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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Ware Town Hall

and or common Same

2. Location

street & number Main and West Streets N/A not for publication

city, town Ware N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts code 025 county Hampshire code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Ware

street & number Town Hall

city, town Ware N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hampshire County Courthouse

street & number King Street

city, town Northampton state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets of
title the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 Inv. #14 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

Ware Town Hall, Ware, Massachusetts

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered
as noted

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on the southeast corner of Main and West Streets, on one of Ware Village's two main intersections, the Ware Town Hall is a square-towered red brick and stone Romanesque Revival structure originally constructed in 1885-1886. A secondary entrance and stair tower added on the west side in 1904 were designed by the same architectural firm as the original structure, and are closely compatible with it. A 1935 fire burned out the rear of the building, which was rebuilt with a rear addition, again in a closely compatible style.

The plan of the building is an elaborate rectangle dominated by the tall, steeply roofed square tower at the right front. The main block of the building is capped by a steep hip-and-ridge roof; it is 1 1/2 stories tall on the front elevation, with the basement level fully exposed at the rear of the sloping lot. Originally the building extended only as far as the right side bow bay; in the 1935 rebuilding the structure was extended by approximately 40 feet. Part of the addition is contained under an extension of the original roof, and part - a shallow two-story section - under a flat roof with a metal balcony.

The red brick structural fabric is richly ornamented with reddish sandstone and decorative brick. The Romanesque Revival style betrays a strong Richardsonian influence in the low-arched doorways and in the rugged treatment of the surface. The fenestration is dominated by tall, broad, round-arched multi-light windows which penetrate the side elevations and light the main floor auditorium. Rectangular windows also occur, particularly on the basement office level. Stone window hoods, sills, and other elements of trim are rock-faced and deeply-outset. Panels of unglazed stretcher bricks, tripled and laid up in checkerboard fashion below the windows and above the main entrance are other significant details, along with eyebrow roof dormers and copper cupola roof fittings replaced in 1935.

The elaborations to the basic rectangularity of the plan include the following elements, with dates indicated.

- a) Left front: one story semi-circular bay with half-conical roof; fenestrated but opened as an entrance early in this century. A 1913 photograph of the building shows the bay in its present form, so it may have been an undocumented part of the 1904 alterations.
- b) Center front: recessed main entrance; two pairs of double doors behind a low Richardsonian arch, with original woodwork, multi-light transoms, and early light fixtures; entrance is surmounted by decorative brick panel and a steep parapeted gable with triple windows and stone trim.

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- e) right side center: outset entrance and porte cochere, adjoining one-story bow bay (originally two-story; upper story lost in 1935 fire).
- f) Right side rear: shallow outset Police department entrance and one-story square outset bay surmounted by metal balcony, on 1935 addition.

The interior of the Town Hall is dominated by a large open hall on the main floor. The hall was largely gutted by fire in 1935, and except from some surviving woodwork in the rear, the interior dates from the rebuilding carried out in that year. The hall is lighted by the large round-arched windows noted above, four on the east side and three on the west. Seating capacity was reported in 1886 to be 767, including 219 in the north end gallery; space for an additional 200 persons was added when the building was enlarged in 1935. A deep stage and dressing rooms are at the south end of the hall. Woodwork includes beamed ceilings, beaded wainscoting, and a smoothly finished double proscenium arch surmounted by a bas-relief town seal. The hall is equipped with double wooden folding chairs.

The basement level of the building, which contains town offices and a courtroom, has undergone substantial alteration and possesses little historic integrity.

8. Significance

Ware Town Hall, Ware, Massachusetts

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
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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 checked="" 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"/> 1900-35	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1885-6, 1904-08, 1935 **Builder/Architect** 1885, Hartwell & Richardson, 1904, Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, 1935, T. E. Madigan; H.P. Cummings Co. Construction.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ware Town Hall is architecturally and historically significant as an excellent local example of the town hall form, with its hierarchy of public meeting space and administrative offices, handsomely rendered in the late 19th century Romanesque Revival style. Built in 1885-1886 from plans by the Boston firm of Hartwell & Richardson, the red brick and sandstone building received a highly compatible addition designed by the same firm in 1904 and a sensitive rear extension designed after 1935 by a local architect Thomas E. Madigan. As the exterior and the main hall maintain very good integrity of material and design, the Town Hall is able to express with considerable effectiveness not only the aesthetic values of the late, Richardson-influenced Romanesque style, but also the persistent importance of participatory local government in New England town life. For these reasons the Ware Town Hall is nominated to the National Register on the basis of criterion C, as it embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; and criterion A, as it is associated with events significant to the local past.

In 18th century Ware, the town meetings that governed local affairs were held in the First Congregational Meetinghouse at Ware Center. This community, several miles west of the modern population center, grew up around the 1750 church; it was the geographical, political, and population center of the town through the early 19th century. However, when large-scale manufacturing replaced the former small mills at the falls of the Ware River in the 1820s the town embarked on a period of growth which continued through the rest of the century. By 1850, the social and economic centrality of Ware Center was completely eclipsed. The first institutional evidence of this shift was the construction of the East Congregational Church in the Factory Village in 1826. In 1847, the first town hall was built in the village, on the site of the present structure.

In 1867, the first town hall was destroyed by fire, and until 1886, when the second was put into service, town meetings were held at Music Hall on Bank Street in the village. In 1885, the Boston architectural partnership of H.W. Hartwell and William C. Richardson, noted for their public buildings throughout Massachusetts, was engaged to design a new hall. H.P. Cummings Construction Company, a local building concern with a regional reputation, carried out the \$40,000 project; they were also the contractor for subsequent additions.

These additions were spurred by necessity. The elaborate right side entrances and stairtower, added in 1904, were a direct response to a requirement by the Commonwealth that a hall used for theatrical productions contain more exits

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than were provided in the original plan. Similarly, the 1935 rear addition, though discussed as early as 1931, was built as part of a \$150,000 rebuilding project forced upon the Town by a fire in 1935. However, both projects were planned to insure a high degree of compatibility with the original structure. The integrity of the whole can be described as very good, particularly in the local context; Ware's Main street has undergone considerable alteration, and the Town Hall, together with the roughly contemporary public library a block and a half east, makes an exceptional contribution to the historic streetscape of the village.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Attached Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Ware

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A 18 725410 4622120
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

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H

Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property includes the Ware Town Hall and the Town Lot on which it stands, on the southeast corner of Main and West Streets in Ware, Massachusetts.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Patricia Wright

organization Historic Preservation Consultant to Ware date November, 1985
Historical Commission

street & number 16 Arnold Avenue 1-R telephone

city or town Northampton 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 Valerie A Talmage

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date Dec, 13, 1985
State Historic Preservation Officer

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ware Town Hall
Hampshire County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. APR 9 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 5/8/86 - 5/24/86

Action: RETURN 5/8/86

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

<p>Condition</p> <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair	<p>Ownership</p> <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<p>Check one</p> <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered	<p>Check one</p> <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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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

Wash. State
Historical Society
1980

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

X Verbal boundary description and justification
own hall.

Please provide ^{to} that member a for

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 *A. Byer* Date *5/8/86* Phone: _____

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date 1983 Inv. #14 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

Ware Town Hall, Ware, Massachusetts

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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The elaborations to the basic rectangularity of the plan include the following elements, with dates indicated.

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In 18th century Ware, the town meetings that governed local affairs were held in the First Congregational Meetinghouse at Ware Center. This community, several miles west of the modern population center, grew up around the 1750 church; it was the geographical, political, and population center of the town through the early 19th century. However, when large-scale manufacturing replaced the former small mills at the falls of the Ware River in the 1820s the town embarked on a period of growth which continued through the rest of the century. By 1850, the social and economic centrality of Ware Center was completely eclipsed. The first institutional evidence of this shift was the construction of the East Congregational Church in the Factory Village in 1826. In 1847, the first town hall was built in the village, on the site of the present structure.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See Attached Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Ware

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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 The nominated property includes the Ware Town Hall and the Town Lot on which it stands, on the southeast corner of Main and West Streets in Ware, Massachusetts. The lot is Map 60, Lot 143.

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Patricia Wright

organization Historic Preservation Consultant to Ware
Historical Commission

date November, 1985

street & number 16 Arnold Avenue 1-R

telephone

city or town Northampton

state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Valerie A Talmage

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission
State Historic Preservation Officer

date Dec. 13, 1985

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

Entered in 
National Register

date 6/26/86

for *Deloris Byer*
Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration

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Scrapbook of Ware items in Springfield Newspapers, Collection of YMLA, Ware, Massachusetts; news items 1/7/35, 1/24/35, 1/29/35, 2/8/35 (ill.), 2/18/35, 6/7/35, 7/26/35, 10/15/35, 12/27/35, 4/5/36, 6/5/36.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ware Town Hall
Hampshire County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/9/86
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/13/87
Date Due: 8/1/86
Action: ACCEPT 6-26-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

*Entered in the
National Register*

- 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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

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National Register

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: _____



EAST NORTH
19 32
W. BODSFIELD 7
BARRE 11

SOUTH
-32
PALMER
MONSO

Name: Ware Town Hall

Location: SE corner Main and West streets,
Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts

Photograph by: Patricia Wright

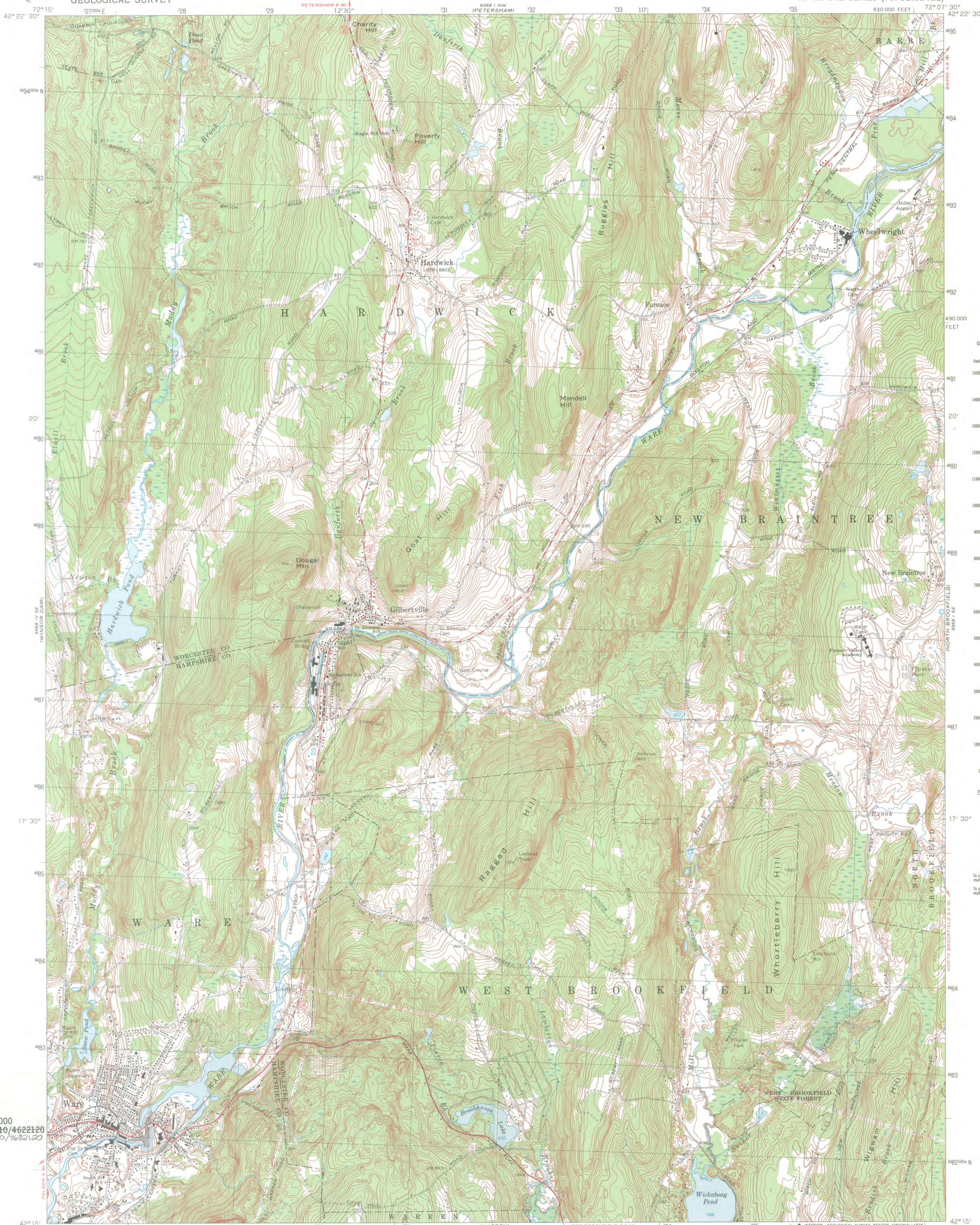
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Location of Negative: Collection of Ware
Historical Commission, Ware, Massachusetts

Description: view from northwest

Photograph #1 of 1

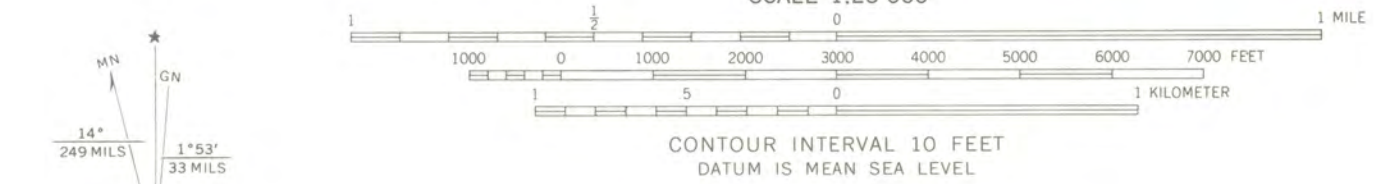
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Ware Town Hall
Main Street
Ware, Massachusetts

Ware Quadrangle 1:25,000
UTM Reference: 18/725410/4622120

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Topography by plane-table surveys 1943-44. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1969
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 18



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, Light-duty road, all weather, hard surface, improved surface

Secondary highway, all weather, Unimproved road, fair or dry hard surface, weather

State Route

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject to controlled inundation

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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Executive Director

State Historic Preservation Officer

March 31, 1986

Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of Interior, National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20012-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Ware, Church Street Historic District, Church Street between Park Avenue and Highland Street, 73 properties.

Ware, Ware Center Historic District, Route 9 east and west of Greenwich Plains Road, 20 properties.

Ware, Ware-Hardwick Covered Bridge, Old Gilbertville Road/Bridge Street.

Ware, Ware Millyard Historic District, Roughly bounded by South Street, Ware River, Upper Dam Complex, Park Street, Otis Avenue and Church Street, 54 properties.

✓ Ware, Ware Town Hall, Main and West Streets.

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Sarah Zimmerman

Sarah J. Zimmerman
Director, Preservation Planning
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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June 2, 1986

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

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Ware, WARE TOWN HALL, Main and West Streets

This form is being resubmitted; the technical error has been corrected.

This has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Zimmerman".

Sarah Zimmerman
Director, Preservation Planning
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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JUN 17 1986