

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts

COUNTY: Middlesex

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE: JUL 23 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: The Hoar Tavern

AND/OR HISTORIC: Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2, originally the Cambridge Turnpike

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

COUNTY: Middlesex

CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Ethore P. and Mary E. Venier

STREET AND NUMBER: Cambridge Turnpike (now Route 2)

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds (Southern District)

STREET AND NUMBER: Cambridge and Third Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary

STREET AND NUMBER: State House

CITY OR TOWN: Boston

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

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7. DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

CONDITION

☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hoar Tavern property consists of approximately two acres with a house and outbuildings and is situated on the old Cambridge Turnpike, now a part of Route 2. The buildings are located near the south or Turnpike side of the property and include a house and ell connected to a large barn with a separate outbuilding to the east of the barn.

The house and the barn are the earliest buildings, with much of the original fabric dating from the first quarter of the eighteenth century; subsequent additions date from the nineteenth century and from a 1913 remodelling. All buildings are sheathed in clapboard with the exception of the north and north-west sides of the barn, which are wooden shingled. The two and one half story house is typical of New England vernacular architecture with its five bay, central entrance facade, gable roof, and large central chimney. Though simple, the facade evidences a Greek Revival remodelling in its wide fascia board cornice and flush board window frames. In the mid-nineteenth century an open porch was applied to the front and east side of the house, paired front doors took the place of the original single door front entry, and 2x2 sashes were substituted for earlier ones. The appearance of the house changed again in 1913 when the porch was removed and replaced by a simple covered entry, which incorporated two of the pierced pilaster supports from the former porch. Also at this time the ell was remodelled; its roof was raised and dormer windows were added, and a neo-colonial blind arcade was created across its east elevation. At a later time the chimney was rebuilt and the windows received more appropriate 6 over 6 sashes.

Many original features of the interior are intact and in excellent condition. They include exposed corner posts and ceiling beams of white oak; eighteenth century raised panelling in the two front rooms on the main floor, and similar vintage woodwork including doors and mantelpieces throughout the house.

Of the outbuildings, the barn alone is notable for its size and massive beamed construction. In many cases the floor joists measure over 18"sq. and much of the flooring is supported on rough quarried granite piers. There is an addition to the barn dating from the early nineteenth century. There is also another outbuilding dating from the early twentieth century and replacing an earlier structure.

The grounds comprise about two acres of landscaped lawns and plantings near the house.



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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) 1680-1700, 1775, 1913

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

~~American Revolution~~☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☒ Conservation☐ Music☒ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hoar Tavern was a well known local tavern in Revolutionary times, and was for almost two hundred years the home of one of Lincoln's most distinguished families. Possibly built, in part, as early as the 1680's, the house and its adjoining property were originally included in the town of Concord. Between 1713 and 1754 it was part of Lexington, and at the latter date it became part of the newly incorporated town of Lincoln.

John Hoar, the son of the original owner, Daniel Hoar, inherited the property in 1734. He fought in the French and Indian War and was a selectman of both Lexington and Lincoln. Sometime before the Revolution, John operated a tavern on the property, and it served men returning from the Concord Bridge skirmish of April 19, 1775. John and his son, Samuel, were among the men of the Lincoln Militia Company when they made their historic stand at the bridge. John was also a signer of the deposition to England relating the events of the day, and which reached London before the official news came from the British commander. Lt. Samuel Hoar continued the family's interest in town affairs, serving as town moderator and drawing the "Plan of Lincoln". His son, Samuel Jr., was a renowned lawyer and U. S. Congressman and grandfather of U. S. Senator, George "Frisbee" Hoar. Leonard Hoar, another son of John, was one of the original incorporators of the Cambridge and Concord Turnpike Association in 1803. The turnpike, completed in 1807, passed in front of the tavern on its route from the West Boston Bridge to Old Lexington Road in Concord, and one of the two toll stations was located near the Hoar's public house. Today the old turnpike is incorporated into Route 2.

Leonard's son, Joseph, was the last of the family to operate the tavern. His heirs sold the property in 1869. Present plans for the property call for public acquisition by the town of Lincoln, and the restoration and operation of the Tavern by the Rural Land Foundation. It is intended that the register property and the adjacent acreage to the west become part of a conservation reserve offering recreational facilities and extending to the National Park and Walden Pond.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hoar, George F., Autobiography of Seventy Years, Vols. 1 and 2, Scribner's, New York, 1903.

Wheeler, Ruth M., Climate for Freedom, Concord Antiquarian Society, Printing and Publishing Production Assc., Yarmouthport, Mass.

Wood, Frederic J., The Turnpikes of New England, Marshall Jones Co., Boston, 1919, pp. 119-123. Includes old photo. of tavern (facing p. 119).

Also see—Town records of Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln and the Lincoln Town Library, historical records.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0	42	26	07.5
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0	71	16	38.5
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0			
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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:
Alexander Cassie, consultant for Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Dir.

ORGANIZATION
Massachusetts Historical Commission (617) 727-8470

DATE
June 19, 1973

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, Chairman of the Mass. Title

Historical Commission

Date July 3, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/23/73

ATTEST:

for
Keeper of The National Register
Date 7/19/73

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY

Hoar Tavern

STATE

Mass.

WORKING NUMBER

7-10-73-3278

TECH REVIEW

Photos

2

Maps

2

Middlesex

CONTROL REVIEW

cm
7-10-
73

HISTORIAN

could have done much better with #8
but nice property
called & notified Ann Smith DOT

OK
Accept
SMC
7/10/73
Accept
7-13-73
C. Shull

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
KHC
7/10/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

OK
7/19/73

KEEPER

for Mustang
9/19/73

National Register write-up

Send-back

Federal Register entry

9-4-73

Re-submit

Entered

JUL 23 1973



Hose-Tavern - Lincoln, Mass.

View 1, 2 & 3

01-95-27

View of FACADE or So. front of Bldg.

NPS Number 7/23/73

Title: Hose Tavern

Loc. Middlesex, Mass.

main or south front

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RUTH WILLIAMS

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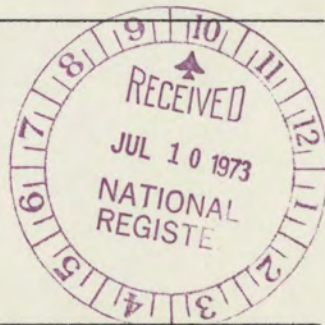
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STREET AND NUMBER		
Route 2		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Ruth Williams	1973	Ruth Williams Rockwood Lane, Lincoln
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

View of the main or south front from a point near Route 2





⑧ South view of barn front

HOAR TAVERN - LINCOLN, MASS.

NPS Number 7/23/73

Title: HOAR TAVERN

Loc. Middlesex, Mass.

facade of barn

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View looking south at the facade of the barn with 1913 ell addition appearing on the left.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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Route 2

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
Sketch Map at Mass. Hist. Comm.	1973	no scale

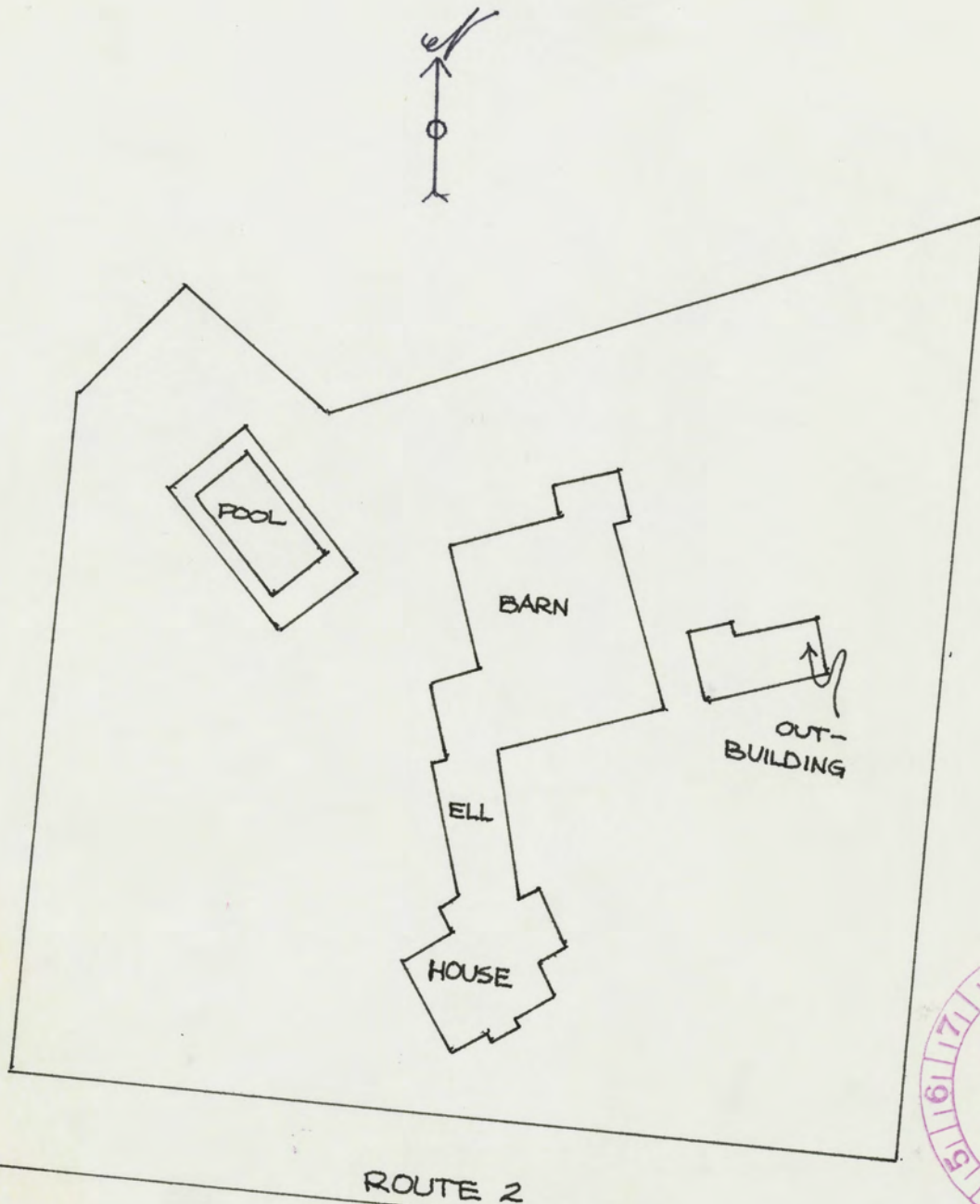
REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



HOAR TAVERN
LINCOLN,
MASSACHUSETTS

HOAR TAVERN

N.R. PROPERTY BOUNDS



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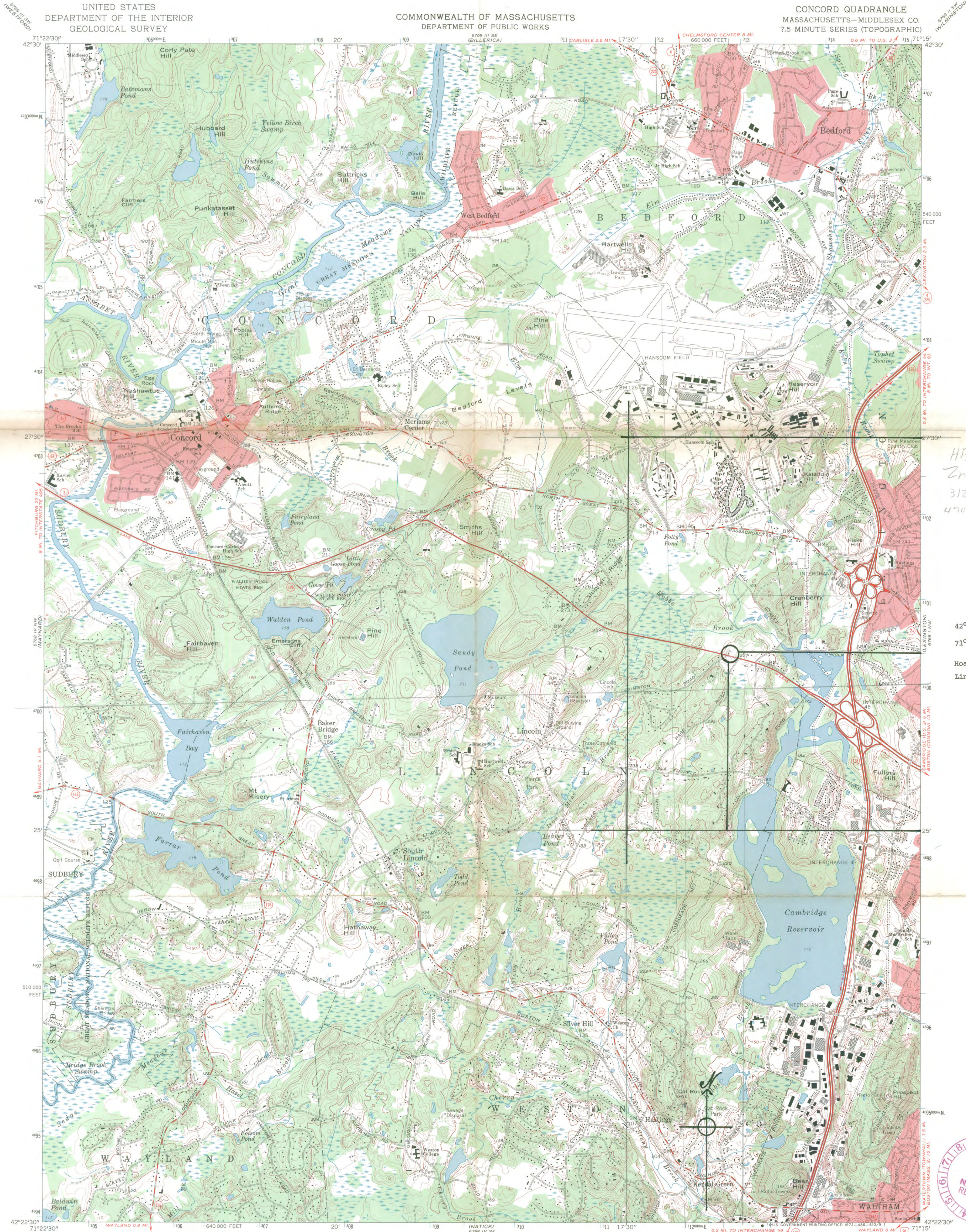
Route 2

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SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle Map	1970	1:24,000

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H13
2n19
312689
4700440

42° 26' 07.5"

71° 16' 38.5"

Hoar Tavern
Lincoln, Mass.

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1940. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000
1 MILE
1 KILOMETER
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route

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U. S. G. S.
Concord Quadrangle
Vermont Report
Lincoln, Mass.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

~~2-Joy-Street~~

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July 5, 1973

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



Attention: Jerry Rogers

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed are the National Register nominations for:

- Billerica, Sabbath Day House;
- Boston, Second Harrison Gray Otis House (re-submission);
- * Lincoln, Hoar Tavern
- * Milton, Suffolk Resolves House;
- Pittsfield, South Mountain Concert Hall;
- Salem, Chestnut Street District.

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

*The Hoar Tavern in Lincoln is presently threatened by the proposed widening of Route 2. The relocation of Route 2 away from the house, as proposed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and supported by the Town of Lincoln, would result in saving the property and is necessary to the plans for restoration. National Register listing would enhance the chances of this property's preservation. *The Town of Milton is sponsoring the publication of a commemorative edition of the Suffolk Resolves early this fall and would like very much to indicate in the book that the property has been listed in the National Register. For these reasons we would like to request that the Hoar Tavern in Lincoln and the Suffolk Resolves House in Milton receive your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Amadon

Elizabeth R. Amadon
State Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

JUL 23 1973

Date Entered

Name

Location

The Hoar Tavern

Lincoln vicinity
Middlesex County

Suffolk Resolves House

Hilton
Norfolk County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Robert F. Drinan
Hon. James A. Burke
Ms. Ann Webster Smith, DOT

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PHR MMOTT: pcl 7/24/73