery (1706), Hamilton Village Green, an early cobbler's shop (not visible from the street and used as a dwelling), and the Congregational Meeting House, first gathered in 1714, rebuilt in 1762, turned and again rebuilt in Greek Revival style in 1843. The village (or mustering) green is now a small triangle at the junction of Bay Road and Cutler Road, surrounded by the church, cemetery and a dwelling that was formerly an early tavern and the first post office.

One of the earliest homes (c. 1700) in the historic district is found at 638 Bay Road. The house is a wood-framed clapboard saltbox with the large center chimney, small windows and pedimented doorway typical of the period.

The Wigglesworth-Cutler House at 624 Bay Road was built in 1714. In 1790 a third story and large wing were added, resulting in the present Federal style structure, with a hip roof interrupted by two chimneys set in from the front and back, an enclosed entranceway with a small Palladian window above it and the third story windows smaller than those on the floors below.

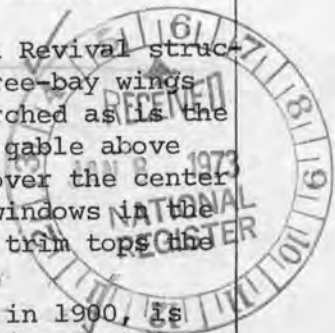
An imposing Greek Revival house (pre-1850) at 621 Bay Road has pedimented gables on each side elevation and a three-bay facade divided by pilasters. The center bay contains the porticoed entrance, topped by a balustrade and a small center pediment set above the deep cornice.

The Town Hall (1895-98) is a large and impressive Colonial Revival structure, with the five-bay center section set forward from the three-bay wings at each side. The three center windows on the second floor, arched as is the entrance door and two flanking windows, have a deep pedimented gable above them. The roofs are hipped on all three sections and crowned over the center section by a balustrade and a small cupola. The second floor windows in the wings have small triangular pediments above them; heavy dentil trim tops the cornice around the entire building.

The stucco house at 568 Bay Road, built by Maxwell Norman in 1900, is the most recent in the district. Though not academic, many of its features

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7. Description (continued) - HAMILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT

reflect the Colonial Revival style, particularly the two-story section containing the entranceway, which is set forward from the main block and has a classical pedimented gable, corner pilasters and a broken pediment over the door. The house is set on the crest of a hill and the site contains large shade trees, evergreen groves and a pond.

The balance of the architecture in the district is mainly Greek Revival, with some bracketed additions. Hamilton Center remains very much as it was shown on early maps of 1856, 1872 and 1884; the atmosphere is still that of a residential, rural small town.



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) 1633, 1714, 1793, 1972

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hamilton's Historic District includes the compact section on Bay Road (Route 1A) from #540 through #700 on the westerly side and from #563 through #641 on the easterly side. This is old Hamilton Center, from which the present town developed. Here were the dwellings of the leaders and prominent citizens of the town, the meeting house, the town green, the cemetery, the post office, the tavern, the store and the blacksmith's shop.

The town history begins with that of Ipswich in the Massachusetts Bay Colony when, in 1633, John Winthrop, Jr., son of the Governor, made the first permanent settlement there and, in 1638, secured a deed to the area now encompassing the towns of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton from Masconomet, sagamore of the Agawam Indians. The area now Hamilton was called The Hamlet, the southern or Third Parish of Ipswich, after the parish established its own church in 1714. The Hamlet separated entirely from Ipswich in 1793 when it was incorporated as a town and named for Alexander Hamilton, the American statesman. The first recorded land grant in The Hamlet area was to Matthew Whipple in 1638. Bay Road (originally called Main Street) was laid out through his land in 1640; along this road the village of Hamilton was developed. Due to the topography and agricultural interests, there are even today no parallel back roads in this area. Presumed to be the first state highway, Bay Road became the post road and soon ran from Hingham through Boston to Newbury. The name was officially changed from Main Street to Bay Road in 1953 for historical and traditional reasons.

The first meeting house was built in 1714 and by then the first minister, Rev. Samuel Wigglesworth, had already completed his dwelling next to it. The Whipple home, also a tavern, was on the other side and the cemetery was across the road. The village green next to the church was the site of the mustering place for all military activities and ceremonies.

The tenure of the first two ministers, Rev. Wigglesworth and Rev. Cutler, spanned more than 100 years at the same church (1714-1768 and 1771-1823). The Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LL.D. (1742-1823), who lived at 624 Bay Road, won national recognition for his work for the Ohio Company of Associates in its dealings with Congress for the purchase of land within the Northwest Territory in Ohio, and for his contribution to the Ordinance of 1787 governing that territory. A Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary Commission marker indicates the spot outside his house from which a company of local men (numbered by Ohio among its "original forty-eight pioneers") left with a covered supply wagon on December 3, 1787 to establish the first permanent settlement in Ohio at Marietta in 1788.

The town's first public library was established in 1890 in "the 3rd

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Felt, Joseph B. History of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton. Ipswich, 1966  
 Safford, Daniel "Hamilton", History of Essex County, D.H. Hurd, Phila., 1888  
 Sprague, Geo. H. A History of the First Congregational Church of Hamilton, 1714-1964 Salem, 1964  
 Cutler, Wm. P. Life, Journals and Correspondence of Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LLD Cincinnati, Ohio, 1888  
 Town of Hamilton - Vital Records and Town Reports  
 1893 Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Hamilton Salem, Mass. 1895

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	0	'	"	42	37	23 1/2	70	50	47
SE	0	'	"	42	36	56	70	51	05
SW	0	'	"	42	37	07 1/2	70	51	36

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 62.10

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 727-8470  
 ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: 4/11/72  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Boston 02108 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  
 JOHN F. X. DAVOREN, secretary of the Commonwealth, Ch. of the Massachusetts Historical Commission  
 Title: Historical Commission  
 Date: December 1, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.  
Robert M. Utley  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 Date: 4/13/73

ATTEST:  
Alfred Ford  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: April 9, 1973

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COUNTY Essex	
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8. Significance - Hamilton Historic District (continued)

room back on the left side" of the house of John L. Woodberry (588 Bay Road). In 1898 the library was moved into the newly built Town Hall across the road.

In March of 1972 this area was made an Historic District by unanimous vote of the townspeople of Hamilton.



PROPERTY

Hamilton Historic District STATE Mass

WORKING NUMBER

1.8.73.2080

Essex

TECH REVIEW

Photos 2

Maps 1

6-4-73

CONTROL REVIEW

AMJ  
3-16-73

HISTORIAN

Accept-AML  
3/26/73  
Accept  
4-5-73  
CSH

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

accept  
KH  
4/4/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

OK  
4/6/73  
OK  
4/9/73

KEEPER

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry 6-5-73

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NPS Number April 13, 1973

Title: Hamilton Hist. Dist.

Loc. Essex, Mass

Town Hall

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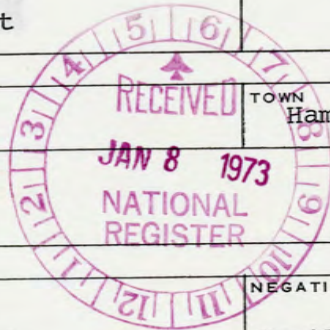
FORM 10-301 A  
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

#1

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

<b>1. NAME</b>		<b>NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)</b>
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	
Hamilton Historic District	The Hamlett	APR 13 1973
<b>2. LOCATION</b>		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Essex	Hamilton
STREET AND NUMBER		
#577 Bay Road - Town Hall		
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>		<b>NEGATIVE FILED AT</b>
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	
Hamilton Historic Dis. Com.	12/10/72	Hamilton His. Dis. Com.
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		



Town Hall, on east side of Bay Road

Hamilton Town Hall  
Bay Road  
Hamilton, Mass.



II  
NPS Number 4/13/73

Title: HAMILTON HIST. DIST.

Loc. ESSEX, MASS.

HOUSES ON EAST SIDE OF BAY RD.

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(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

#11

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COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	
Hamilton Historic District	The Hamlett	APR 13 1973
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Essex	Hamilton
STREET AND NUMBER		
#563, P.O., #595, #601, #605 Bay Road		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		NEGATIVE FILED AT
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	
Hamilton His. Dis. Com.	12/10/72	Hamilton His. Dis. Com.
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

Houses on east side of Bay Road

Houses # 60  
Bay Road  
Hamilton,

December 10, 1972

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

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

**1. NAME**

COMMON

Hamilton Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC

The Hamlet, Third Parish of  
Ipswich

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

APR 13 1973

**2. LOCATION**

STATE

Massachusetts

COUNTY

Essex

TOWN

Hamilton

STREET AND NUMBER

Bay Road - #540 through #700; #563 through #641

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

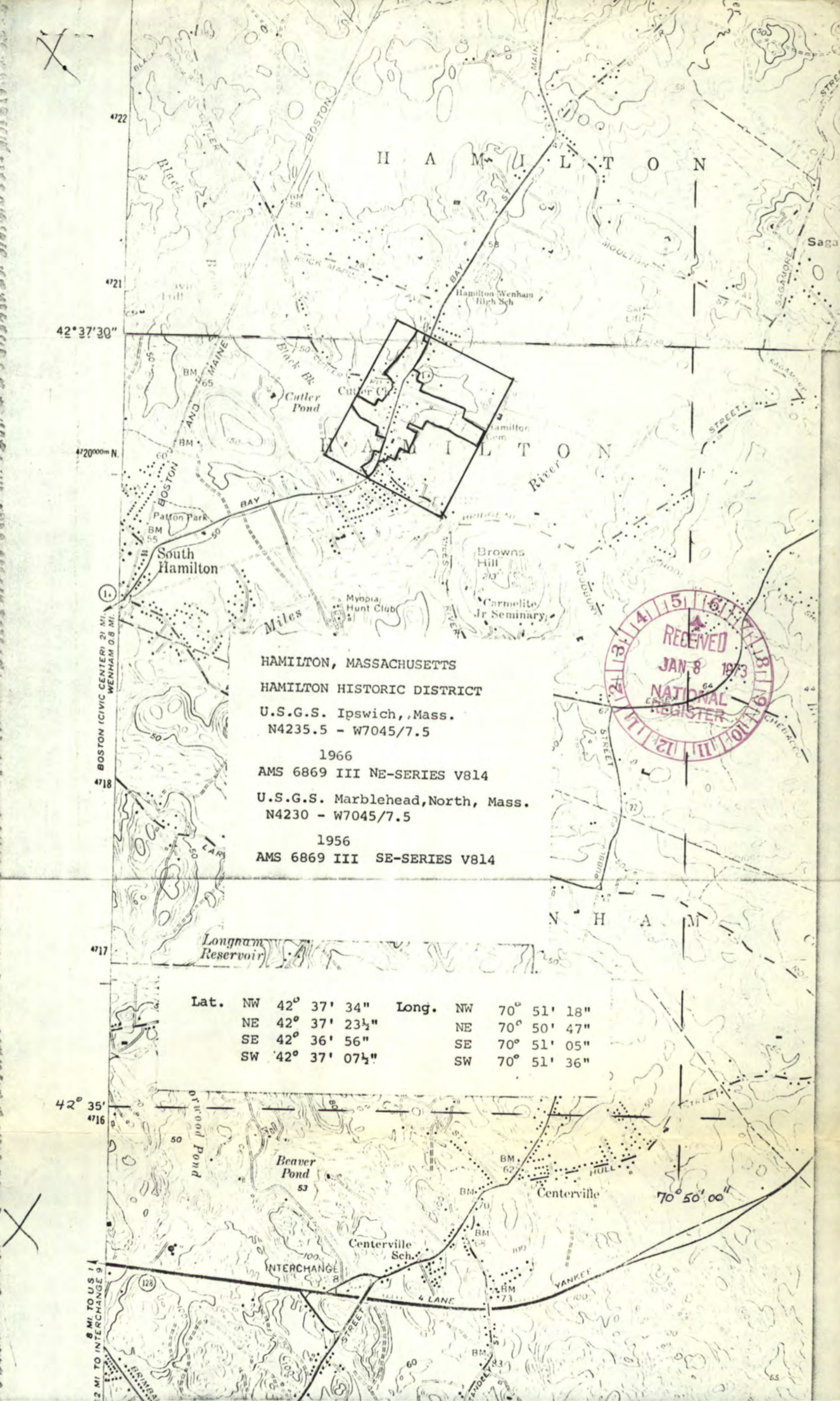
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USGS - Series V814

DATE

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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW





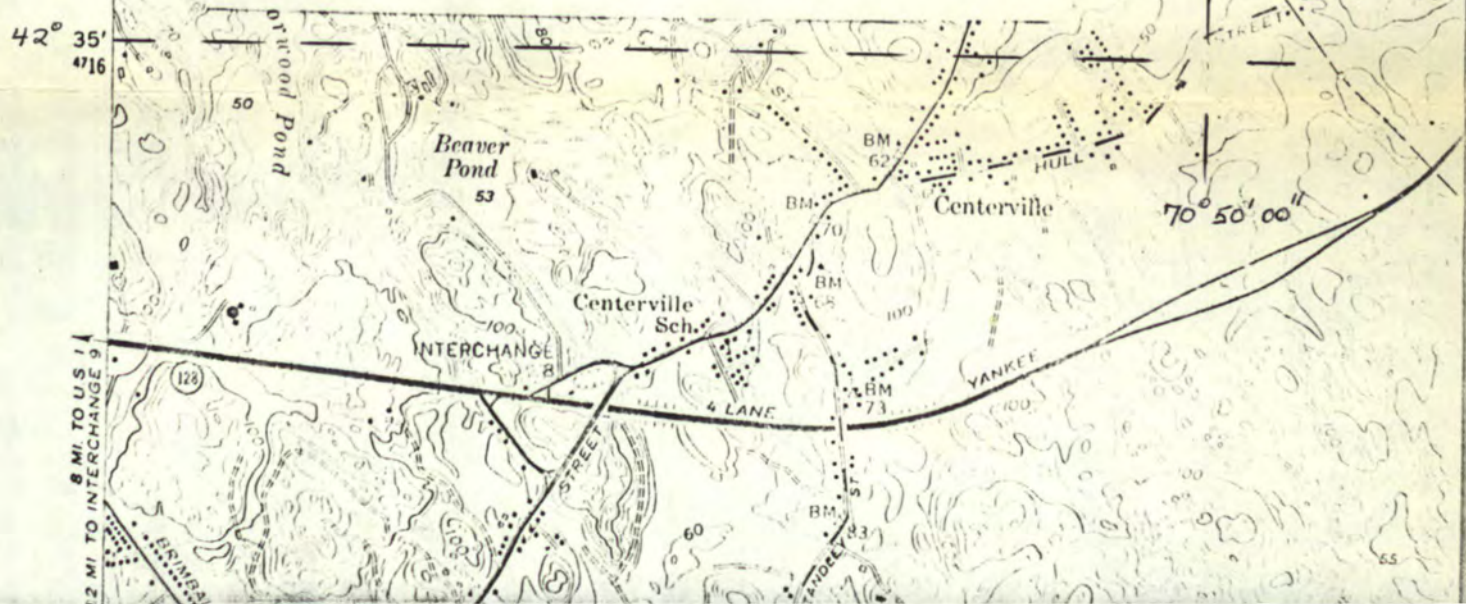
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 HAMILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 U.S.G.S. Ipswich, Mass.  
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 U.S.G.S. Marblehead, North, Mass.  
 N4230 - W7045/7.5

1956  
 AMS 6869 III SE-SERIES V814



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Hamilton Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC

The Hamlet

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Massachusetts

COUNTY

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Hamilton

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STREET AND NUMBER

Bay Road - #540 through #700; #563 through #641

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

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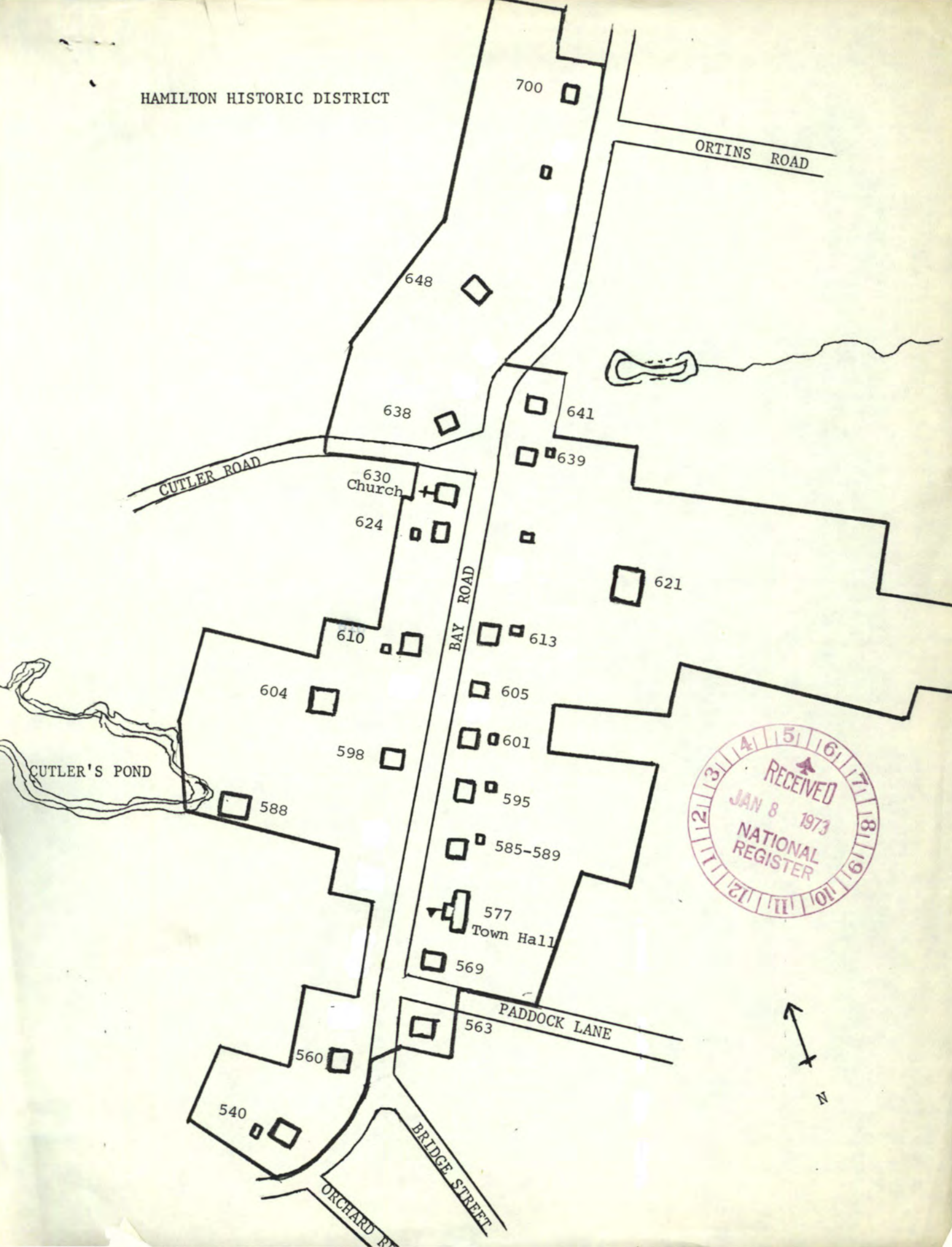
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SCALE

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



HAMILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT





# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

~~XXXXXX Street~~  
40 Beacon Street

Boston, Mass. 02108

January 2, 1973

National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
18th and C Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240



Att: Mr. Jerry Rogers

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is a National Register submission for:

Essex County, Hamilton, Hamilton Historic District

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

Cordially,

*Bob*

Robert B. Rettig  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enc.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 13 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cambridge Common Historic District	Cambridge Middlesex County
Wenham Historic District	Wenham Essex County
"Old Stone Church"	West Boylston Worcester County
Hamilton Historic District	Hamilton Essex County
Cyclorama Building	Boston (South End) Suffolk County

Also Notified

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Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Hon. Michael J. Harrington  
Hon. Robert Drinan  
Mr. Floyd H. Hyde, HUD  
Director, Northeast Region

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