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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

Blackintonville

AND/OR COMMON

Blackinton Houses and Park (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Attleboro

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
10th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE
025COUNTY
BristolCODE
005 ✓**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

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

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☒ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
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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
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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☒ EXCELLENT

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ GOOD

☐ RUINS

☒ ALTERED

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PROPERTY OWNERS:

#1- Blackinton Park, Bridge, Flagpole: ✓
City of Attleboro, Raymond L. Macomber, Mayor
City Hall
29 Park Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703

#2- Col. Willard Blackinton House: ✓
William A. and Ruth P. Nerney
200 North Main Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703

#3- Blackinton Double House: ✓
E. Harold and Mary N. Washburn
203-205-207 North Main Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703

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The large red clapboarded barn is an L shaped plan structure with an intersecting ridge roof and a cupola. The north elevation has a continuous line of windows on both stories. The south elevation has a gable front on the eastern end portion with an open pedimented entrance porch. The porch is headed by three windows on the second story and a single window in the gable. A one story section of the barn projects out from the western end of the south elevation.

The house is framed with hand hewn oak, mortised and pegged. It is double lathed and, in the main house, plastered over. A six inch air space separates the two plastered portions. The interior retains high ceilings and a large kitchen fireplace with Dutch oven. Standing at the facade entrance, one can look in a western direction through eight doorways to the large barn door at the end of the rambling structure.

The south elevation ell side porch was enlarged from the original. The barn and carriage shed have been converted to house a modern plastics manufacturing company, formerly a jewelry factory known as the "Knobby Krafters." There is a small garage south of the main house.

The Blackinton Double House (#3) is located at 203-5-7 North Main Street. The house sits on less than an acre and faces west toward the Col. Willard Blackinton House across the road. The symmetrical building consists of a central 2½ story section with 1½ story wings extending from both the north and south elevations. The wings extend back to the east with intersecting ridge roofs, giving the entire structure a U plan. The building was constructed shortly after Col. Blackinton built his own house in 1849. This double house was built for his sons. It is sheathed in clapboards painted white with two chimneys on the center section and one on each of the wings.

The center section facade is five bays wide with a wide entablature and two triangularly pedimented nine light dormers. Fenestration is 6/9 on the first story and 6/6 on the second. The center entrance is flanked by sidelights and headed by a five light transom. A one story, flat roof, open porch extends along the facade and continues around both corners to the facade entrances to each wing. It has a turned balustrade railing and plain support posts.

The two wings are each two bays wide and four bays deep. The southern end wing facade has a northern end entrance and two 6/6 windows on the first story headed by six light casements on the second. The northern end wing facade has a southern end

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entrance, two 6/6 windows, and two 6/6 triangularly pedimented dormers overhead. There is a 12 light entrance door topped by a fanlight with keystone at the eastern end of the south elevation. The rear (east) elevation of the southern wing has an enclosed glass porch with shed roof headed by a single window on the second story.

The rear elevation of the center section has two triangularly pedimented dormers.

The house contains 4 small staircases in addition to the main staircase in the central front entrance hall. There are 22 rooms.

The two story barn located to the rear of the house was built after 1877.

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 1849

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Willard Blackinton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blackinton Houses are significant for their architecture and as a small area associated with the Blackinton family and their early 19th century industrial endeavors.

The present public Blackinton Park (#1) contains the site of a late 18th century gun shop which became the only shop in the village to produce shuttles for power looms in 1827. A grinding stone from the original shuttle shop marks the site of that building. Power was derived from the first water turbine in Attleboro on Blackinton Pond. The original dam used for water power still exists.

Attleboro was much involved in large textile manufacturing and was closely connected to the nearby Rhode Island textile industry. The property surrounding the site is maintained as a landscaped park with the pond, original dam, bridge and flag pole all given to the city in 1937 by the family of Attleboro's first mayor, Harold Sweet. The pond is stocked with trout each spring and is the site of an annual children's fishing derby.

Col. Willard Blackinton founded the shuttle shop in 1827. His 1849 house (#2) was occupied by two generations of his family. The Nerney family purchased the property in 1882 and has owned it for 3 generations. Col. Blackinton built and owned at least 3 other houses on the property. All but one have been demolished. Two of his sons, Charles and John, first occupied the Double House (#3) which was willed to their wives at the time of the Colonel's death in 1877. The house was owned by Blackinton descendants until 1936 when it was sold to Everett I. Perry.

The Blackinton family was prominent in community affairs from the time Attleboro was founded. Col. Blackinton played an important role not only in the textile industry, but also in the political life of the town. He held numerous town offices during his lifetime, was the first Postmaster of East Village, and was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and a State Senator. He was a director of the old Attleboro bank and the first president of the First National Bank until his death. He was a colonel in a trooper regiment.

Blackinton's sons carried on his shuttle business, later engaging in cotton thread manufacturing and the jewelry business. All were prominent in civic affairs.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dayrett, John, A Sketch of the History of Attleborough, Press of Samuel Usher, Boston, 1874.

Family Records, Newspaper clippings, Town and City Records.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 50 acres

UTM REFERENCES

D A 19 310020 4646600
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B 19 310210 4646590
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 19 310100 4646450
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D 19 310080 4646450
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE Blaine Mallory and Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor
Elizabeth Phillips, Ruth Nerney, Harold Washburn, Attleboro Hist. Comm.

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE March 2, 1978

STREET & NUMBER 294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE 617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN Boston

STATE 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.

Deputy [Signature]
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

3/23/78

TITLE Acting Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

DATE

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ATTEST DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 5 1/2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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Geographical Data: Verbal Boundary Description

Starting at the northeast corner of the Blackinton Double Houses (#3) property; proceeding in a westerly direction for 176 feet to North Main Street; thence proceeding in a westerly direction across North Main Street; thence proceeding in a northerly direction for 46 feet to the northern property line of property #2; thence proceeding in a westerly direction for 358 feet along the property line of property #2; thence proceeding in a northerly direction for 145 feet along the property line of property #2; thence proceeding in a westerly direction for 362.5 feet to the rear property line of property #2; thence proceeding in a southerly direction for 197 feet to the river; thence proceeding in a southeasterly direction along the river to the southern property line of property #2; thence proceeding in an easterly direction for 470 feet; thence proceeding in a southerly direction for 37.5 feet; thence proceeding in a westerly direction for 90 feet; thence proceeding in a southerly direction for 70 feet to Blackinton Pond; thence proceeding in an easterly direction along Blackinton Pond to the southwestern edge of Memorial Bridge (#1-a); thence proceeding in a southeasterly direction along the bridge; thence proceeding along the southern edge of Blackinton Pond to the southwestern property line of property #1; thence proceeding in a southwesterly direction for 104 feet to the Branch Railroad; thence proceeding in an easterly direction along the Branch Railroad for 560 feet to North Main Street; thence proceeding in a northwesterly direction along North Main Street for 230 feet to Memorial Bridge; thence proceeding in a northeasterly direction along Memorial Bridge; thence proceeding in a northwesterly direction along Memorial Bridge; thence proceeding along the Bungay River to the eastern property line of property #3; thence proceeding in a northerly direction for 173.55 feet to the starting point.

USGS COORDINATES:

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D 19/310 040/4646 450
E 19/309 880/4646 650

Property Blackinton Houses and Park

State Mass.

Working Number 4.3.78.2818

TECHNICAL

Photos 14

Maps 2,2

Need V.B.D. + sketch map which shows outer boundary of district,
location of all buildings, position of photographs as key to photos.

CONTROL

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4.6.78

HISTORIAN

6/14/78 CALL ACCEPT
5/24/78
Jim Janner

Clearly eligible - ~~but~~ but ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
we may want a VBD although only 5 1/2
acres and we have a good sketch map.

Accept
Brian
5.18.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

artificial unit - with no
relationship except geography
see return sheet.

Return
above
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BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back 11.16.78

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Federal Register Entry _____

Re-submit 12.8.78

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NAME OF PROPERTY Blackinton Houses + Park STATE Mass 12.8.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

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8 Statement of Significance: The nomination of these resources together seems somewhat artificial. Park #1 is included as the site of the mill, yet the water supply for powering the mill was excluded. Please justify or include. Neither park #2 nor the bridge and flagpole bear any

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: _____

Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Bill Braham on the National Register staff, telephone 202-~~55~~ 343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bill Lebowich for
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date:

Nov 13, 1978

Do not film

relationship to the houses, except that the land was owned by Blackinton. Commemorative sites or objects, and especially those less than fifty years, are not normally eligible. Please justify in terms of N.R. criteria.

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The rear ell is also clapboarded. It is four bays deep with a hooded entrance at the western end of the north elevation and a full ell-length flat roofed side porch on the south elevation. North elevation second story windows are each crowned by a triangular pediment rising from the roof eaves. There is a chimney similar to those on the main house.

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PROPERTY OWNERS:

- #1- Blackinton Park, Bridge, Flagpole: ✓
City of Attleboro, Raymond L. Macomber, Mayor
City Hall
29 Park Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703
- #2- Col. Willard Blackinton House: ✓
William A. and Ruth P. Nerney
200 North Main Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703
- #3- Blackinton Double House: ✓
E. Harold and Mary N. Washburn
203-205-207 North Main Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703

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The large red clapboarded barn is an L shaped plan structure with an intersecting ridge roof and a cupola. The north elevation has a continuous line of windows on both stories. The south elevation has a gable front on the eastern end portion with an open pedimented entrance porch. The porch is headed by three windows on the second story and a single window in the gable. A one story section of the barn projects out from the western end of the south elevation.

The house is framed with hand hewn oak, mortised and pegged. It is double lathed and, in the main house, plastered over. A six inch air space separates the two plastered portions. The interior retains high ceilings and a large kitchen fireplace with Dutch oven. Standing at the facade entrance, one can look in a western direction through eight doorways to the large barn door at the end of the rambling structure.

The south elevation ell side porch was enlarged from the original. The barn and carriage shed have been converted to house a modern plastics manufacturing company, formerly a jewelry factory known as the "Knobby Krafters." There is a small garage south of the main house.

The Blackinton Double House (#3) is located at 203-5-7 North Main Street. The house sits on less than an acre and faces west toward the Col. Willard Blackinton House across the road. The symmetrical building consists of a central 2½ story section with 1½ story wings extending from both the north and south elevations. The wings extend back to the east with intersecting ridge roofs, giving the entire structure a U plan. The building was constructed shortly after Col. Blackinton built his own house in 1849. This double house was built for his sons. It is sheathed in clapboards painted white with two chimneys on the center section and one on each of the wings.

The center section facade is five bays wide with a wide entablature and two triangularly pedimented nine light dormers. Fenestration is 6/9 on the first story and 6/6 on the second. The center entrance is flanked by sidelights and headed by a five light transom. A one story, flat roof, open porch extends along the facade and continues around both corners to the facade entrances to each wing. It has a turned balustrade railing and plain support posts.

The two wings are each two bays wide and four bays deep. The southern end wing facade has a northern end entrance and two 6/6 windows on the first story headed by six light casements on the second. The northern end wing facade has a southern end

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entrance, two 6/6 windows, and two 6/6 triangularly pedimented dormers overhead. There is a 12 light entrance door topped by a fanlight with keystone at the eastern end of the south elevation. The rear (east) elevation of the southern wing has an enclosed glass porch with shed roof headed by a single window on the second story.

The rear elevation of the center section has two triangularly pedimented dormers.

The house contains 4 small staircases in addition to the main staircase in the central front entrance hall. There are 22 rooms.

The two story barn located to the rear of the house was built after 1877.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☒ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
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☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☒ INDUSTRY	☒ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1849 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Willard Blackinton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blackinton Houses are significant for their architecture and as a small area associated with the Blackinton family and their early 19th century industrial endeavors.

The present public Blackinton Park (#1) contains the site of a late 18th century gun shop which became the only shop in the village to produce shuttles for power looms in 1827. A grinding stone from the original shuttle shop marks the site of that building. Power was derived from the first water turbine in Attleboro on Blackinton Pond. The original dam used for water power still exists.

Attleboro was much involved in large textile manufacturing and was closely connected to the nearby Rhode Island textile industry. The property surrounding the site is maintained as a landscaped park with the pond, original dam, bridge and flag pole all given to the city in 1937 by the family of Attleboro's first mayor, Harold Sweet. The pond is stocked with trout each spring and is the site of an annual children's fishing derby.

Col. Willard Blackinton founded the shuttle shop in 1827. His 1849 house (#2) was occupied by two generations of his family. The Nerney family purchased the property in 1882 and has owned it for 3 generations. Col. Blackinton built and owned at least 3 other houses on the property. All but one have been demolished. Two of his sons, Charles and John, first occupied the Double House (#3) which was willed to their wives at the time of the Colonel's death in 1877. The house was owned by Blackinton descendants until 1936 when it was sold to Everett I. Perry.

The Blackinton family was prominent in community affairs from the time Attleboro was founded. Col. Blackinton played an important role not only in the textile industry, but also in the political life of the town. He held numerous town offices during his lifetime, was the first Postmaster of East Village, and was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and a State Senator. He was a director of the old Attleboro bank and the first president of the First National Bank until his death. He was a colonel in a trooper regiment.

Blackinton's sons carried on his shuttle business, later engaging in cotton thread manufacturing and the jewelry business. All were prominent in civic affairs.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Family Records, Newspaper clippings, Town and City Records.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 5½ acres

UTM REFERENCES - See map dated 6.15.78

A 19 310020 4646600
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE Ms. Blaine Mallory and Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor
Elizabeth Phillips, Ruth Nerney, Harold Washburn, Attleboro Hist. Comm.

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE March 2, 1978

STREET & NUMBER 294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE 617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN Boston

STATE 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.

Deputy Patricia West
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

3/23/78

TITLE Acting Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

DATE

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

Charles G. Brown
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: John M. Dwyer

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The Blackinton Houses are significant not only for their architecture and for their associations with persons important in Attleboro's past, but also as an example of early twentieth century town planning. As noted, the land surrounding the pond and adjacent to the houses was donated to the town by their first mayor in 1937. The subsequent creation of a park and the erection of a flagpole served to recognize the town's "colonial" past in an idealized setting. This was typical of other New England towns who were anxious to enhance their images and assert their age with town commons and white houses with green shutters. This concept was taken to an extreme in the town of North Andover, where, in 1880, the Village Improvement Society created an idealized town common by re-routing roads, removing "unsuitable" buildings and planting trees. (see nomination form for the North Andover Center Historic District)

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The Blackinton Houses and Park form a cohesive residential/industrial unit representing a locally prominent family and the origins of an important industry developed by that family. It includes the Col. Willard Blackinton House (2), the Double House (3) which he built for his sons Charles and John, a dam and remains of an early nineteenth century shuttle shop founded and operated by Col. Blackinton, and a park commemorated in the early twentieth century to honor Attleboro's "colonial" past. Part of the Bungay River and the Mill Pond have been included as the power source of the shuttle shop. The area behind property #2 has been included as a small area of open space which was a part of the original estate; the parking lot which appears in photo #11 forms a negligible part of that area.

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Blackinton Houses, Attleboro, Massachusetts

Geographical Data: Verbal Boundary Description

Starting at the northeast corner of the Blackinton Double Houses (#3) property; proceeding in a westerly direction for 176 feet to North Main Street; thence proceeding in a westerly direction across North Main Street; thence proceeding in a northerly direction for 46 feet to the northern property line of property #2; thence proceeding in a westerly direction for 358 feet along the property line of property #2; thence proceeding in a northerly direction for 145 feet along the property line of property #2; thence proceeding in a westerly direction for 362.5 feet to the rear property line of property #2; thence proceeding in a southerly direction for 197 feet to the river; thence proceeding in a southeasterly direction along the river to the southern property line of property #2; thence proceeding in an easterly direction for 470 feet; thence proceeding in a southerly direction for 37.5 feet; thence proceeding in a westerly direction for 90 feet; thence proceeding in a southerly direction for 70 feet to Blackinton Pond; thence proceeding in an easterly direction along Blackinton Pond to the southwestern edge of Memorial Bridge (#1-a); thence proceeding in a southeasterly direction along the bridge; thence proceeding along the southern edge of Blackinton Pond to the southwestern property line of property #1; thence proceeding in a southwesterly direction for 104 feet to the Branch Railroad; thence proceeding in an easterly direction along the Branch Railroad for 560 feet to North Main Street; thence proceeding in a northwesterly direction along North Main Street for 230 feet to Memorial Bridge; thence proceeding in a northeasterly direction along Memorial Bridge; thence proceeding in a northwesterly direction along Memorial Bridge; thence proceeding along the Bungay River to the eastern property line of property #3; thence proceeding in a northerly direction for 173.55 feet to the starting point.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Please refer to the attached map which is taken from the Attleboro assessor's series. The boundary is outlined in red. It includes city lot numbers 145, 146, 147, 149 (property #2); 3, 4 (property #3); 148, 151, 152 (property #1); town owned lot #148A; Blackinton Pond; and the portion of the Bungay River which runs parallel to property #2.

NORTH



Blackinton Houses
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BLACKINTON HOUSE
(#2)
200 NORTH MAIN

BLACKINTON
DOUBLE HOUSE (#3)
203-5-7 NORTH MAIN
(29,977 SQ. FT.)

BLACKINTON
PARK (#1)
(35,128 SQ. FT.)

BLACKINTON
POND

BLACKINTON

BRANCH

PARK

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NORTH MAIN STREET

ABANDONED ROAD

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POLE
(#16)

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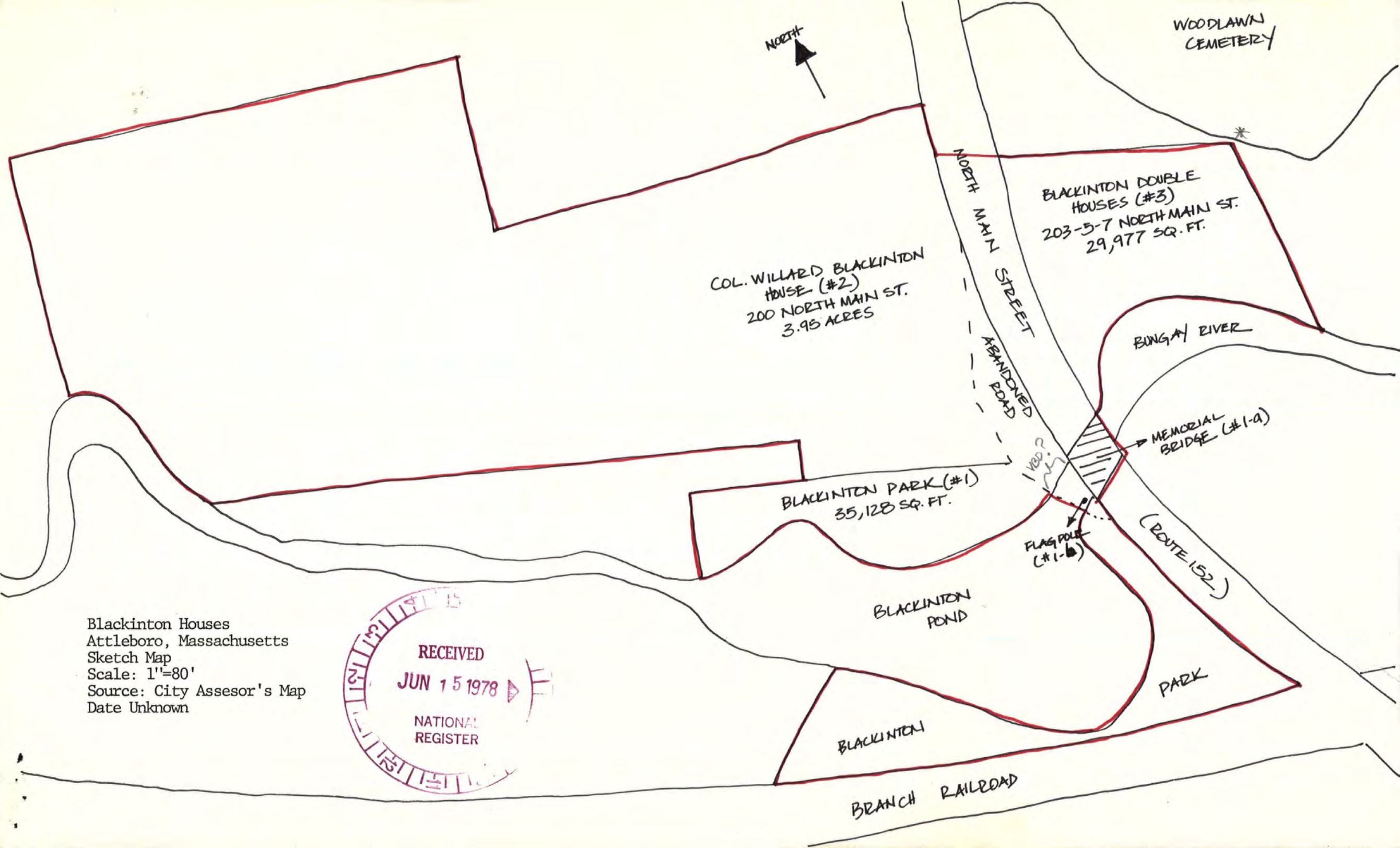
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NORTH MAIN STREET

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29,977 SQ. FT.

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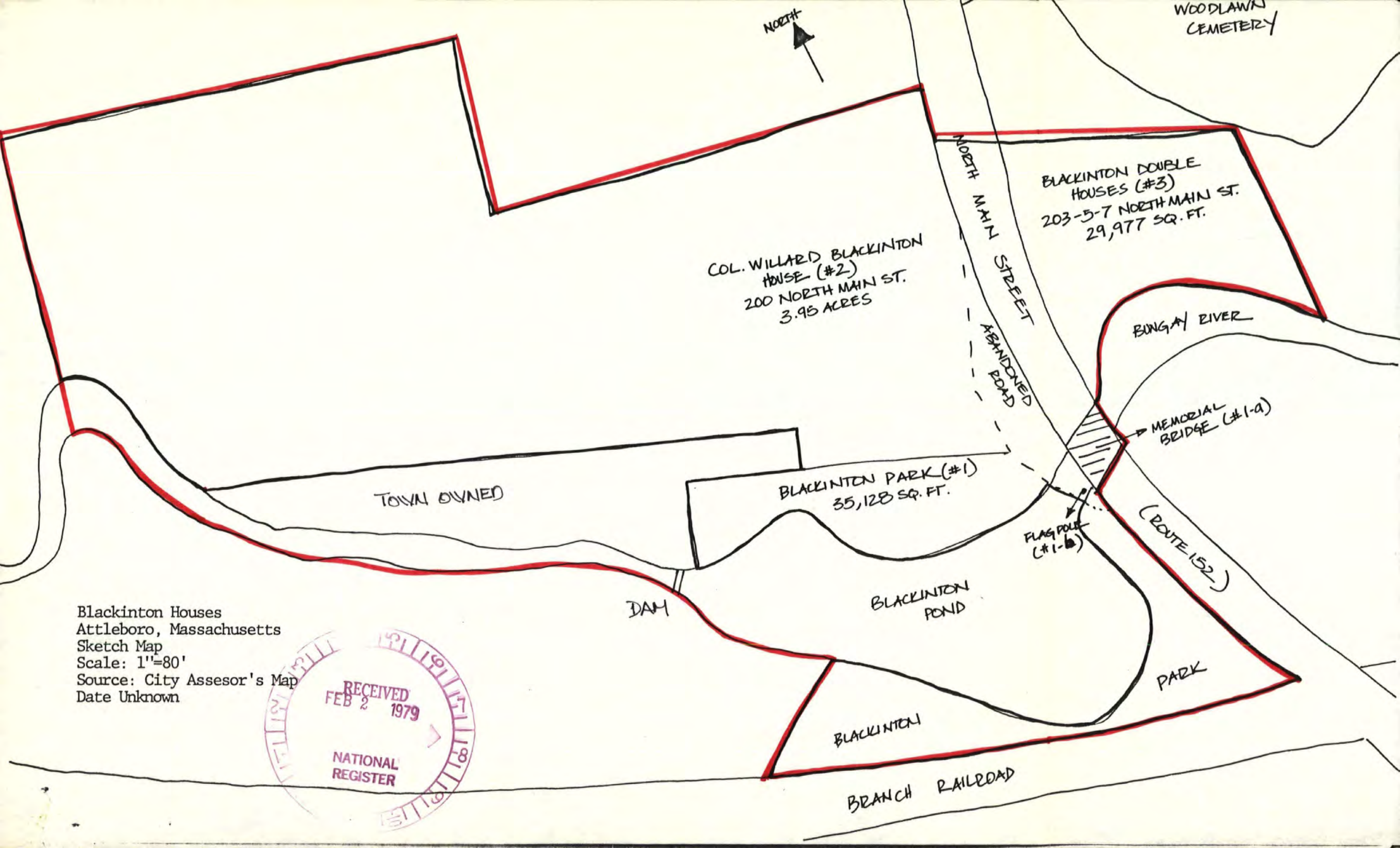
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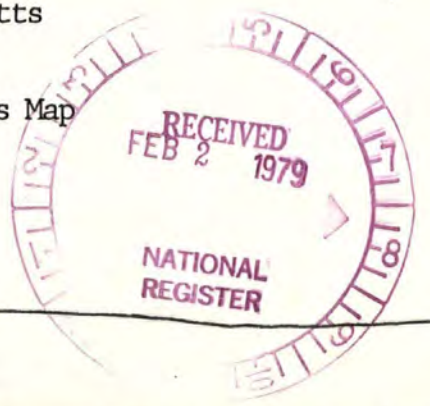
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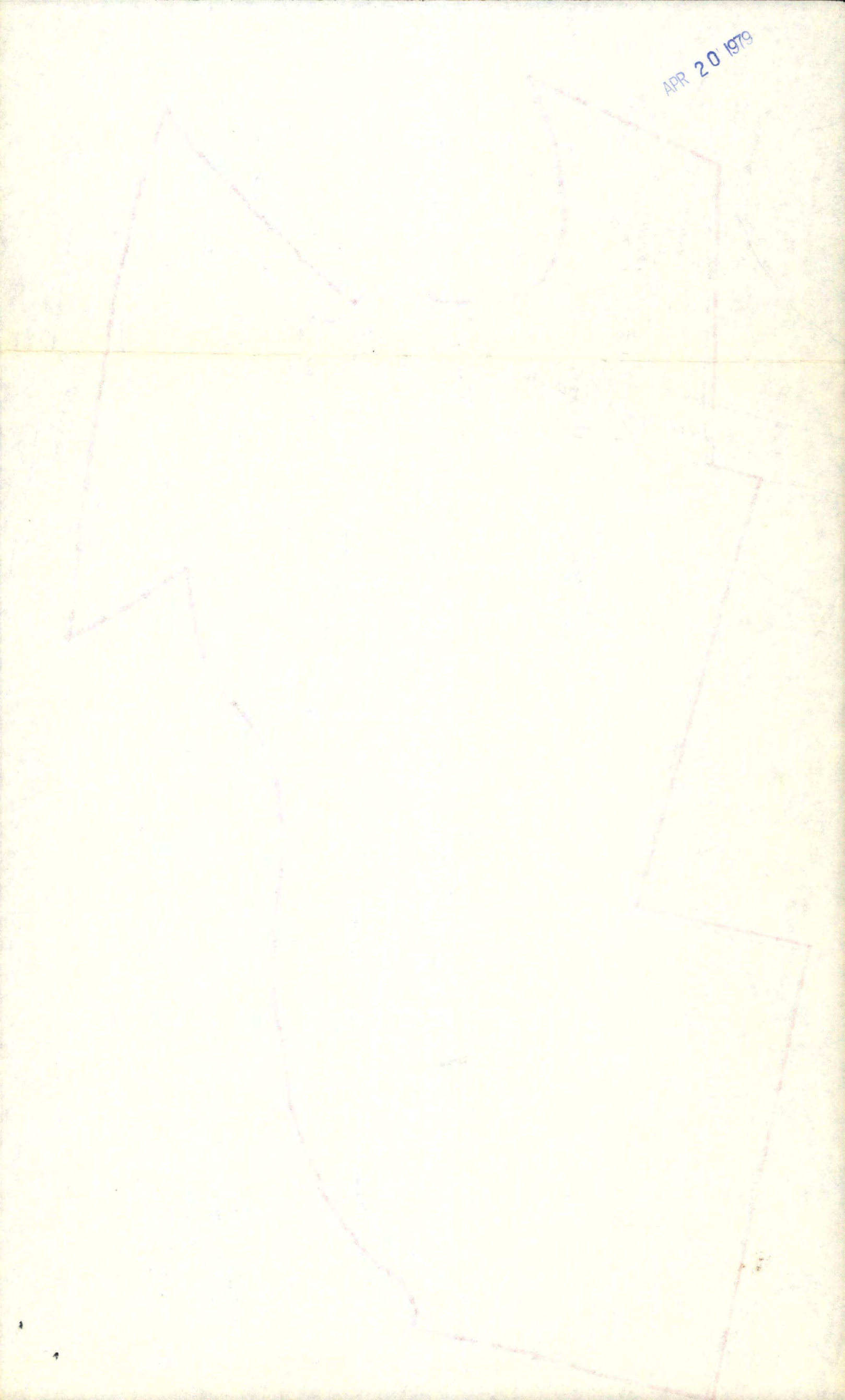
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Looking northeast at district

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East facade and south elevation of Col.

Willard Blackinton House (#2)

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West facade of Blackinton Double House (#3)

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42 Union Street, Attleboro

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Looking northeast toward Memorial Bridge
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Memorial Flag pole

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Dam on Blackinton Pond

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Looking northeast toward district

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Facade entrance to Col. Willard Blackinton
House (#2)

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East facade and north elevation of #2

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East facade and south elevation of #2

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West elevation of attachment to barn (#2)

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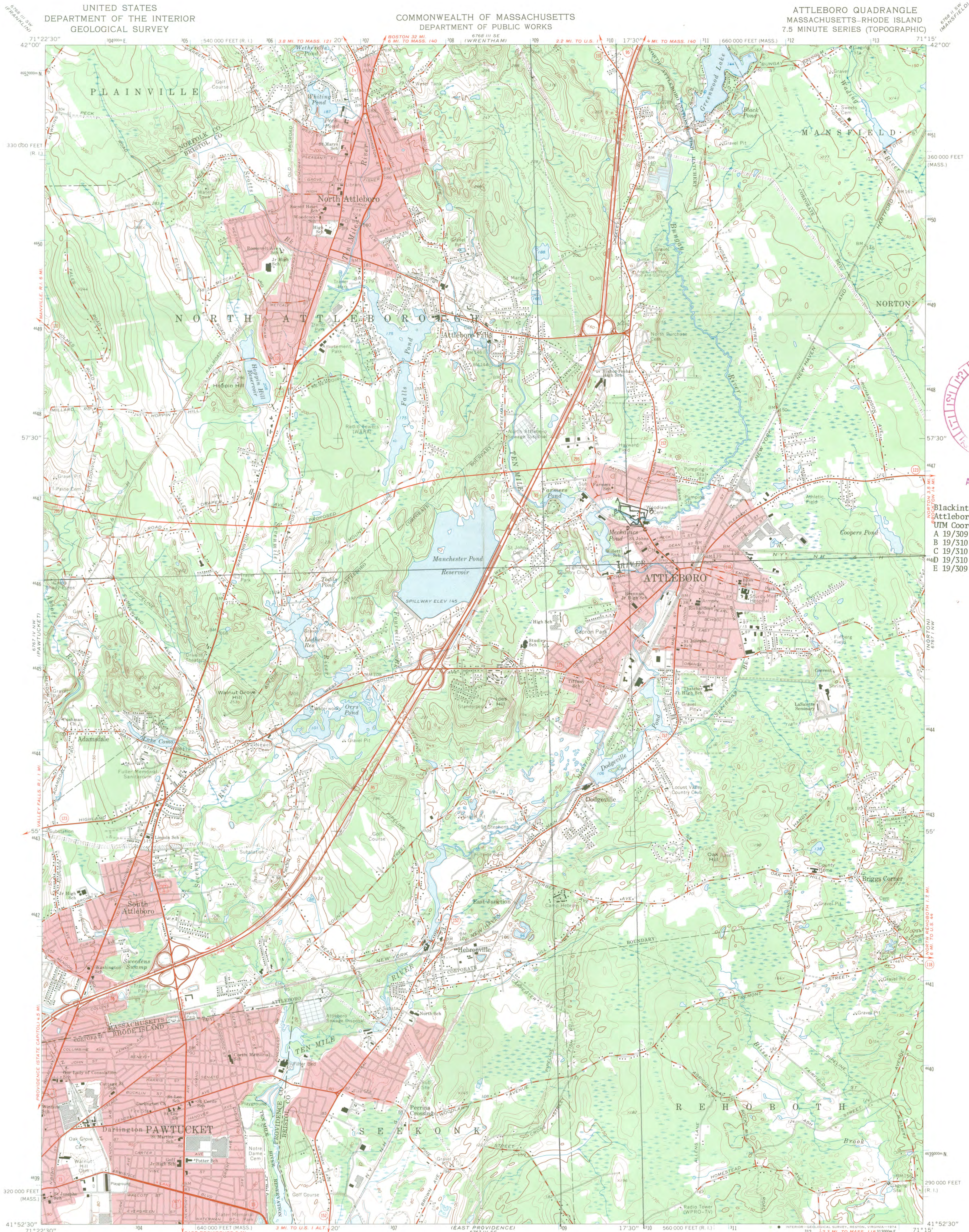
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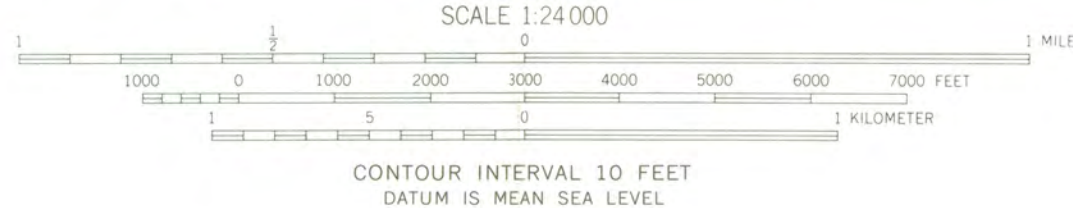
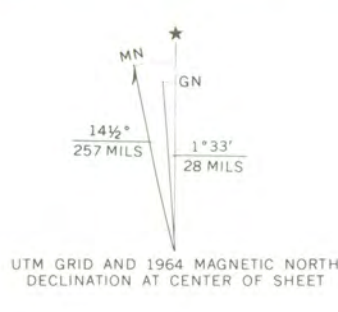
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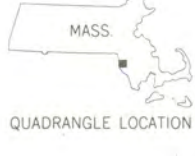
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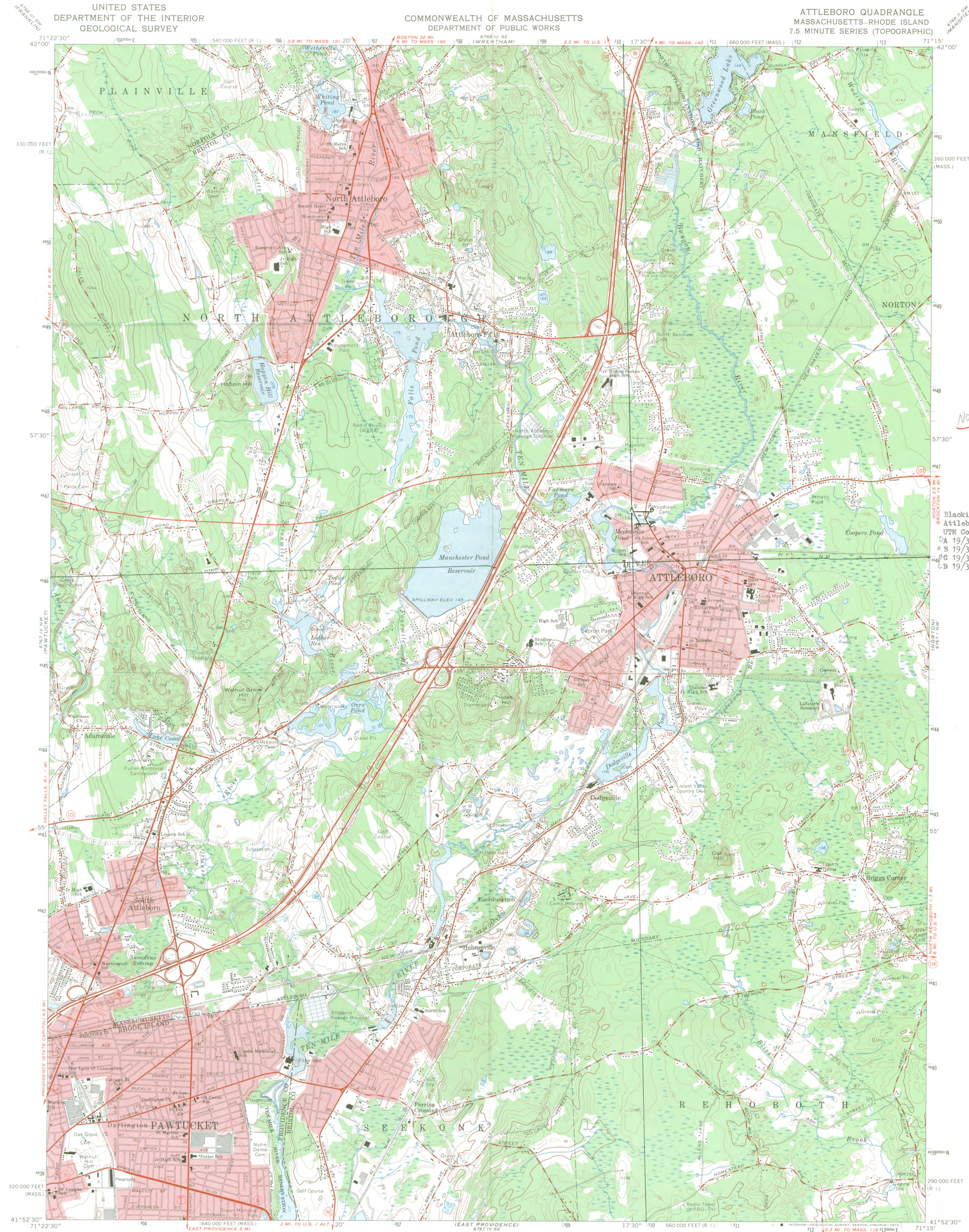
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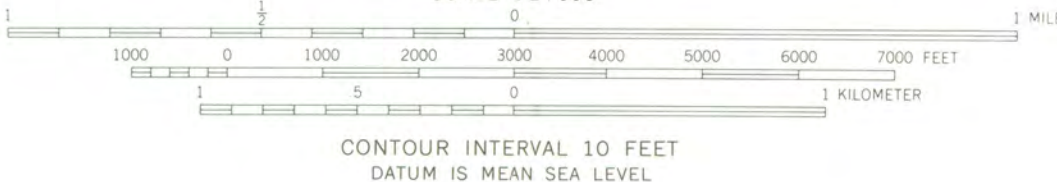
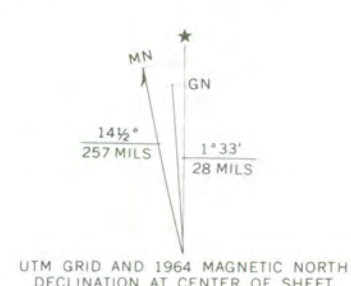
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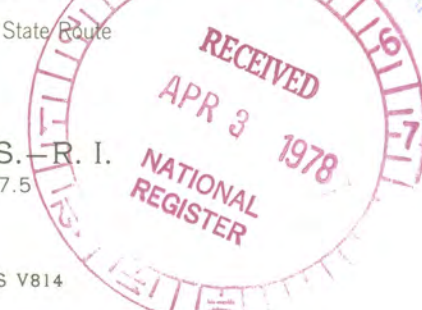


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Dear Property Owner:

The National Register is that list of evidences of the past deemed worthy of keeping for the future by the Secretary of the Interior. According to information submitted to the National Park Service by the State, you own property that has been nominated to the National Register which is pending review in our office.

Since you may not have been aware of the benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 when your property was nominated, we are sending informative material at this time which may supplement information you have already received from the State. If you wish to make comments about your property in light of the National Register "Criteria for Evaluation" (see enclosed green leaflet), we will be pleased to consider them. Comments should be made within 30 days of the date of this letter and should be addressed to Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Information concerning standards for rehabilitation (see information sheet) may be obtained from Technical Preservation Services, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Questions concerning the National Register program or the implementation of the historic preservation provisions of the Tax Reform Act should also be addressed to the Keeper of the National Register.

Inquiries must include the name of the property and address to be properly handled.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosures

William A. and Ruth P. Nerney
200 N. Main Street
Attleboro, MA 02703

Re: Blackinton Houses and Park



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

*Secretary of the
Commonwealth*

*294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108
(617) 727-8470*

June 12, 1978

National Register Office
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Attention: Joe Towner

Dear Mr. Towner:

Enclosed please find the additional/revised geographical material you requested for the Blackinton Houses, Attleboro, Massachusetts National Register nomination. I have completed the sketch map and written a corresponding verbal boundary description. I have revised the 5½ acre area boundaries accordingly on the USGS map and enclosed them within a five point identification system.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Blaine Mallory

Blaine Mallory
Grants Coordinator

enc.
/sbm



Joe / Bill

This nomination strikes me as being artificial.

Park #1 included as site of mill, w/ water supply for powering mill is excluded.

Neither park #2 nor the bridge + flagpole bear any relationship to houses, except that land owned by Blackinton.

Lebovich
9/18/78

Park #1 - not for commemorative.
Bridge + flagpole - less than 50, + commemorative.

How are parks related h'ly?
pond >
ind. archeol. potential?

If park #2
landscape, then pond is for

What is justf. for
park #2?

What other adjacent
resources?

Photo of how concrete addition
is attached to barn.
Where Dam?

Re: Blackinton Houses + Park
200 + 207 North Main St.
Attleboro Mass.

Nov 25, 1978

Hi 34-880

Mrs. William A. Nerney

200 North Main Street

Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703



status

Dear Dr. Murtagh

In regard to your form letter of April 11, 1978, we are wondering how we stand and if our house and Blackinton Park are still being considered for the National Register.

A new book "History of Attleboro" is about to go to the printers, and if we are eligible for the National Register we would be proud to have this information included.

I would appreciate a reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Ruth J. Nerney
(Mrs. William)

200 N. Main St

P.O. Box 300

Attleboro, Mass.

02703

P.S. Please find enclosed
a stamped, addressed
envelope for your
convenience R.S.N.

returned to SAFO 11-16-78

Blackinton Houses + Park, 4/18/78



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

(617) 727-8470

November 28, 1978

Mr. William Brabham
National Register Branch
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Mr. Brabham,

The Massachusetts Historical Commission believes that the Blackinton Houses and Park form a cohesive residential/industrial unit representing a locally prominent family and the origins of an important industry. The contributing components of this nomination include the Col. Willard Blackinton House (2), the Double House (3) which he built for his sons Charles and John, as well as the dam and physical remains of an early nineteenth century shuttle shop founded and operated by Col. Blackinton. All retain their integrity, and together, meet National Register criteria A,B,C and D.

Your specific questions concerning the unity of this nomination are addressed as follows:

1. We agree that the water supply for powering the mill should be included in the nomination. The boundary has been adjusted to include the mill pond.
2. There is only one park (1) included in the nomination. Its significance is as an early industrial site owned and operated by the Blackinton family. It includes visible evidence of the shuttle shop and the original dam used for its water power; in addition evidence of associated outbuildings may be revealed by sub-surface testing.
3. As noted in the nomination, the land on which the mill site is located was donated to the town as a park in 1937, and a bridge and flagpole were erected. While this use has probably been instrumental in the preservation of the site, it is not considered to contribute to its significance, nor are the bridge and flagpole considered integral components.

Mr. Brabham (2)

4. There are no other structures or sites in the immediate area which contribute to the significance of this nomination as a residential/industrial complex which was maintained by one family and retains the integrity of that social unit.

If the Registration branch has questions on other Massachusetts nominations currently under review, the Massachusetts Historical Commission requests the courtesy of a phone call to discuss any problems before the nomination is returned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candace Jenkins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Candace Jenkins
National Register Coordinator
Massachusetts Historical Commission

12/28/78

Blackington Houses & Park.

I do not know why my questions about landscape architecture & industrial archeology were not asked of rhp on ~~the~~ return sheet. These categories are used in a facile manner to justify a 1930's park, & I think we should have been more rigorous.

They beg the question of other resources in their letter of 11/28/78, para. 4, where they define away any other potential resources by insisting on original concept of resource. I am less satisfied than b/w w/ boundaries.

On the other hand, they have agreed to new acreage, to include water power source (the pond), and have defended ~~the~~ flagpole as 19th mill site. If this is sufficient, then I defer to Bill Brabham & Bill Lebovich. We do, of course, need new sketch map, VBD, & acreage for pond ... and, possibly, new property owner...?

Joe

- 1) Commemorative sites or objects, ~~are~~ and those less than 50 yrs. old, are not normally eligible. What is the justification (in terms of NR criteria) for including flagpole? Memorial bridge? Blackington Park?
2) If Parks are to be included for their landscape architecture values, are these values ~~is~~ recent or historic? If they can be defended, then why not include pond, too, as integral element of landscape?
- 3) Where is the dam and/or water power source for the mill?
- 4) Does park have potential for industrial archeology?
- 5) What other resources exist in area? What is in SE corner of Bungay River / Route 152? On both sides of No. Main St. north of houses? And between Blackington House #2 and Branch RR to south (E of parks)?
- 6) How is modern concrete shop addition attached to 19th barn? Please provide photo
- 7) Please identify all existing structures on sketchmaps.

Bill Brabham - these are possible questions. Please give Lebrich your reaction.
Thanks, Joe

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: BLACKINTON HOUSES AND PARK

TO/FROM: CANDY JENKINS

DATE: 1/18/79

ADDRESS: MISS SHPO

PHONE:

STAFF MEMBER: MR. DONALD

DIVISION: D.P.

REPORT:

REQUESTED BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION AND A NEW MAP.

I QUESTIONED THE INCLUSION OF THE WESTERN END OF THE NOMINATION.
AS IT ALL PARKING LOT? HAS IT RETAINED INTEGRITY.

I ASKED THAT THEY SUPPORT INCLUSION OF THE PARK ON THE BASIS
OF LANDSCAPE VALUES. THEY WILL INCLUDE THE MILL POND IN
THE ~~NOMINATION~~ NOMINATION. SHE WILL REVISE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE.

SHE IS AWARE OF THE MAXIMUM 1 MONTH HOLD.



HAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
SECRETARY OF STATE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Secretary of State

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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ary 26, 1979

Charles Herrington
f
onal Register Branch
ce of Archeology and Historic Preservation
artment of the Interior
hington, D.C. 20240

n: Bruce McDougal

r Mr. Herrington:

losed is a revised map and verbal boundary description for the Old North Andover
ter Historic District. The intrusions lettered C,D,E,G,J,K, and L, all of which
nd on the edges of the district, have been drawn out. Please delete these from
r copy of the property owners list.

revised map is also enclosed for the Blackinton Houses in Attleboro as well as a
continuation sheet to section #8.

you have any questions please let me know.

ncerely,

Dandace Jenkins

Dandace Jenkins
tional Register Coordinator
ssachusetts Historical Commission

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4/8

Bill -

I THINK THAT THIS
IS CLEARLY LISTABLE.

SOME OF OUR EARLIER QUESTIONS
WERE FRANKLY MISINTERPRETATIONS
OF THE NOMINATION. WE
WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS
LISTING IT IF IT WERE ONLY
2 HOUSES AND ASSOCIATED
LANDS. THE "PARK" WHICH
IS IN REALITY ONLY A
SMALL PART OF THE AREA IS



JUSTIFIED IN TERMS OF HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION. I HAVE NO
PROBLEMS WITH ACCEPTING
THE HOUSES + PARK AS A
UNIT.

Bruce

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 20 1979

Name

Location

Academy Historic District

Wilbraham
Hampden County

Blackinton Houses and Park

Attleboro
Bristol County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul G. Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Edward P. Boland
Honorable Margaret M. Heckler

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR Byers/bjr 4/27/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM

PM

1. CALL ☒ TO; ☐ FROM (Name)

Mass. SHPO

Ms Blaine Mallory

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

617-727-8470

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Blackinton Houses & Park, Attleboro

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Will put together requested materials w/
help of local people & send to NR.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Joe Towns

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Blackinton Houses and Park		② OTHER NAMES: Blackintonville		③ date of entry: APR 20 1979	④ county code: 05
⑤ LOCATION street & number N. Main St.		city / town Attleboro	vicinity of MA	county Bristol	⑥ NPS REGION: NA
⑦ OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☒ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)		⑧ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ HVL ⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO ⑪ CONGRESS DISTRICT 10th		⑨ ADMINISTRATOR: SHPO staff	
⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT: ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑫ ACREAGE ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
⑮ CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ fair ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated		⑯ features ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7		☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-6	
⑰ ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		⑱ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑲ SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☐ no	
⑳ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC-1 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-SCIENCE-5 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ART-5		☐ ENGINEERING-17 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-17 ☐ HEALTH-21 ☐ INDUSTRY-12 ☐ INVENTION-14		☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH-15 ☐ LAW-18 ☐ LITERATURE-11 ☐ MILITARY-12 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-28	
㉑ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		㉒ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:		㉓ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION	
㉔ architectural style(s):		㉕ architect:		㉖ master builder:	
㉗ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉘ interior decorator:		㉙ artist:	
㉚ artisan:		㉛ builder/contractor:		㉜ engineer:	
㉝ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:					

㉞ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP