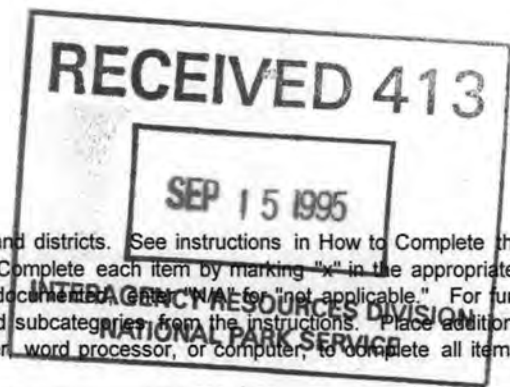


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**National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, mark "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.



**1. Name of Property**

historic name Ethan Allen House and Gun Shop

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 37 Waterville Street

N/A not for publication

city or town Grafton

N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Worcester code 027 zip code 01519

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith B. McDonough  
Signature of certifying official/Title

8/28/95  
Date

Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director,  
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall

10/12/95

Entered in the  
National Register

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Name of Property

Worcester, MA  
County and State

**5. Classification**

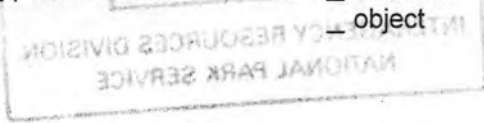
**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal
- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object



**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	_____ buildings
_____	_____	_____ sites
_____	_____	_____ structures
_____	_____	_____ objects
_____	_____	_____ Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

\_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

\_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

INDUSTRY: manufacturing facility \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: storage \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY: Greek Revival \_\_\_\_\_

MID-19TH CENTURY: Other; Vernacular \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/granite \_\_\_\_\_

walls Brick \_\_\_\_\_

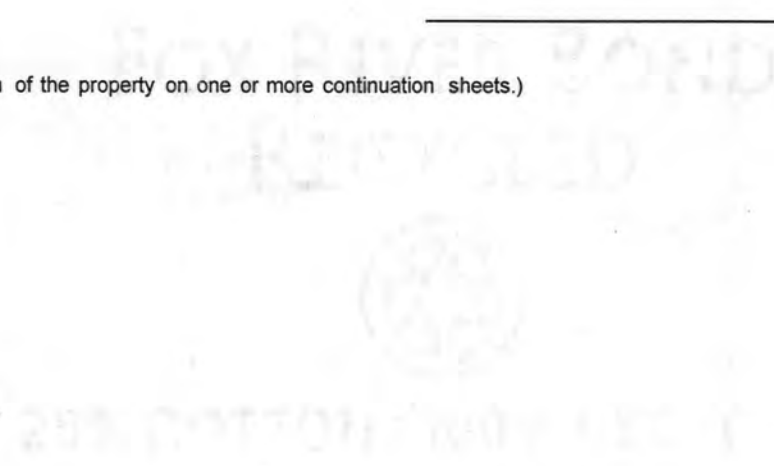
Wood/weatherboard \_\_\_\_\_

roof asphalt \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

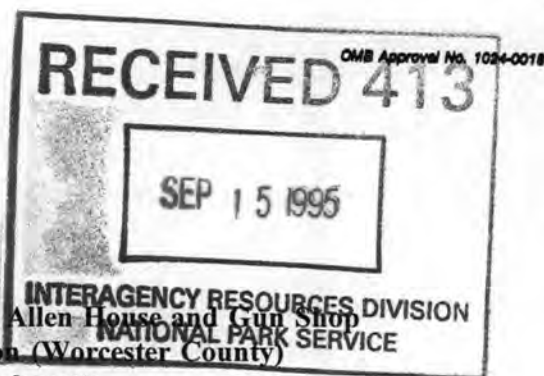


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### 7. DESCRIPTION

The Ethan Allen House and Gun Shop stand on two separate adjacent lots on the west side of Waterville Street in a residential neighborhood of North Grafton. Neighboring houses were built at various times and no predominant period of construction is represented. The house (on a 29,200 square foot lot) is set back from the street approximately 40 feet on a long narrow lot which borders Pratt's Pond along the rear (west) lot line. Behind the house is a narrow yard landscaped with mature trees and shrubs; most notable are two mature oak trees which are believed to be at least 100 years old. South of the house is a small residential garden that was laid out in recent years. The gun shop (on a 8,400 square foot lot) stands south of the house on a shallow strip of land and is wedged tightly between the street and the pond. The remainder of the lot is filled by overgrown brush and scrub trees. Between the two structures is a narrow partially-paved driveway that runs the length of the house.

Sitting on a slight rise, the house (ca. 1833) is a two and one-half story brick structure with a one and one-half story ell (which appears to be original) adjoining a one and one-half story wagon shed (now a garage) and a large barn. The barn was built in 1898 and it is believed that the wagon shed was built at the same time. The house is significant as the town's only residence of its type. The Greek Revival style main block has a square plan and is enclosed by a broad gable roof, sheathed with asphalt shingles, from which project three corner chimneys (originally there were four but the northeast corner chimney was lost in the hurricane of 1938). Window openings are topped by flat arches of splayed stretchers while sills are of wood. Windows of the main block contain 2/2 double-hung sash in all openings except those in the front gable where 6/6 sash are in place. Trim on the house includes a boxed wood cornice that follows the eaves and continues across the facade to create a pediment.

The symmetrical facade is distinguished by its wide pediment, which is faced with clapboards, above the second story. Below the gable the facade is divided into five bays with a center entry at the first floor. The main entry contains the original door framed by a transom and two-third length, multi-pane sidelights over panelled aprons. The first story is sheltered by a late nineteenth century porch running the full width of the facade and supported on turned posts rising to flared braces.

At the rear (west) elevation, the northernmost bay is exposed as is the gable above the second floor. Visible features include two windows in the gable and one at each floor in the northernmost bay. The south elevation is arranged symmetrically with five windows per story. Windows are evenly spaced in the three central bays while end bays are set off by wider spaces corresponding to the location of the two chimneys. The north elevation is identical to the south, except that the eastern chimney was removed.

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On the interior, much of the finishes date from about 1900 when the house was converted to a two-family dwelling. The plan includes a central stairhall with rooms arranged symmetrically on either side; the two units are mirror images. Most finishes on the interior appear to date from the ca. 1900 renovation. Included are seven identical wood mantelpieces.

The ell is believed to be original and was built as a brick structure enclosed by a gable roof (finished with asphalt shingles) with exposed elevations at the north and south. The design is utilitarian, with no notable architectural detailing. It has been altered over the years and most recently, around 1970 much of the exterior had to be rebuilt as a result of damage to the brick. Its south elevation is currently faced with modern bricks and has a modern oriel window at the first floor and two small six-pane windows set just beneath the eaves. The north elevation of the ell is faced with clapboard and contains a secondary entry flanked by two windows at ground level and two six-pane windows set close to the eaves. The entry contains a modern six-panel door (and storm door) and is sheltered by a modern metal hood. Windows flanking the entry appear to have been added (mid-twentieth century). The windows at the upper level match those on the south face of the ell and may be original.

The wagon shed was probably built in 1898 when the barn was constructed and is of wood-frame construction sheathed with clapboard. This simple structure is utilitarian in its design and has no notable architectural detailing. It follows the same gabled roof line as the ell and the roof is also covered with asphalt shingles. At the south elevation, the carriage shed has a doorway and a large vehicle entrance (with no door) set beneath a multi-light transom running along the eave line. Also at this elevation are two six-pane windows (one per floor). Fenestration at the north elevation consists of two six-pane windows flanking a small attached shed.

The wood-frame barn (late nineteenth century) projects above the ell and carriage shed and is sheathed with clapboards. It is enclosed by a broad gable roof (finished with asphalt shingles) from which projects a small cupola. Access to the barn is gained by means of a large opening near the center of the south elevation. The opening contains a door of diagonal flush panels. West of this entry are three very small single-pane windows and east of the entry is a standard 6/6 window. Centered on the south elevation are identical 6/6 windows (one per floor). There are also two of the small single-pane windows at the first level. Fenestration on the north elevation of the barn consists of two 6/6 windows. Much of the east elevation is also exposed as the barn rises above the ell and carriage shed and extends about ten feet further north. At the first level is another large barn entry containing a door identical to the one at the south elevation. Centered on the gable at the second level is a 6/6 window.

The gun shop sits close to the pond and the road and was constructed in four distinct sections, all of which appear to date from the nineteenth century. With the earliest section dating from 1830, it is a rare survivor from the period. The largest and earliest section is a two and one-half story main block at the center of the building. Rising from a brick foundation, this section is sheathed with clapboard

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and enclosed by a gable roof covered with tin. Typical of such utilitarian buildings, this section is trimmed with plain narrow cornerboards and a boxed cornice along the shallow eaves. Window openings on this main block have unmolded casings and contain 8/12 sash in a few locations. At the north elevation is an entry containing a four-panel door while the east elevation has a tongue & groove rolling door (early twentieth century). Intersecting the main block at its northeast corner is a two-story wing with a gable roof (covered with corrugated metal) and vertical board-sheathing. Projecting from the south end of the main block are two shed additions sheathed with vertical-board siding.

Several features associated with the historic mill remain intact as well. These include a fieldstone dam (with an added concrete cap), a 50-foot section of the stone spillway, and the stone head and tail-races. Inside the gun shop a turbine and beveled gearing remain beneath the first floor of the main block.

Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are currently known on the Ethan Allen house or Gun Shop property, it is possible that sites are present. Locational characteristics of the property including the area's close proximity to wetland resources, good soil drainage and level to moderately sloping land surfaces near wetlands indicate favorable conditions for Native American subsistence and settlement activities. The western lot line of the property actually borders Bummet Brook, now dammed as Pratt Pond. The house sits on a slight rise north of the pond and brook. One prehistoric sites has been recorded along the shore of Bummed Brook a short distance north of the Ethan Allen property. These factors combined with the size of the property (less than 1 acre) and historic period landuse of the parcels indicates a moderate to high potential for locating prehistoric resources.

There is a high potential for historic archaeological resources on the house and gun shop property. Structural remains may survive from a barn or other outbuildings which predate the late 19th century barn and wagon shed now extant on the property. Occupational related features (trash pits, privies and wells) are also likely associated with residential use of the house and the varied industrial use of the gun shop. Historic archaeological remains including engineering and construction features are also likely including and around the fieldstone dam, spillway and head and tailraces. A turbine and gearing are still in place beneath the 1st floor of the gun shop.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECTURE \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1833 - 1940 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1833 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Massachusetts Historical Commission \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property less than 1 acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing

   See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

Christine S. Beard, Preservation Consultant, for the Grafton Historic Commission,  
name/title with Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director, MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date August 1995

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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## 8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ethan Allen House and Gun Shop possess integrity of design, materials, setting, workmanship, and association with inventor and gun maker Ethan Allen and the region's early firearms industry. The structures are also architecturally significant as intact examples of building types rare in the town. The house is the only grand brick Greek Revival residence while the gun shop is a remarkable survivor of 1830s vernacular industrial architecture. The period of significance for the property is from 1833 to 1940 to include the year Ethan Allen first purchased the property through to the period the shop was last used for commercial purposes.

Ethan Allen (not to be confused with the Ethan Allen who captured Fort Ticonderoga) was born in 1806 in Bellingham, Massachusetts. As a young man, he apprenticed in a machine shop in the town of Franklin and later, it is believed, in a Milford cutlery and shoe knife shop. Allen may also have worked for gunsmiths, Barton and Benjamin Darling in Milford. In 1831 Allen married and moved to Grafton where he went into business making cutlery. It seems he first rented space in a mill on the Quinsigamond River in North Grafton. In 1833 Allen and his father, Nathaniel Allen of Medway, Massachusetts, purchased 126 acres of land on Waterville Street, formerly the farm of Moses Adams. Deed records are somewhat confusing as portions of the parcel were sold separately, but it seems that Ethan bought out his father's share in the property in 1837. That same year Allen formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Charles Thurber, under the name Allen & Thurber. It appears that Thurber's contribution was largely financial. The new company began producing hand-made guns at the shop on Waterville Street (known then as Westborough Road). Varying dates have been given for construction of the shop, but 1833 is most commonly noted. Regardless, it was the first shop in which Allen produced his guns. It is believed that Allen was responsible for damming the Bummit Brook (formerly the Little Quinsigamond), to create the pond behind the shop. The shop operated in Grafton from 1837 until 1842 during which time Allen was responsible for several innovations in the firearm industry and the production of high quality guns.

During the six years of operation in Grafton, the shop produced three types of guns: single shot pistols, pepperbox pistols, and a single shot rifle. Within these three categories, numerous variations were produced and the Allen & Thurber shop became known for their fine craftsmanship and innovative gun technology. For example, the pocket rifles were among the very first underhammer pistols produced in the United States and today "represent an important historical as well as a highly desirable collectors item." (Mouillesseaux) Allen is probably most well-known for his invention of the pepperbox, a double-action or self-cocking revolver, first made in Grafton. An advertisement from ca. 1840 explains that the "barrel revolves and discharges, merely by pulling the trigger; not requiring to be cocked as the common pistol, they can be fired the moment they are taken from the pocket with one hand only." (Mouillesseaux) It is considered by many the most important gun produced in America in the first half of the nineteenth century. As the only multi-shot weapon available on the civilian market, it has been called the "pistol that preserved the pioneers" for its use during westward

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expansion in the mid-nineteenth century. (Mouillesseaux) It has been estimated that at least fifty slightly different types of pepperboxes were made by Allen's company during the period from 1837, when Allen began manufacturing them, to 1865 when they were dropped from the Allen line.

Allen & Thurber continued producing guns in Grafton until 1842 when they moved to a new facility in Norwich, Connecticut. Several reasons have been given for the move, including a shortage of water power in dry seasons, a lack of skilled craftsman, and the need to reach a larger market. The short time Allen's guns were produced in Grafton make them scarce and valuable when found by today's collectors. Allen's innovations continued after he left Grafton. He developed double-barrel and breach-loading shotguns, and invented a machine for production of metallic cartridges, a form of ammunition Allen himself was among the first to produce.

The company remained in Norwich only five years before moving to Union Street in Worcester in 1847, by which time they were known as Allen, Thurber & Company. After 1856 Allen reorganized the company in partnership with another brother-in-law, Thomas P. Wheelock and operated under the name Allen & Wheelock. He eventually produced guns under the company name E. Allen & Company. Following Allen's death in 1871, the company continued under the leadership of Allen's sons-in-law, Sullivan Forehand and H.C. Wadsworth, using the name Forehand & Wadsworth. For a time, Forehand ran the business alone and in 1898 he sold the company to the Hopkins & Allen Company of Norwich, Connecticut.

At some point between 1833 and about 1835 Allen built the adjacent house which is also being nominated. Ethan Allen and his wife, Mary, did not occupy the house for long, as she was dissatisfied with its remote location and therefore they moved closer to the center of North Grafton's New England Village in 1838. Allen then sold the house on an 8 x 10 parcel of land (slightly less land than the existing lot) to John Smith. By 1855 the house and gun shop were owned by O.C. Crane who operated a machine shop and possibly a grist mill in the old gun shop. Alvin and E.N. Foote owned the property by the 1860s. Here they operated a grist mill and made tortoise-shell combs in the shop. From the 1890s through the turn of the century, Ebenezer and George Huckins owned the property and operated a grist mill and cider mill here. It appears that the Huckins' were responsible for construction of the front addition to the shop for storage of grain and for converting the house to a two-family dwelling. From about 1906 through the mid-twentieth century the shop and house were owned by the Pratt family and brothers Burt and Clarence Pratt ran a coal and grain business in the shop which they used for storage and office space. In 1962 the old gun shop was purchased by the current owner, Mitchell Sthika, who has used it for storage. The house is currently owned and occupied by the Aussenheimers who purchased it in 1968 from the Pratts.

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MassachusettsSection number 8 Page 3Archaeological Significance

since patterns of prehistoric settlement in Grafton are poorly understood, any surviving sites would be significant. Prehistoric sites in this area can contribute to a better understanding of Native subsistence and settlement patterns along the eastern border of the Central Massachusetts uplands and the relationship of those sites to sites in the coastal lowlands. Sites in the area can also be used to test hypotheses relating to prehistoric settlement and subsistence in different but neighboring riverine drainages. The nominated property lies within interior portions of the Blackstone River system along Bummet Brook of the Quinsigamond River drainage near its border with the Assabet/Concord/Merrimack River drainage to the northeast. Sites in this area may have similarities to sites in either drainage system, represent similarities with both drainages or, represent an interior adaptation independent of either drainage.

Historic archaeological remains described above have the potential to provide detailed information on the life of Ethan Allen and birth of the region's early firearms industry. Information should also be present which follows the evolution of this industrial site and associated residence from its firearms beginnings through stages as a machine shop, gristmill comb shop, cidermill, coal and grain business and storage facility. Structural remains of outbuildings which pre-date the late 19th Century can provide valuable data pertaining to landuse during the property's period of significance. These structures could provide information on such topics as the importance and types of transportation used in the Allen household and business. A detailed analysis of occupational related features on the property might provide information on the short lived Allen residence and subsequent inhabitants of the house. An analysis of occupational related features associated with industrial use of the property could provide details of the technologies employed in the various industrial uses of the shop locale. In particular, refuse areas associated with firearm production could provide detailed information on several of the innovations in the firearm industry developed at the shop. Information may be present which details the technologies used in early gun manufacture. Information may also be present which could document the period of construction and possible association with Ethan allen of the dam and related water works. Artifacts, engineering features and construction materials may be present which would indicate how and when these facilities were developed and this<sup>is</sup> relationship to the firearm production process.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Boundary Description

The nominated properties occupy Grafton town parcels 19-70 and 19-71 and include roughly 30,500 square feet. Exact boundaries are delineated on an attached map.

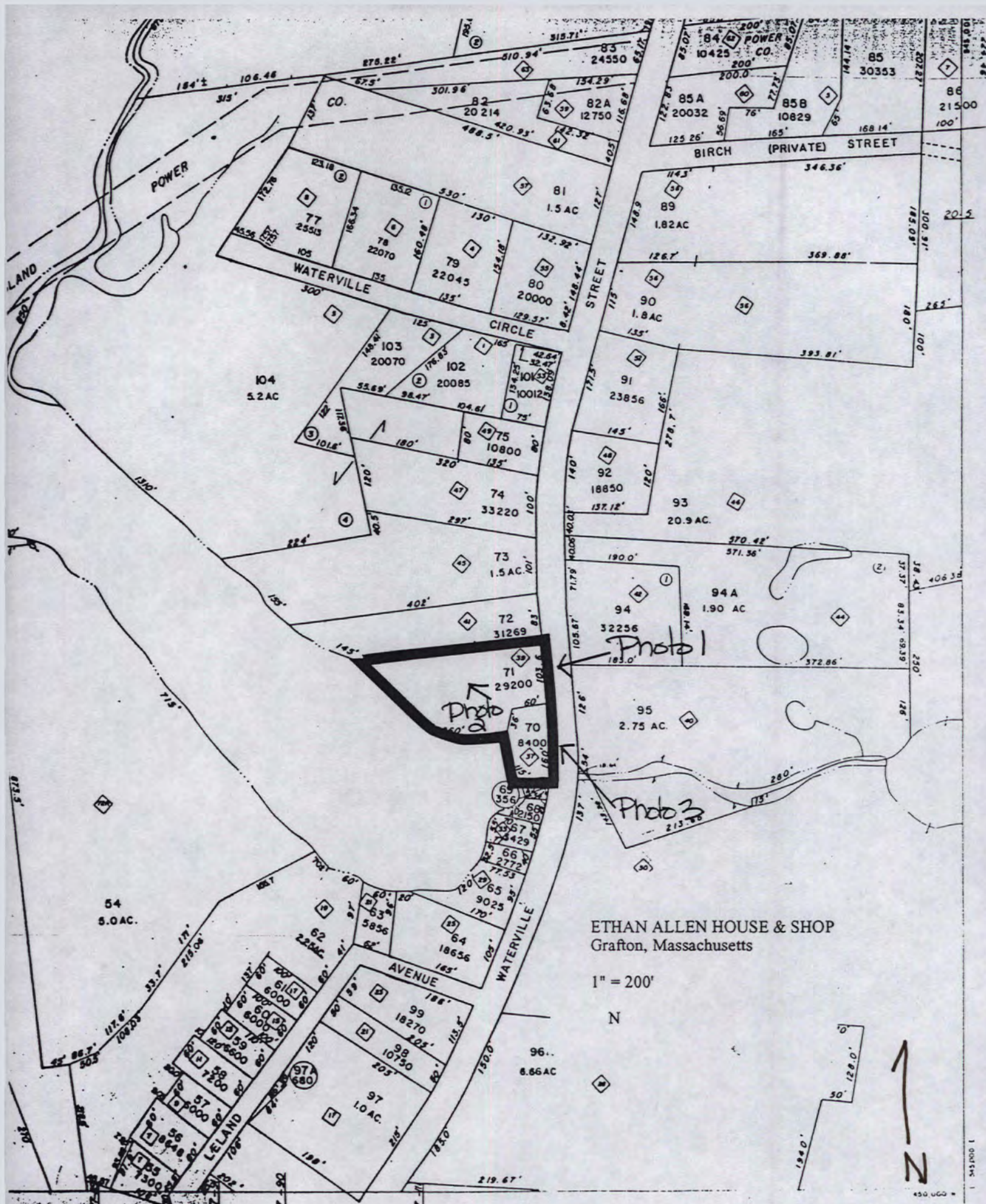
Boundary Justification

The boundaries include the two lots which contain the house and shop that were historically associated with gunmaker Ethan Allen. Surrounding parcels, some of which were part of the original Allen landholding, have been excluded because they have been subdivided and developed with later residences.

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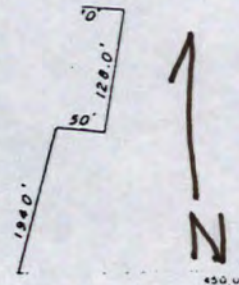




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Grafton, Massachusetts

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Allen, Ethan, House and Gun Shop

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 9/15/95      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/26/95  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/12/95      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/30/95  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95001167

NOMINATOR: STATE

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COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT       RETURN       REJECT      10/12/95 DATE

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Ethan Allen House  
Ethan Allen House & Gun Shop nomination  
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View west at facade.

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Ethan Allen House

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View north of south elevation.

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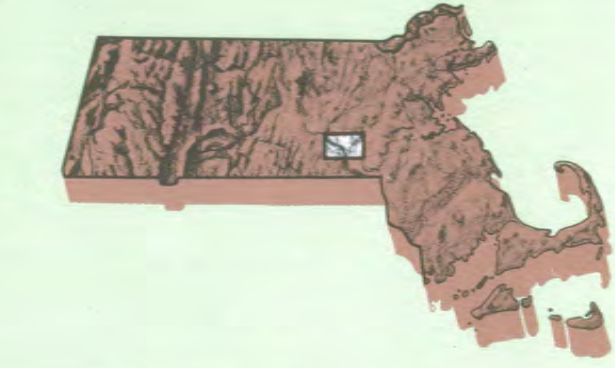
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View NW at east elevation.

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# Milford

MASSACHUSETTS  
1:25 000-scale metric  
topographic map



### 7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1982

Produced by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Works  
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1980. Field checked 1981. Map edited 1982  
Supersedes Milford and Grafton 1:25,000-scale maps dated 1968 and 1969

Projection and 1000-meter grid, zone 19; Universal Transverse Mercator  
10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, maintained since 1927 North American Datum  
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 6 meters south and 40 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks  
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER  
OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM		ADJOINING MAPS		
Meters	Feet	MAGNETIC		1	2	3
1	3.2808	↓		1	2	3
2	6.5617	↓		4	5	
3	9.8425	↓		6	7	8
4	13.1234	↓				
5	16.4042	↓				
6	19.6850	↓				
7	22.9659	↓				
8	26.2467	↓				
9	29.5276	↓				
10	32.8084	↓				

To convert meters to feet multiply by 3.2808  
To convert feet to meters multiply by 0.3048

UTM grid convergence (GN and 1983 magnetic declination) (M) at center of map Diagram is approximate

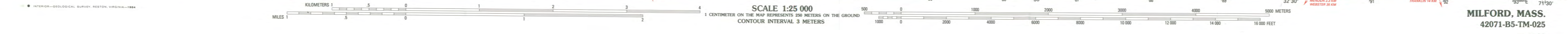
1 Worcester North  
2 Marlborough  
3 Framingham  
4 Worcester South  
5 Milford  
6 Uxbridge  
7 Franklin

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### Topographic Map Symbols

Primary highway, hard surface	—
Secondary highway, hard surface	—
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface	—
Unimproved road, trail	—
Route marker: Interstate, U. S., State	—
Railroad: standard gage; narrow gage	—
Bridge: drawbridge	—
Footbridge; overpass; underpass	—
Build-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown	—
House; barn; church; school; large structure	—
Boundary:	
National, with monument	—
State	—
County, parish	—
Civil township, precinct, district	—
Incorporated city, village, town	—
National or State reservation; small park	—
Land grant with monument; bond section corner	—
U. S. public lands survey: range, township, section	—
Range, township, section line: location approximate	—
Fence or field line	—
Power transmission line, isolated tower	—
Dam; dam with lock	—
Cemetery; grave	—
Campground; picnic area; U. S. location monument	—
Windmill; water well; reservoir; bond section corner	—
Mine shaft; prospect; adit or cave	—
Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation	—
Contours: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression	—
Distorted surface: erio; mica; lava; sand	—
Bathymetric contours: index; intermediate	—
Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream	—
Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small	—
Salinized marsh; marsh; swamp	—
Land subject to controlled inundation; woodflood	—
Scrub; mangrove	—
Orchard; vineyard	—

A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request



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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

August 28, 1995

Ms. Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 37127  
Washington, D. C. 20013-7127



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Ethan Allen House and Gun Shop, 37 Waterville Street, Grafton (Worcester County), Massachusetts, 01519

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Because the city of Grafton is a participant in the Certified Local Government program, the owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 60-120 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure

cc: Mildred Bean, Chairperson, Grafton Historical Commission  
Ms. Megan T. Diprete, Town Planner, Town of Grafton  
Raymond E. Mead, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Grafton