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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

(Stephen Turner) House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

187 Seekonk Street

CITY, TOWN

Norfolk

VICINITY OF

10th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Norfolk

CODE

021

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☒ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☒ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles F. and Mary Pyne

STREET & NUMBER

187 Seekonk Street

CITY, TOWN

Norfolk,

VICINITY OF

STATE
Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Dedham

STATE
Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE
Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

___EXCELLENT

XGOOD

___FAIR

___DETERIORATED

___RUINS

___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___UNALTERED

XALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE

___MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stephen Turner House in Norfolk faces east on Seekonk Street in a rural wooded area. The property originally included approximately 100 acres which continued to be used for farmland as late as the 1940's. The house is currently sited on a 2½ acre lot, and although some of the farmland has been subdivided, most has returned to woods. Two linden trees frame the house and a low stone wall sets it off from the street.

The two and one half story, five bay Georgian period structure has the center entry, center chimney plan typical of the early-mid eighteenth century. A three bay two and one half story wing is attached to the northeast elevation and a one story kitchen and porch ell extends from the northwest (rear) elevation. Construction for these sections is uncertain, although local tradition and some construction details like gunstock posts suggest that the wing which was added c. 1800 may be the oldest portion. An archeological investigation could yield information about the date of construction and the lifeways of eighteenth century Norfolk farmers. The entire house is sheathed with unpainted clapboards and currently has an asphalt shingle roof.

Fenestration consists mainly of 9/6 double hung sash. Exceptions include 2/2 sash on the northeast elevation, small four paned windows in the gable of the wing and above the ell, and 6/6 sash on the rear elevation and on the ell. All windows have projecting architraves and those of the main house and wing have molded caps with the exception of those directly under the cornice which is itself molded. The entrance is elaborately framed by fluted pilasters carrying a dentiled entablature and triangular pediment. The door itself is six paneled with paired upper lights.

The interior retains much original interior detail including raised field paneling, wide floor boards and cased structural members. A full cellar with an earthen floor and cut stone walls lies under the house while a second, shallower cellar is under 1/2 of the ell.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☒ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☒ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1712

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stephen Turner House is significant for the quality of its architectural detail and for its associations with several prominent Norfolk families. It was built by John Turner, one of the founding settlers of neighboring Medfield, for his son Stephen at the time of his marriage to Judith Fisher in 1712. Stephen's son Ichabod was later to serve in the American Revolution marching with a thirty-eight man company from Wrentham.

In 1792 the house was sold to Elisha Sayles whose family had become wealthy through land and business management. His two sons, Willard and Ariel, became very successful factory owners operating the large Stony Brook Cotton Mill among others. It is believed that some of the rather elaborate details of this farmhouse date from this period. Willard Sayles owned the house until 1842. It remained virtually undisturbed in setting and appearance until 1940 when the farm was subdivided and the modern conveniences of heat, plumbing and electricity were added to the house. It remains an important example of Norfolk's early history.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Wells, Frederick S., Early Norfolk Revisited, Town of Norfolk, 1970
Directory of American Revolutionary War Soldiers, Franklin Public Library.
Donovan, Francis D., History of Norfolk, Massachusetts. unpublished, 1960.
Interviews with Dr. Phillip White, Town Historian, summer 1976.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY app. 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is bounded on the southeast by Seekonk Street 205'52"; on the southwest by the land of Charles and Mary E. Pyne 208.52'; on the northwest by the land of Charles and Mary E. Pyne 214.84'; on the northeast by the land of Paul and Beverly Hanna 206.70'. Please also refer to the attached assessor's map on which the boundary is delineated in red.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator

Mary Pyne
Norfolk Historical Comm.

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

October, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

(617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

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

Peter Weselowski

3/9/79

TITLE

Exec. Director, Mass. Historical Commission

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5.10.79

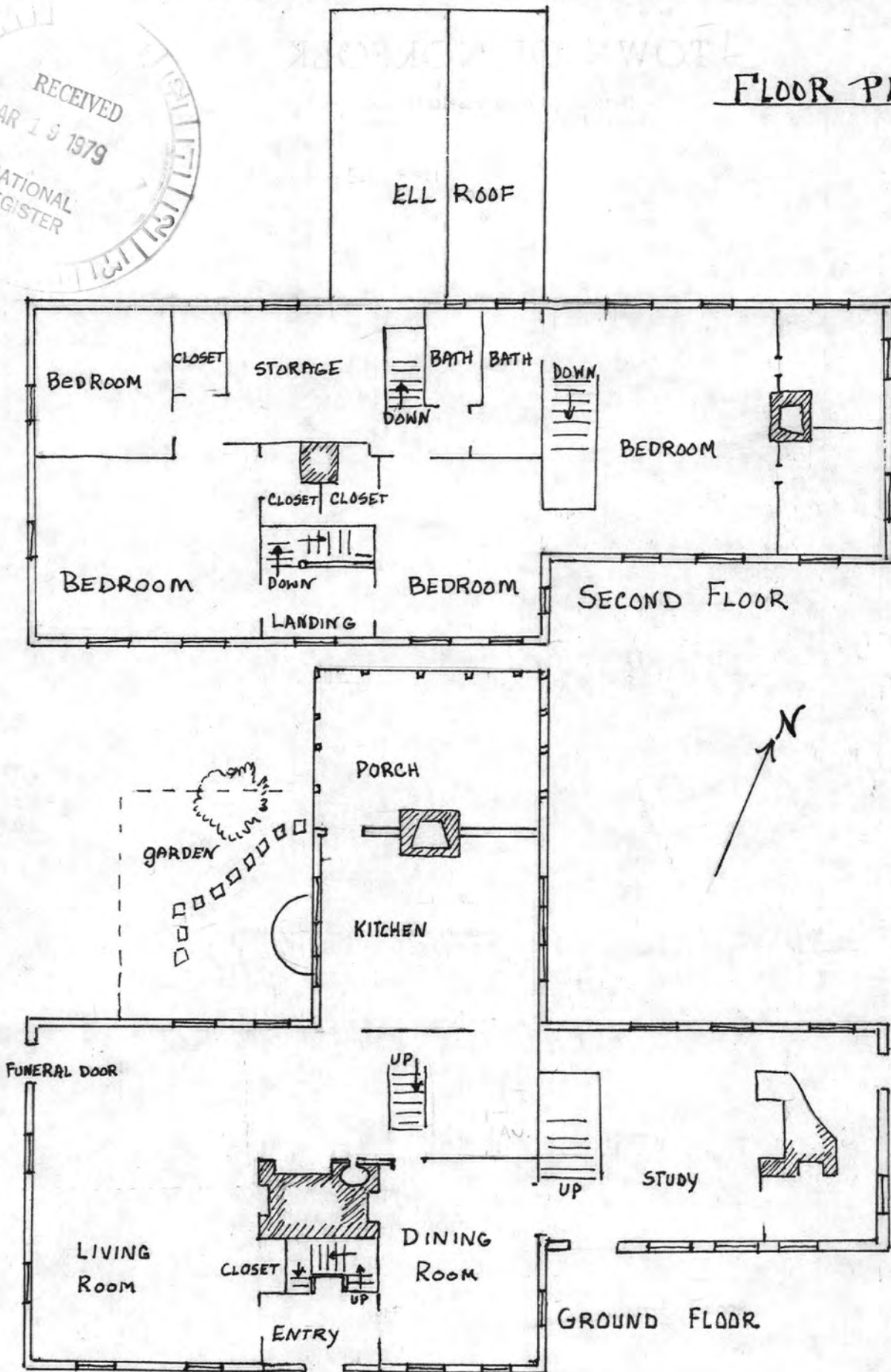
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STEVEN TURNER HOUSE

FLOOR PLAN

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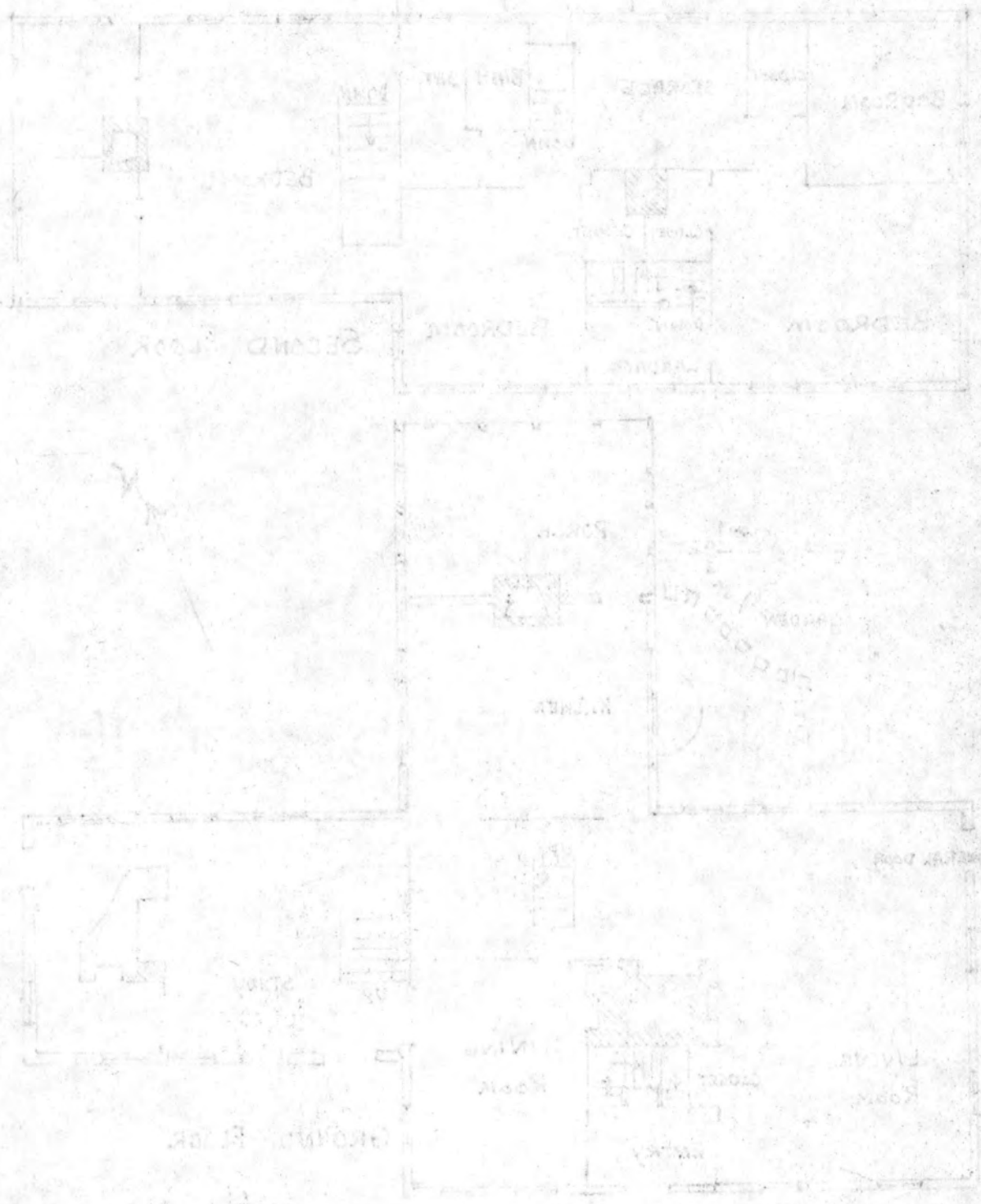
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TOWN OF NORFOLK

Norfolk, Massachusetts 02056



Property

Turner, Stephen, House

State

Mass. (Norfolk)

Working Number

3.19.79.574

TECHNICAL

Photos

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Maps

1 Plan

CONTROL

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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

THE HOUSE IS SIGNIFICANT FOR THE QUALITY OF ITS ARCHITECTURAL
DETAIL AND ~~THE PROMINENCE OF THE~~ ITS ASSOCIATIONS WITH PROMINENT
INDIVIDUALS IN THE HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY.

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5/8/79

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National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

6-5-79

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Stephen Turner House
Norfolk, MA
Charles Pyne 1975
187 Seekonk St., Norfolk

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Photo #1
South and east elevations

Norfolk County

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Stephen Turner House
Norfolk, MA
Charles Pyne 1975
187 Seekonk St., Norfolk

Photo #2

Facade (east)

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Norfolk County



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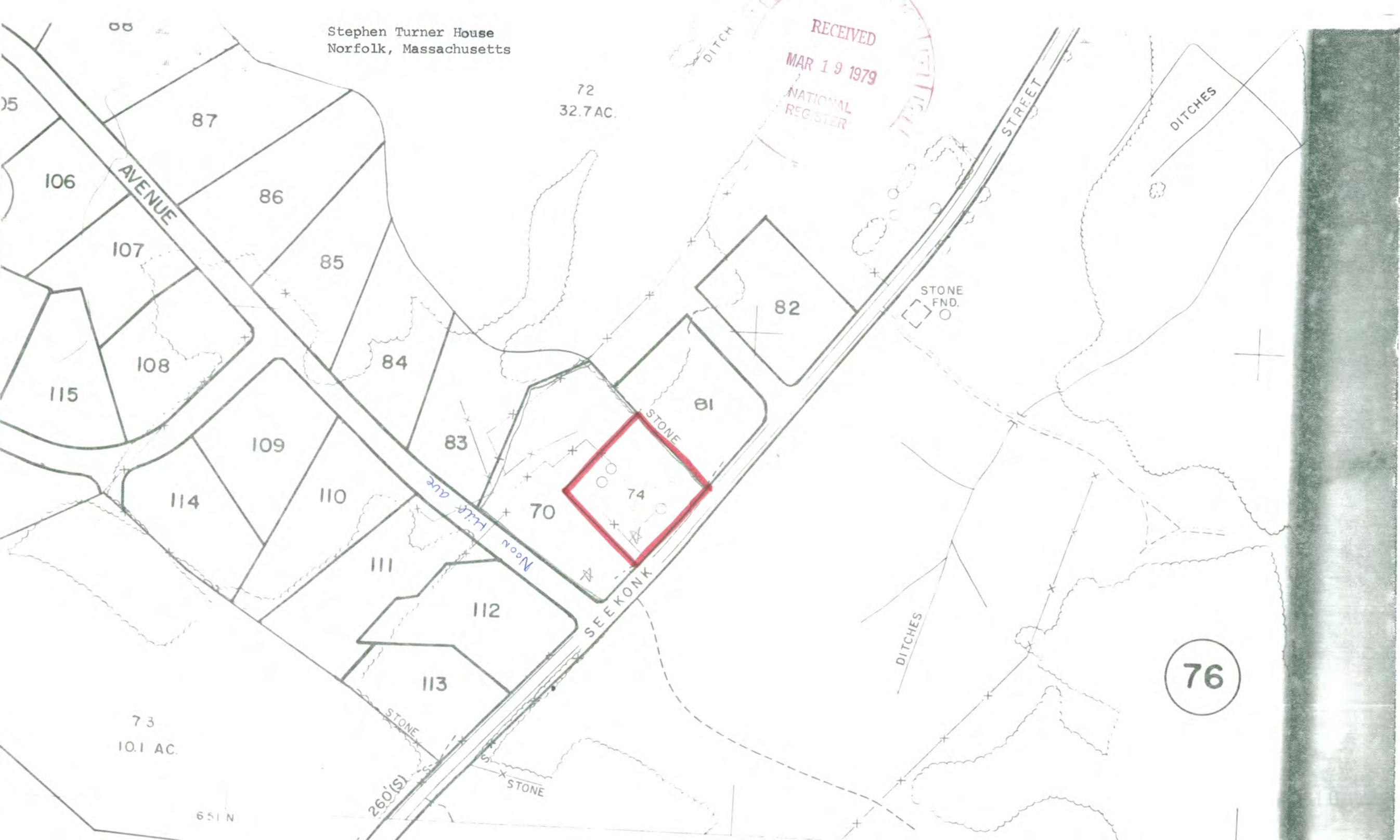
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Photo #23
South and west elevations

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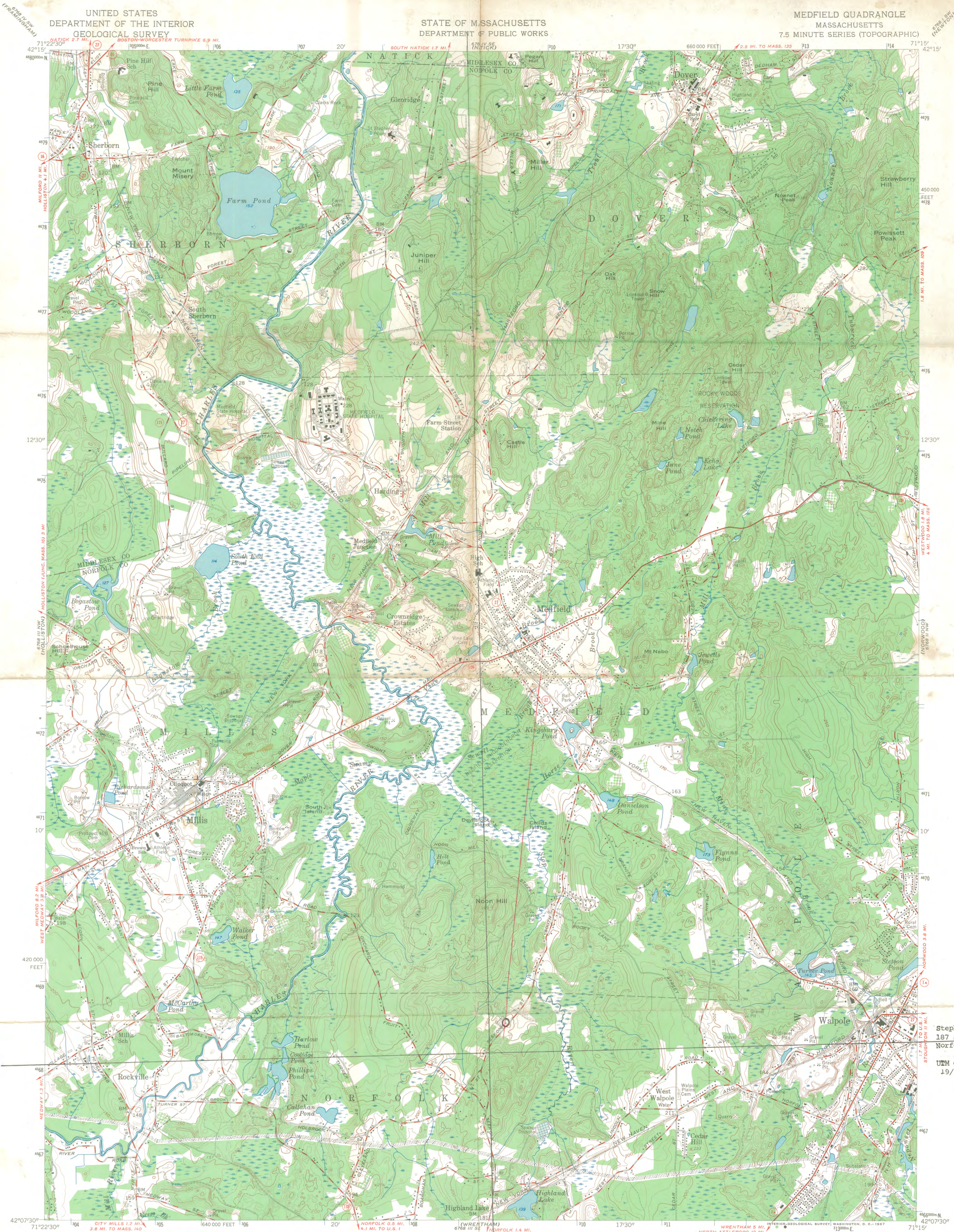
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Norfolk, Massachusetts



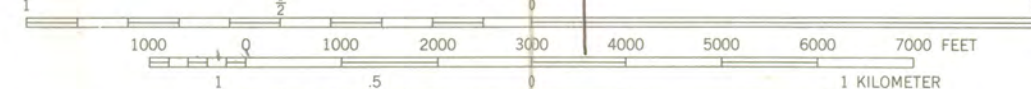
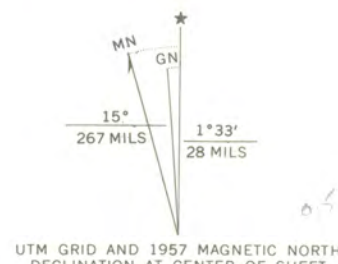
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* lot 74 Steven Turner House
* lot 70 adjacent lot purchased by present owners



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Topography by planetable surveys 1937-1938
Culture revised 1957
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



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
State Route ———

MEDFIELD, MASS.
N4207.5-W7115.7.5

1957

AMS 6768 III NE-SERIES V814

Stephen Turner House
187 Seekonk St.
Norfolk, MA

UTM COORDINATES
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**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Boston, Massachusetts
02108
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

March 9, 1979

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration Branch
National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
440 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20243



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Brookline -- Brookline Village Commercial District
Buckland -- Odd Fellow's Hall
Norfolk -- Stephen Turner House

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. They have also been reviewed by our professional staff representing the disciplines of architecture, architectural history, archeology and history.

Sincerely,

Christie Boulding (CB)

Christine Boulding
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CB/ts
enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Odd Fellow's Hall	Shelburne Falls Franklin County
Conkey-Stevens House	Amherst Hampshire County
Sanderson, Julia, Theater (Paramount Theater)	Springfield Hampden County
Winchester Square Historic District	Springfield Hampden County
Turner, Stephen, House	Norfolk Norfolk County
Abbot, Edwin, House (Longy School of Music)	Cambridge Middlesex County
Chaplin-Clarke House	Rowley Essex County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul G. Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Silvio O. Conte
Honorable Edward P. Boland
Honorable Margaret M. Heckler
Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill
Honorable Nicholas Mayroules

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