

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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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

Rockport Downtown Main Street District

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main, Cleaves, Jewett, School Streets

CITY, TOWN

Rockport

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Essex

CODE

009

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockport

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Essex County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

32 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN

Salem

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1972

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR
☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rockport Downtown Main Street District is located in the center of the town near Front Beach and Bearskin Neck on Sandy Bay. The district is composed of 28 buildings of which the majority are commercial, although there are three churches, a library, inns and guest houses, and several residences. A wide variety of architectural styles are represented in the district, including early structures from the Federal period, commercial blocks exhibiting Italianate and Mansard influences, a Gothic-inspired church, and one building reflecting elements of Richardsonian Romanesque. The general scale of the district - two to three stories - is broken only by the spires of two churches, and the principal intrusions are storefront alterations which in most cases are not severe. Only the Rockport National Bank, a one-story brick building of 1959, is slightly out of character with its surroundings. Building materials in the district are predominantly brick and clapboard, with the exception of two shingled buildings and the handsome Granite Savings Bank. The buildings in the district, for the most part, are set close to each other and to the street, although some on the south side, such as the Congregational Church and the Jewett House, stand back from the street in a more open setting. The district ends at the sharp bend in Main Street, since the area south of the Sandy Bay area is exclusively residential. The visual termination point on the west end of the district is the Brooks Mansion (#15) which stands at the intersection of Main and Beach Streets. Likewise, the area east of Main Street turns its focus in another direction toward Rockport Harbor.

The focal point of the area is the First Congregational Church (#4), which is situated near the center of the district on a small rise on the south side of Main Street. The cornerstone of the church was laid in 1803, and the building was enlarged twenty feet in 1870. Restoration was undertaken in 1954-1955, and the steeple repaired in 1957. The facade has three entrances with transoms which stand between four piers topped with a heavy entablature. Above each door are pairs of arched windows in rectangular enframements. Similar two-story windows are placed along the side elevations. The building is covered in clapboards painted white and has flush boarding on the front facade. The church has a ridge roof which is intersected by the clock tower and belfry which rises from the front facade.

Next to the church is the Jewett House (#5), home of the second pastor. Built in 1806, this two-story Federal house is five bays wide and has a hip roof. The double-hung windows have black shutters and six-over-six lights, and the doorway has a fanlight and is flanked by pilasters topped with an entablature. An ell extends to the west of the main house.

On the east side of the church is a structure which was once the home of the first pastor (#3). The original part of this building was constructed in 1753, although a series of modifications and additions through the centuries has left little resemblance to the original appearance. Now known as the Granite Shore Inn, the clapboard building is painted red with white trim.

Another eighteenth century structure in the district is the Tavern (#1) of 1787 which has also undergone some alteration and addition.

The north side of Main Street, which faces from the rear onto Sandy Bay, is primarily made up of nineteenth century commercial buildings. A number of the structures face their gable ends to the street, providing a rhythmic progression in the streetscape. Two mansard buildings and projecting dormers occasionally break the pattern and add a sense

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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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rockport Downtown Main Street District is significant as the center of the early settlement of Rockport and for its associations with a number of the town's well-known citizens. Architecturally, the district also illustrates the growth of this frequently visited area of Rockport.

The town of Rockport was known as Sandy Bay until its incorporation as Rockport in 1840. Originally it was part of Gloucester's First Parish and later in 1754 it was set apart as Gloucester's Fifth Parish. The first settlers came to Rockport to cut wood for sale in Boston and other more populous areas, but by 1754 at least half of the inhabitants made their living by fishing. Main Street was one of the first roads laid out in 1707, and part of it followed close along the water on which many Rockport citizens depended. It was on Main Street that much of the early development of the town occurred.

The Congregational Church (#4), also known as the Old Meeting House, is one of the finest reminders of Rockport's early growth. Less than a decade after its construction, during the War of 1812, the church was to receive a battle scar which can still be seen today. When the church bell sounded an alarm of the approach of a British vessel, a shot was fired from the barge and a cannon ball landed in the tower. The cannon itself was captured from the British and stands today on the church lawn. It was also here that Franklin Pierce made an address to returning Civil War soldiers.

The first minister of the church was the Reverend Ebenezer Cleaveland whose house (#3) still stands next to the Congregational Church. Cleaveland served with the men of his parish for four years in the French and Indian Wars and made a triumphal entry into Canada. He marched with the first contingent to the Battle of Bunker Hill, and was Chaplain in the Continental Army from 1755 to 1783. Cleaveland served as pastor for fifty years, and also participated with Lord Dartmouth in the founding of Dartmouth College.

The second pastor, the Reverend David B. Jewett, built his home (#5) on the other side of the church. The nearby Jewett Street, which was laid out in 1874, was named in his honor.

Further down the street the Tavern (#1) saw much activity in the 18th and 19th centuries when it served as a depot on the stagecoach line from Gloucester. It was also the scene of the famous "Hannah Jumper Raid" or "Hatchet Gang Raid" in 1856. On the morning of July 8, more than two hundred women gathered in Dock Square at the east end of Main Street for a raid upon establishments where intoxicating liquors were being illegally sold. Armed with hatchets, the women broke open the kegs and emptied their contents into the streets. An eyewitness reported seeing men and boys on their knees lapping up the liquor as it ran down the gutters! Hannah Jumper is credited with organizing the raid, and she and the other women were put on trial for their actions. Although they were acquitted in

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of the Town of Rockport. 1888.
Records of the First Congregational Church.
Records of the Sandy Bay Historical Society & Museum, Inc.
Records of the Carnegie Library.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.5 acres (200,403 square feet)

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,9	3,6,7,5,0,0	4,7,2,3,9,9,0	B	1,9	3,6,7,2,2,0	4,7,2,3,7,6,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1,9	3,6,7,0,3,0	4,7,2,3,9,6,0	D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The district includes properties on the south side of Main Street from 12 Main Street to 46 Main Street, also 81 Main Street on the west end of the district, and properties on the north side of Main Street from 79 Main Street to 5 Main Street. The district also includes the Carnegie Library and Grimes House on Jewett Street and the Universalist Church and the residence north of it on Cleaves Street. The boundary is drawn along the back property lines of all these buildings.

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

Judy D. Dobbs, National Register Editor and Homer G. Orne, Rockport Historical Commission	DATE
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Massachusetts Historical Commission	April 11, 1976
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
294 Washington Street	617-727-8470
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Boston	Massachusetts 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

Elizabeth Reed Amador

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE 3/30/76

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

ASL

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

5/28/78

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-21-76

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of variety. Also contributing to the diversity on Main Street is the Granite Savings Bank (#23), built of the famous Rockport granite. The two-story building is three bays wide and its gable faces the street. Its broad blue awnings were added when it was adapted for use as a bookstore.

To the south the visual termination point of the district is the Universalist Church (#8), whose Gothic spire contrasts with that of the nearby Congregational Church. Originally built in 1829, the Universalist Church was altered in 1868. Other styles represented in the district are the classical Carnegie Library (#6) of 1904 and the Richardsonian Memorial Hall (#32).

#8:

one trial, a second trial was held before Chief Justice Lemuel Shaw, in which the verdict was upheld.

The Carnegie Library (#6) was financed by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation and constructed of choice Rockport granite. Across the street, the Granite Savings Bank (#23) was also built of local stone. The first rockport granite was cut and sold around 1800, but the business did not gain momentum until the 1820's. The quarries provided blocks for structures all along the East coast.

Each year thousands of tourists visit Rockport's Main Street, which is also a frequent subject for local artists. Architecturally the buildings in the district represent a number of styles and illustrate the growth of this area from a small parish to a commercial area prospering from the local quarries. Although somewhat altered, the buildings in the district retain their basic integrity and form a handsome grouping along the bay.

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Rockport Downtown Main Street District, Rockport, Massachusetts (Essex County)

Boundary justification:

The Rockport Downtown Main Street District is made up principally of commercial and institutional buildings on the part of Main Street which parallels Sandy Bay. Its termination point on the east is Dock Square where Main Street changes its focus as it moves toward Bearskin Neck where the artists' studios and tourist shops are centered. On the west end of the district, Main Street turns sharply southwest and becomes primarily residential, thus neither relating physically or through use to the area included in the district. The point at which the district ends is at the change in direction of Main Street where the Grafton Butman Building (Brooks Mansion), #15 provides a visual termination,

There are no subsidiary buildings standing between the buildings on the north side of Main Street and the beach of Sandy Bay.

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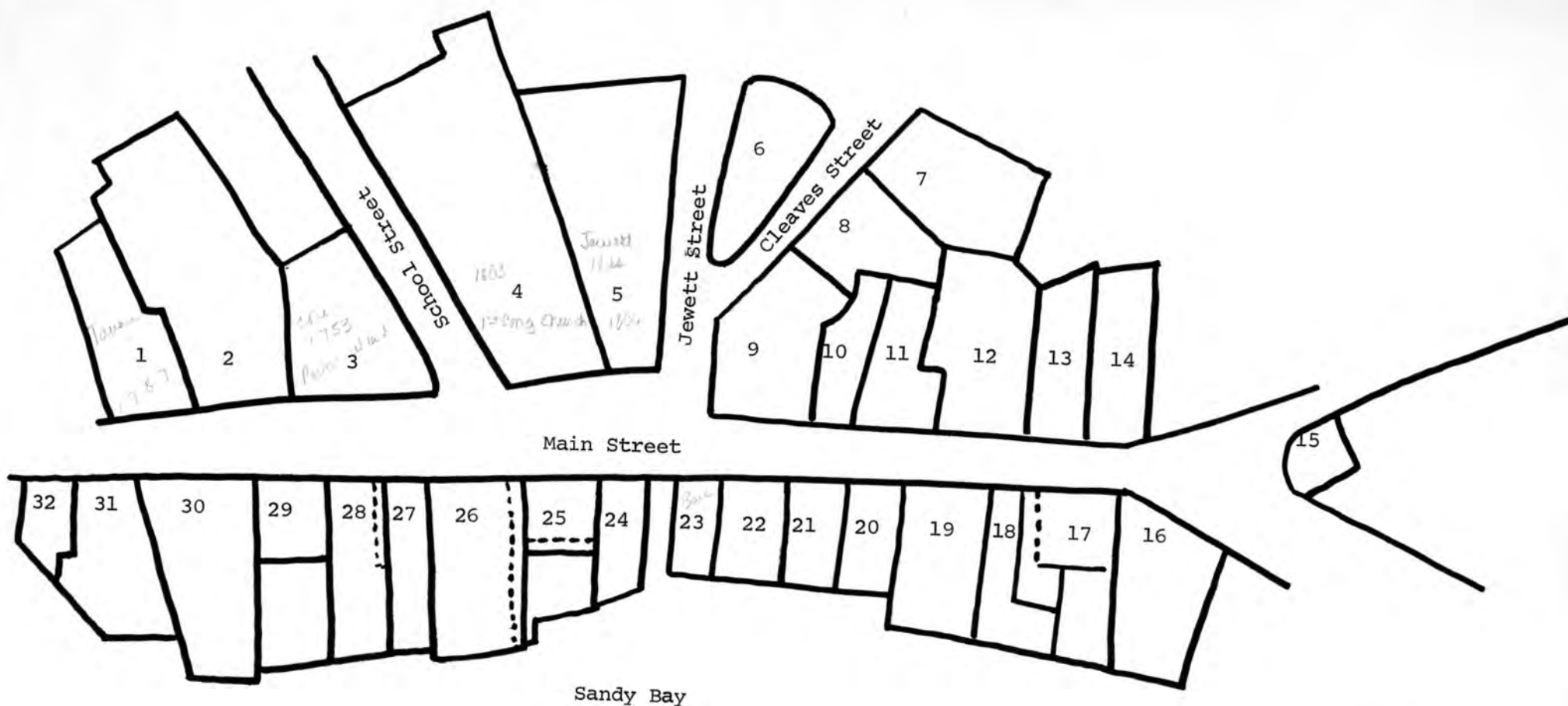
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Sketch
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Map Key:

1. The Tavern (1787), (Rockport Art Association), 12 Main Street
2. Rockport National Bank (c. 1959), 16 Main Street
3. Granite Shore Inn (original section 1753), 20 Main Street
4. 1st Congregational Church (1804), 22 Main Street
5. Rev. David Jewett House (1806), 24 Main Street
6. Carnegie Library (1904), Jewett Street
7. Universalist Church (1829), Cleaves Street
8. Residence, Cleaves Street
9. Loring Grimes House, 2 Jewett Street
10. Residence, Main Street
11. Bradley House, 32 Main Street
12. Caldwell House (1798), 40 Main Street
13. Residence, 44 Main Street
14. Perkins House, 46 Main Street
15. Grafton Butman Building, 81 Main Street
16. Poole's Drug Store, 79 Main Street
17. Laundramat, 75 Main Street
18. Curtis News Store, 71 Main Street
19. Grimes Insurance, 67 Main Street
20. Casual Shop and Barber Shop, Main Street
21. Flynn Art Gallery, 55 Main Street
22. John Tarr Block, 53 Main Street
23. Granite Savings Bank (bookstore), 51 Main Street
24. Whipple Block (1880's), 49 Main Street
25. Richdale Store, 47 Main Street
26. Haskins Block (1880's), Main Street
27. Commercial, 35 Main Street
28. Old Rockport National Bank Building, 31 Main Street to 27 Main Street
(Orleans Restaurant)
29. Norwood Block, 17-15 Main Street
30. Old Amazeen Ice Cream Parlor, 13-11 Main Street
31. Richardson Building, 7 Main Street
32. Memorial Hall (Christian Science Church), 5 Main Street



ROCKPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

Rockport Downtown Main Street District

Town Assessor's Map, 1976
Scale unknown

North



Property ^{Historic} Rockport Downtown Main Street District

State Mass Working Number 4.6.76.3024

Essex

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 16

Maps 2 2 cont sheets

OK ^{cm} 4.14.76

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
Hinsgood
3 May 76

Just weak impression + I'd like to see a strong justification for the boundaries. This section is surrounded by numerous commercial-traveler places + perhaps this is the only section they could find of the downtown area relatively free of the tourist things - I suppose the presence of the 1893 meetinghouse helps. Anyway - it is a nice area - so

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

update rec'd
5-18-75
Accept M J Hury
4-30-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

Boundaries need work & justification. Why ~~is~~ does northern boundary not include area to the water? Photo's 7, 9, 10 & even 8 indicate the area might well be enlarged on at least eastern and southern w.r. l. w. boundaries. Sketch map should

OTHER

call
5/4/76

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
5-19-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hinsgood
5.21.76

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry _____

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

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The Tavern (#1)

Rockport Downtown Main Street, District

Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*

George Hilliard, photographer

1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA

Looking east down Main Street.

Photograph #1 *9/16*
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#1-#4 (left to right) on south side of Main Street

Rockport Downtown Main Street District

Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*

George Hilliard, photographer

1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA

Looking east down Main Street.

Photograph #2 of 16
NPS-5/28/76

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- for left - The Tavern, 12 main St.*
- 2 — Rockport National Bank, 16 main St.
 - 3 — Granite Shore Inn, 20 main St.
 - 4 — 1st Congregational Church, 22 main St.
 - 9 — J. Louis Grimes House, 2 Jewett St.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Congregational Church (#4) *Historic*
Rockport Downtown Main Street District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976
Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking south.

Photograph #3 *of 16*

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Church, 22 Main St.

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Congregational Church (#4) and Rev. David
Jewett House (#5) *Historic*
Rockport Downtown Main Street, District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking south.

Photograph #4 *of 16*

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Congregational Church, 22 Main St.

Jewett House, 24 Main St.

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Congregational Church (#4) and Rev. David
Jewett House (#5) *Historic*
Rockport Downtown Main Street District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking southeast.

Photograph #5 *of 16*

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Rev.
APR 6 1976

and, 22 main St.

House, 24 main St.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Carnegie Library (#6) at right and
#26 and #27 across the street
Rockport Downtown Main Street, District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co. Historic*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking north across Main Street from
Cleaves Street

Photograph #6 *of 16*

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*House, 42 main St.
37 main St.
House, 24 main St.
6 - Carnegie Library, Jewett St.*

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#6 to left and #8 and #7 at right
Rockport Downtown Main Street District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking south up Cleaves Street from
Jewett Street.

Photograph #7 of 16
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*Library, Jewett St.
Universalist Church, Cleaves St.
House, Cleaves St.*

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#11-#13, #15 in distance at right.
Rockport Downtown Main Street, ^{Historic} District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976
Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking west down Main Street.

Photograph #8 *of 16*

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Pradley House, 32 main St.

Lowell House, 40 main St.

House, 44 main St.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Perkins House (#14)

Rockport Downtown Main Street District

Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*

George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA

Looking south.

Photograph #9 of 16

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Grafton Butman Building (#15) *Historic*
Rockport Downtown Main Street District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking west to termination of district.

Photograph #10 *of 16*

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Building, 81 Main St.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#9 at left, #15 center distance, #16-#23
Rockport Downtown Main Street District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking west down Main Street.

Photograph #11 of 16

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Grimes House, 2 Jewett St.

Building, 81 Main St.

- 16 - Porter Drug Store, 79 Main St.
17 - (Saunders), 75 Main St.
18 - Curtis News Store, 71 Main St.
19 - (Grimes Residence), 67 Main St.
20 - (Lace Shop + Barber Shop), ? Main St.
21 - (Flynn Art Gallery), 55 Main St.
22 - John Tan Block, 53 Main St.
23 at right edge - Gracie Lewis Bank, 51 Main St.
(now Todd Hall Bookstore)

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#9 at left, #15 center distance, #16-#26 at edge

Rockport Downtown Main Street District

Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*

George Hilliard, photographer

1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA

Looking west to end of district.

Photograph #12 of 16

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Historic
House, 2 Jewett St.

81 main St.

55 main St.

22 - John Tan Block, 53 main St.

23 - Granite Savings Bank, 51 main St.
(now Todd Hall Bookstore)

24 - Whipple Block, 49 main St.

25 - (Richdale Store), 47 main St.

26 at right edge - Haskins Block

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#9 at left, #15 center distance, north side
of Main Street to #28 at right edge.

Rockport Downtown Main Street, District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co. Historic*

George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA

Looking west to end of district.

Photograph #13 *of 16*

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25 - (Pickdale Store), 47 main St.

26 - Haskins Block, ? main St.

27 - , 35 main St.

28 at right edge - Allana's Restaurant, 31 main St.
(west part)

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#26 - #29 Main Street, north side
Rockport Downtown Main Street District
Rockport, MA
George Hilliard, photographer
1976
Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking west down Main Street.

Photograph #14 of 16

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Main St.

35 Main St.

31-27 Main St.

29 - Woodward Block, 17-15 Main St.
(Tuck's Pharmacy)

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#28 and #29 at left, north side of Main
Rockport Downtown Main Street, ^{Historic} District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1975

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking east down Main Street.

Photograph #15 of 16

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*Old Park Bldg., 31-27 main St.
(out)*

17-15 main St.

30 - old Amazon Ice Cream Parlor, 13-11 main St.

31 - Richardson Building, 7 main St.

32 - Memorial Hall, 5 main St.
(now Christian Science Church)

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Memorial Hall (#32) *Nixonic*
Rockport Downtown Main Street, District
Rockport, MA *Essex Co.*
George Hilliard, photographer
1976

Cleaves Street, Rockport, MA
Looking northeast.

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*Building, 7 main st.
Memorial Hall, 5 main st.
(now Cannonville Church)*

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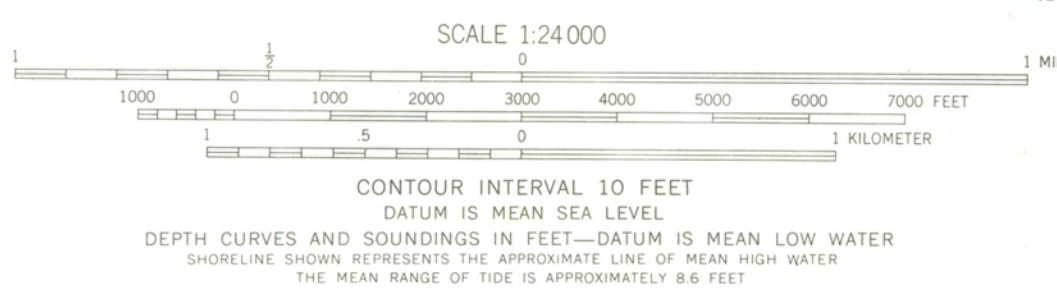
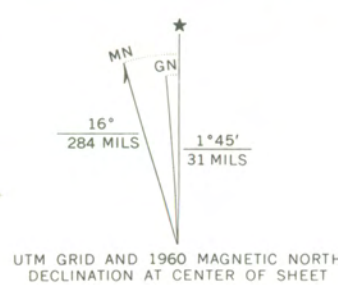


ROCKPORT, MA:
Rockport Downtown Main Street
District

A 19/367500/4723990
B 19/367220/4723760
C 19/367030/4723960



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Control by USC&GS and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1942. Revised 1950
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts
243 (1959) and 1206 (1960). This information is not
intended for navigational purposes
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



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



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

ROCKPORT, MASS.
N4235—W7031/7.5

1960

AMS 6869 II NE—SERIES V814

DATE 5-6-76

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL
2:00

AM
EM

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Judy Dobler

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Mass.

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Rockport Downtown Main Street District

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

U questioned the limits of the boundaries.
She explained that while the surrounding streets + structures
were similar to the proposed district, they were much more
commercial + they would like to later nominate a commercial
district. Also there is strong local feeling about this
proposed "Main St." type of district.

She will check what exists between N boundary
+ H-20 - We think its only fishermen's huts + piers. - artists'
studios - mostly modern - but she will see -

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

M J Henry

TITLE

OFFICE

DATE

5-6-76

TIME OF CALL

2:00

AM
PM

TELEPHONE REPORT

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Judy Rolles

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Mass.

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Rockport Downtown Main Street District

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

U questioned the limits of the boundaries.

He explained that while the surrounding streets + structures were similar to the proposed district, they were much more commercial + they would like to later nominate a commercial district. Also there is strong local feeling about this proposed "Main St." type of district.

She will check what exists between W boundary

+H&O - We think its only fishermen + peers - artists - students - mostly modern - but she will see -

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

M J Kelly

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 28 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rockport Downtown Main Street <i>Historic</i> District	Rockport Essex County
Penniman, Edward, House	Eastham Barnstable County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Michael J. Harrington
Hon. Gerry E. Studds
Mr. Douglas Wheeler
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Fish and Wildlife and Parks
Mr. Robert M. Utley
Assistant Director, Park
Historic Preservation

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 4-30-76
Reviewer INITIALS: MJL

NR

DOE

MAY 28 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Rockport Downtown Main St Historic District ✓

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Includes portions of Main, Cleaves, Jewett, and School Sts. ✓

CITY, TOWN Rockport ✓

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th

STATE MA ✓

VICINITY OF

COUNTY ESSEX ✓ code 009

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

Multiple public/private

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
☒ Substantially intact-1 ☒ Substantially intact-2 ☒ Substantially intact-3
☐ unknown - 4 ☐ unknown - 5 ☐ unknown - 6
☐ not applicable - 7 ☐ not applicable - 8 ☐ Not applicable - 9

☒ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - ☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED ☐ UNALTERED ☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS ☒ ALTERED ☐ MOVED
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED ☐ Reconstructed ☐ Unknown
☐ Unexcavated ☐ Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted ☒ Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? ☒ YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES ☒ NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES ☒ NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: ☒ YES NO Saved? YES ☒ NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- houses, (inns) hotels, meetinghouse - Business area - residential area

now- houses, hotels, churches, banks

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ☒ RELIGION
 ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE
 AGRICULTURE LITERATURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE EDUCATION ☒ MILITARY SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 ART ENGINEERING MUSIC
 COMMERCE EXPLORATION PHILOSOPHY TRANSPORTATION
 COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT OTHER (SPECIFY)
 INVENTION urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Variety of 19th - 20th C style

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal Franklin Pierce, speech
Ebenezer Cleveland, minister
David B. Jewett, minister

events first rd. laid out in Gloucester's 1st Parish, later to become Rockport (1840)
Revolutionary War
War of 1812 anti-Saloon raid, 1856

institutional

mid-18th -- early 20th C.

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1753¹/_N 1904

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: Happened throughout 19th + 20th C

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1812, 1754, 1856

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

4.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

group of 26 ~~buildings~~ ^{planting} ~~many of Rockport's early roads; includes~~ ^{detailing}
2-3 story brick & clapboarded commercial structures; many with elaborate ~~carved~~ ^{carved} cornices
3 churches including the Congregational Church & Old Meeting House (1802), residences,
an inn, and 2 structures made from local granite and the ~~entire~~ ^{entire} 1904 back bank

Excellent collection of structural illustrating

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Recent collection of structures illustrating 19th C development along a
"Main St." -

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Variety of 19th-20th C styles

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal

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events

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Mid-18th--early 20th C.

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1753-1904

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: Happened throughout 19th + 20th C

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1812, 1754, 1856

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

4.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

group of 26 ~~buildings~~ ^{buildings flanking} one of Rockport's early roads; includes detailing
2-3 story brick or clapboarded commercial structures; many with elaborate decorative elements;
3 churches including the Congregational Church in Old Meeting House (1803), residences,
an inn, and 2 structures made from local granite and the underlying 19th C. brick bank

Excellent collection of structures illustrating

Multi-use district ~~includes~~ ^{of} 28 predominantly brick or frame buildings constructed from 1753-1959 along both sides of one of city's earliest roads; variety of 19th and 20th C. styles ~~are~~ represented; notable is the First Congregation Church (1803) which incorporates Federal and Greek Revival elements. Illustrates the 19th C. development along Rockport's "Main Street."

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Rockport Downtown Main Street Historic District		2 OTHER NAMES:		3 date of entry: 5-28-76		4 county code: 009	
5 LOCATION street & number Portions of Main, Cleaves, Jewett, and School Sts.		city / town Rockport		vicinity of MA		state Essex	
6 NPS REGION: North Atlantic		7 OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☒ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)		8 ADMINISTRATOR:			
9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL		10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO		11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 6th		12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL	
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME ☒ NO		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME ☒ NO		15 ACREAGE 4.5		16 if state who prepared form? ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
18 CONDITION ☐ deteriorated ☒ altered ☒ original site ☐ excellent ☐ ruins ☐ unaltered ☐ moved ☒ good ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown ☐ fair ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated		17 features: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☒ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9					
19 ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		20 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO		21 SAVED? ☐ YES		22 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ yes ☐ no	
21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:		22 CLAIMS: explain					
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10		☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20		☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☒ RECREATION-28 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☒ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)		☐ 'first' ☐ ☐ 'oldest' ☐ ☐ 'only' ☐	
23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: COMMERCIAL DISTRICT CURRENTLY: DITTO		24 dates of initial construction: 1707-1910 major alterations: historic events:		25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
26 architectural style(s): FEDERAL/GREEK REVIVAL/ITALIANATE/2ND EMPIRE/NEO-CLASSICAL REVIVAL		27 architect:		28 master builder:		29 engineer:	
30 landscape architect/garden designer:		31 interior decorator:		32 artist:		33 artisan:	
						34 builder/contractor:	

26 NAMES give role & date
PERSONAL: HANNAH JUMPER - ORGANIZED WOMEN TO RAID TAVERN WITH HATCHETS TO DESTROY SELLING OF ILLEGAL LIQVOR (1856)

EVENTS:

INSTITUTIONAL:

35 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP PRIMARILY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF 32 MASONRY OR FRAME, CLAPBOARDED; 2-2 1/2 STORY STRUCTURES; NOTABLE ARE THE FEDERAL STYLE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (1804), THE FEDERAL STYLE JEWETT HOUSE (1806), THE NEO-CLASSICAL REVIVAL CARNEGIE LIBRARY (1904), THE FEDERAL STYLE TAVERN (1781), AND THE ITALIANATE OLD ROCKPORT NATIONAL BANK BUILDING. ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES OF 2ND EMPIRE AND GREEK REVIVAL. CENTER OF EARLIEST SETTLEMENT AT ROCKPORT; RETAINS 19TH C. CHARACTER.