

**United States Department of the Interior  
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 Memorial Hall

and/or common Memorial Hall

**2. Location**

street & number 22 South Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Foxboro

N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Massachusetts

code 025

county Norfolk

code 021

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Town of Foxboro, Historical Commission

street & number Memorial Hall, 22 South Street

city, town Foxboro

N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds

street & number High Street

city, town Dedham

state Massachusetts

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Inventory of the Historic Assets  
title of the Commonwealth #186

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1981

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston

state MA

## 7. Description

Memorial Hall, Foxboro, MA

Condition  
 excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

Check one  
 unaltered  
 altered

Check one  
 original site  
 moved date N/A

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Memorial Hall is a small commemorative building standing opposite the Town Common in Foxboro Center. Located at a busy downtown intersection, the flat half-acre lot also contains an early burial ground. A low granite curb encloses the property on three sides; large maple, chestnut, and linden trees also frame the building.

Built in 1868, this High Victorian Gothic structure is one and one-half stories high, built of random coursed, granite rubble. Its octagonal plan is formed by a cruciform core with a pyramidal roof and, at the interstices, four gabled wings. Articulating the elevations are cut granite string courses, coping, and architraves. The complex roof is covered with slate shingles, crowned by a low octagonal cupola (with octagonal windows), on which stands a 10-foot wooden statue of a Union soldier. A pair of stone buttresses defines each corner of the building.

Each of the 8 sides of the building (excepting the southwest and southeast) contains a single equilateral arched window with a banded architrave and trefoil glazing. The gable fields in the north and south wings each contain a small triangular window, while those in the east and west wings have a round window. Low, pitch roofed additions made c. 1875 filled in the southwest and southeast corners, repeating the materials and design of the original structure. The original windows on those walls were re-used one story above to create gabled dormers.

The building is entered from its north side, where granite steps lead up to a shallow gabled frontpiece. An equilateral arch opening with banded architrave frames double chestnut doors, all surmounted by an inset tablet commemorating the year of construction.

Large stained glass windows, located on all eight sides of the structure, distinguish the interior of Memorial Hall. The most prominent of these is entitled "Liberty", placed on the southern elevation where it immediately confronts visitors. A dome encloses the central hall, illuminated by a stained glass window at the top and the eight octagonal lights in the cupola. Windows and doors are all framed in chestnut, which was also used to panel the central room. Two small rooms off the main hall occupy the 1875 additions in the southwest and southeast corners of the building.

Alterations to the original building have been minimal and generally reinforce its integrity. These include addition of the c.1875 alcoves, removal of original wrought iron cresting (probably during roof repairs made in 1920), and a 1962 replication of the original wooden statue, which had deteriorated beyond the point of repair.

In addition to Memorial Hall, the property also contains a one-story wood frame building which was erected in 1979 as a storage shed; 30 by 60 feet large, it is located 80 feet from the Hall near the southern property line and is not considered to be a contributing structure. Approximately three dozen simple gravestones dating from the late 18th through middle 19th centuries occupy the eastern and southern sides of the property.

## 8. Significance

Memorial Hall, Foxboro, MA

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input 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** 1868 **Builder/Architect** J. Stevens

### Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

Memorial Hall is significant as a civic tribute to the Civil War, for its functions as a library and museum, and as a distinctive example of High Victorian architecture in Foxboro. The property meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places, retaining integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location and setting.

Memorial Hall was erected in 1868 as a "suitable monument" to the Union soldiers who died in the Civil War, as well as to all citizens who had served and contributed in some way to the preservation of the Union. Nehemiah Carpenter donated to the town the land for the structure, and E.P Carpenter, owner of the prominent Union Straw Works, chaired the committee which oversaw construction. This committee envisioned not only a marker but also a functional building. Thus while the hall originally displayed the names of the war dead, memorabilia from the Civil War, and other objects relating to town history (operated by veterans from the GAR), the committee also suggested that at some future time it be used as the town library.

In 1872, one thousand books were donated to the town and housed in Memorial Hall, which served in fact as the town library until 1968. Since then, the building has been operated by the Foxboro Historical Commission, reverting to its original use as the town museum.

Memorial Hall was erected at the height of Foxboro's industrial prosperity in the late 19th century. Local wealth and pride are reflected in the employment of regionally known talent in the design and execution of the building. The architect was J. Stevens, most likely John Stevens of Boston, who was a popular designer of civic structures in this period; the stone cutter was a Mr. A. K. Lilley of Providence; the soldier was carved by L.F. Pratt; interior decoration was by a Mr. Brarier of Boston; and the carpentry was by Abner Fales of Foxboro.

The central location of Memorial Hall emphasizes its exceptionally fine Gothic Revival design. In a town with little high style architecture, particularly in non-residential buildings, Memorial Hall is a special demonstration of the cultural values and historical development of Foxboro. Its excellent preservation is further evidence of the importance town citizens afford to local history.

The cemetery on the property was a family burial ground. The earliest grave is that of Elizabeth Carpenter, dated 1773, and the latest death was Abiathar and Lucretia Robinson, 1853; several graves were moved when Memorial Hall was built. No artifacts have ever been found on this property.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Authalet, Jack. Glimpses of Early Foxboro. Foxboro, MA: The Foxboro Co., 1978.  
Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. This Was Foxboro. Foxboro, MA: Rea Craft Press Inc. 1966.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property 25,300 Square Feet

Quadrangle name Wrentham, MA

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

### UMT References

A 

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B 

Zone		Easting				Northing					

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing					

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing					

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing					

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing					

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing					

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing					

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached sketch map.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner with Mary Elizabeth Pyne, consultant

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date 12/31/82

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA 02108

## 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 Peter L. Westwood

State Historic Preservation Officer title Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 3/16/83

### For NPS use only

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

for Allous Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 4/21/83

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Memorial Hall  
Norfolk County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 22 1989  
Fed. Reg. Date: 3-7-84  
Date Due: 4/21/83 - 5/6/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 4/21/83  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

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

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USIT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



OUTH  
140  
↑  
MANSFIELD 4  
TAUNTON 16

Memorial Hall  
South St.  
Foxboro, Mass  
Northwest view  
Betsy Pyne June 1982  
Negative at Mem. Hall

FOXBORO, MASS.  
Memorial Hall

View of northwest elevation  
Photography by Mary Elizabeth Pyne, 1982  
Negative at Memorial Hall

Photo 1 of 1

71° 22' 30" W  
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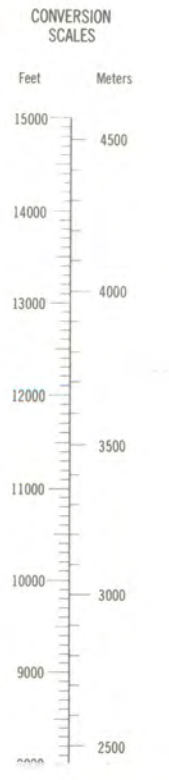
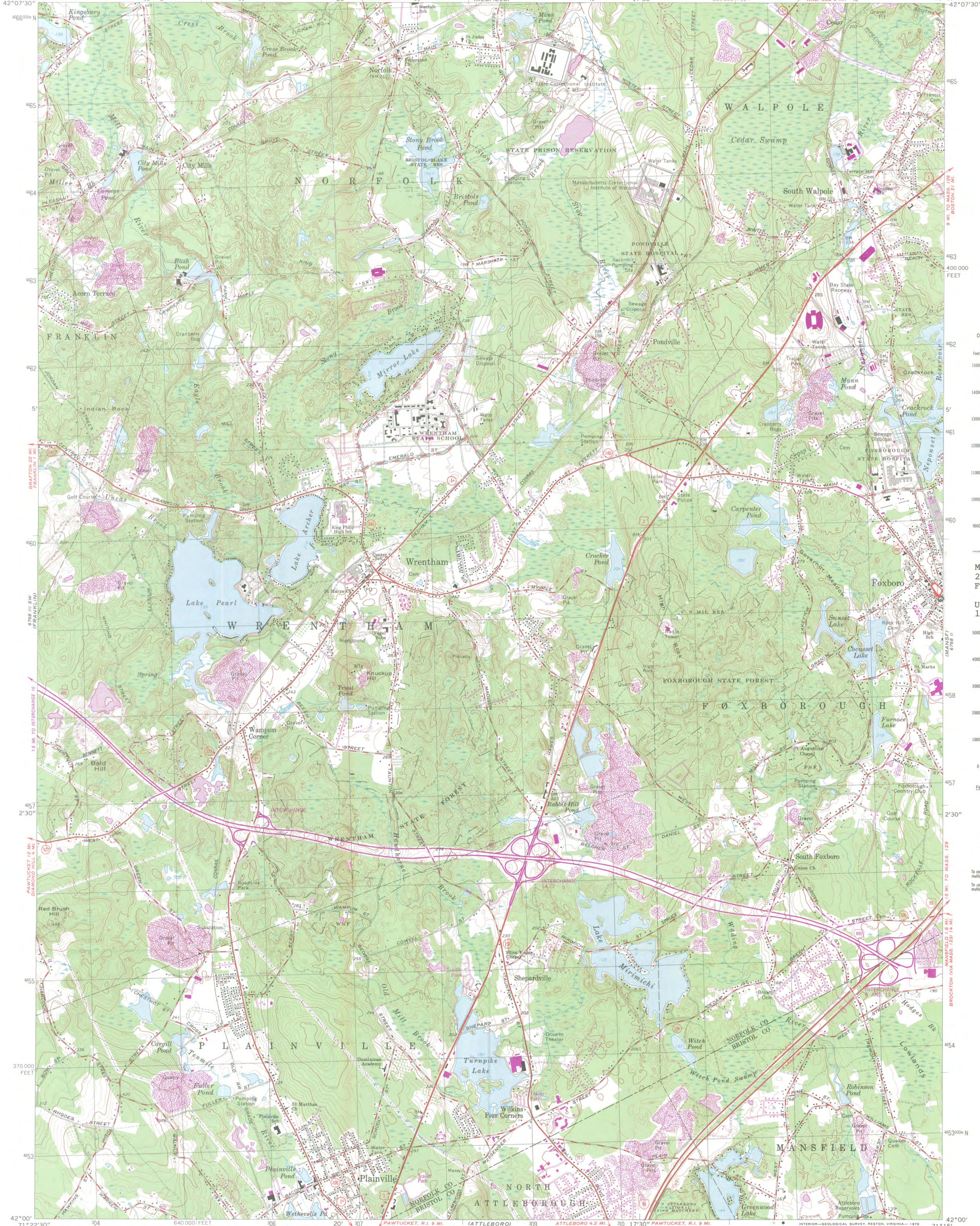
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WRENTHAM QUADRANGLE  
MASSACHUSETTS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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Memorial Hall  
22 South Street  
Foxboro, MA

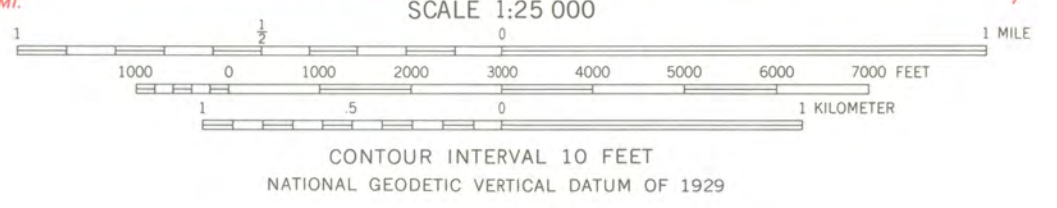
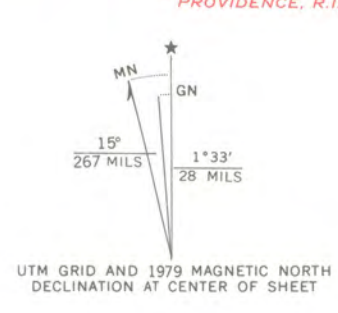
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9	2.7432
10	3.0480

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

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by planetable surveys 1938. Revised 1964  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,  
zone 19  
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of  
the National or State reservations shown on this map

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of  
Massachusetts agencies from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other  
source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



WRENTHAM, MASS.  
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1964  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

October 30, 2008

Mr. J. Paul Loether  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1201 Eye Street, NW 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Medway Village HD, Medway (Norfolk Co.), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the properties in the district were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 45 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Rob Pomponio, Medway Historical Commission  
Glen Trindale, Medway Board of Selectmen  
Laura Kline, Claire Dempsey, consultants  
Susan Affleck-Childs, Medway Planning Board