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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

**

Pest House

(Cephaim Patter House)

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

153 Fairhaven Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Concord

VICINITY OF

5th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

017

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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Phillip Corzine

STREET & NUMBER

153 Fairhaven Road

CITY, TOWN

Concord

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01742

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

208 Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Massachusetts 02141

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pest House is a simple eighteenth century farmhouse that stands on a triangular shaped lot at the intersection of Fairhaven Road and Route 2. The house faces Fairhaven Road, a small residential thoroughfare and is protected from the traffic on Route 2 by a tall hedge. It is surrounded by a large lawn, several mature trees and trimmed shrubbery which combine to create a rural setting. Diagonally across from the house, on the opposite side of Route 2, is a small cemetery.

It is a two and one half story wood frame structure, built upon a low fieldstone foundation. The facade of the house is symmetrical and of five bays. It is composed of six over six windows that are flanked by fluted shutters and a central doorway. The wooden door is graced with sidelights and topped with a simple entablature. The house is covered with four inch clapboard and has a ridge roof.

A large dormer has been built into the roof off of the rear of the house, making the house's back elevation a full three stories. A modern one story, one room addition also extends from the rear of the house. The roof of the addition is ridged, and casement windows and sliding glass doors light the room.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pest House is significant for the role it played in the medical history of the town of Concord. In 1792, when an outbreak of smallpox occurred, this house, then known as the Ephraim Potter House, was used as the local hospital.

Throughout the eighteenth century the fear of an outbreak of smallpox plagued the New England towns. When the first case of the disease was discovered in Concord in 1792, one hundred and thirty people were inoculated. However, the disease spread to several other houses in the town and a hospital was needed to treat the victims. The Potter House was chosen, in part because Sarah Potter was already infected with smallpox; and those stricken were brought there to be treated by the town's three doctors. In all, ten people died in the outbreak, two from inoculation and eight from contagion. The dead were buried in the small cemetery which is located across from the house, on the opposite side of Route 2. This cemetery was set up especially for the victims of the 1792 outbreak of smallpox, "it being considered improper to enter them in the usual ground."

The Pest House is a well-preserved reminder of this era of medical history in the town of Concord.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Shattuck, Lemuel, History of Concord and Adjacent Towns, 1835

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 9	3, 0, 5, 8, 8, 0	4, 7, 0, 1, 9, 4, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Andrea M. Gilmore, Polly Herrall

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

July 1976

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amason

TITLE

Executive Director Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

8/5/76

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

CHIEF

James L. [Signature]

DATE

4/18/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]

DATE

3.18.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Pest House

Middlesex

State Mass. Working Number 8.23.76.3995

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
8.24.76

Date? Other history of house?
Who was Ephraim Potter?
No architectural significance?

HISTORIAN

CALL - ACCEPT
Liversidge
1 N 76

My only question is whether or not the
cemetery is included

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
M. Kury
11-12-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Acting
BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Cole
11/22/76

KEEPER

Thompson
for Muntz
3. 18. 77

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered APR 18 1977
Federal Register Entry 6-7-77 Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



Pest House
Concord, MA
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works
1975

100 Nashua St., Boston, MA
Facade of the house, facing east.

Photo #1 of 4

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Pest House

Concord, MA

Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works

1975

100 Nashua St., Boston, MA

South elevation of the house

Photo #2 of 4

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House - rear elevation, looking east
Pest House
Concord, MA
Massachusetts Dept. of Works
1975

100 Nashua St., Boston, MA

Rear of the house, facing west, showing
the dormer and one story addition

Photo #3 *of 4*

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*2nd house, looking south west, front and north east side all shown
2 in background.*

Pest House
Concord, MA
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works
1975

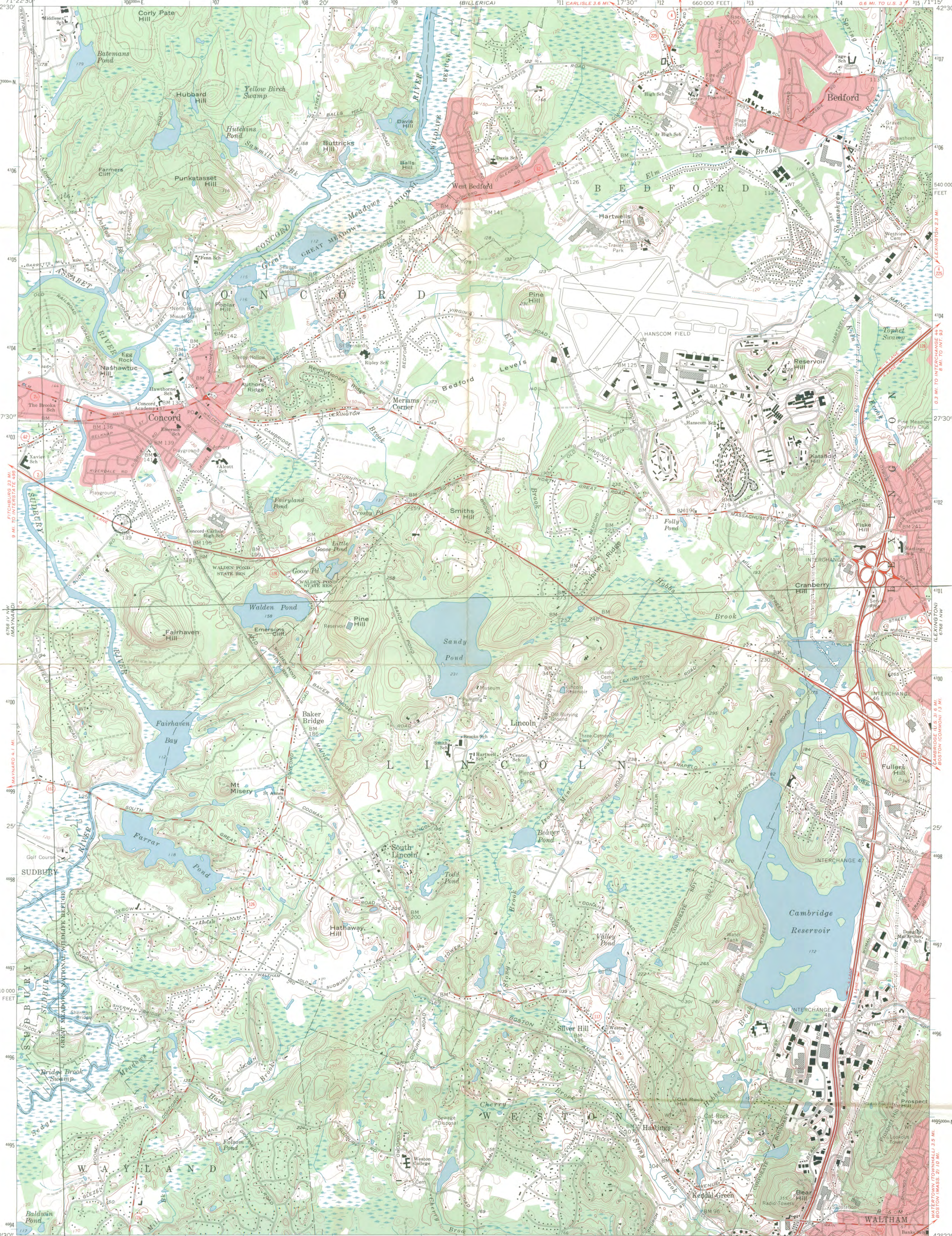
100 Nashua St., Boston, MA
North side of the house and north side of
the addition.

Photo #4 *of 4*

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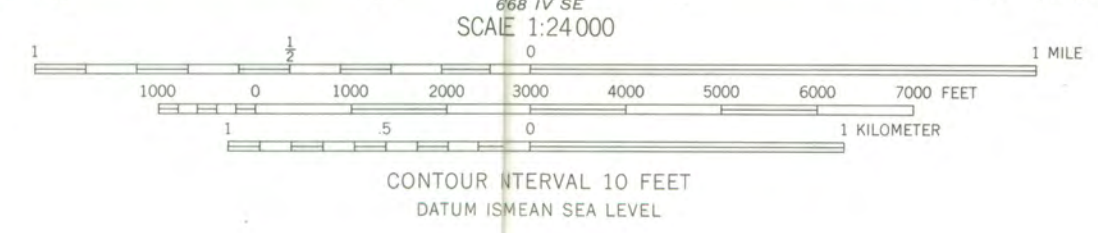
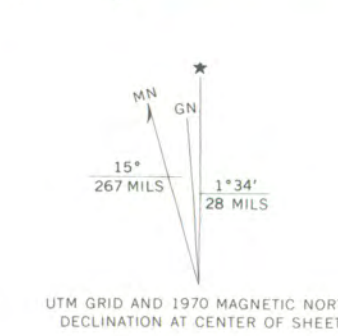
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Pest House
Concord, MA
19305880/4701940
860

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

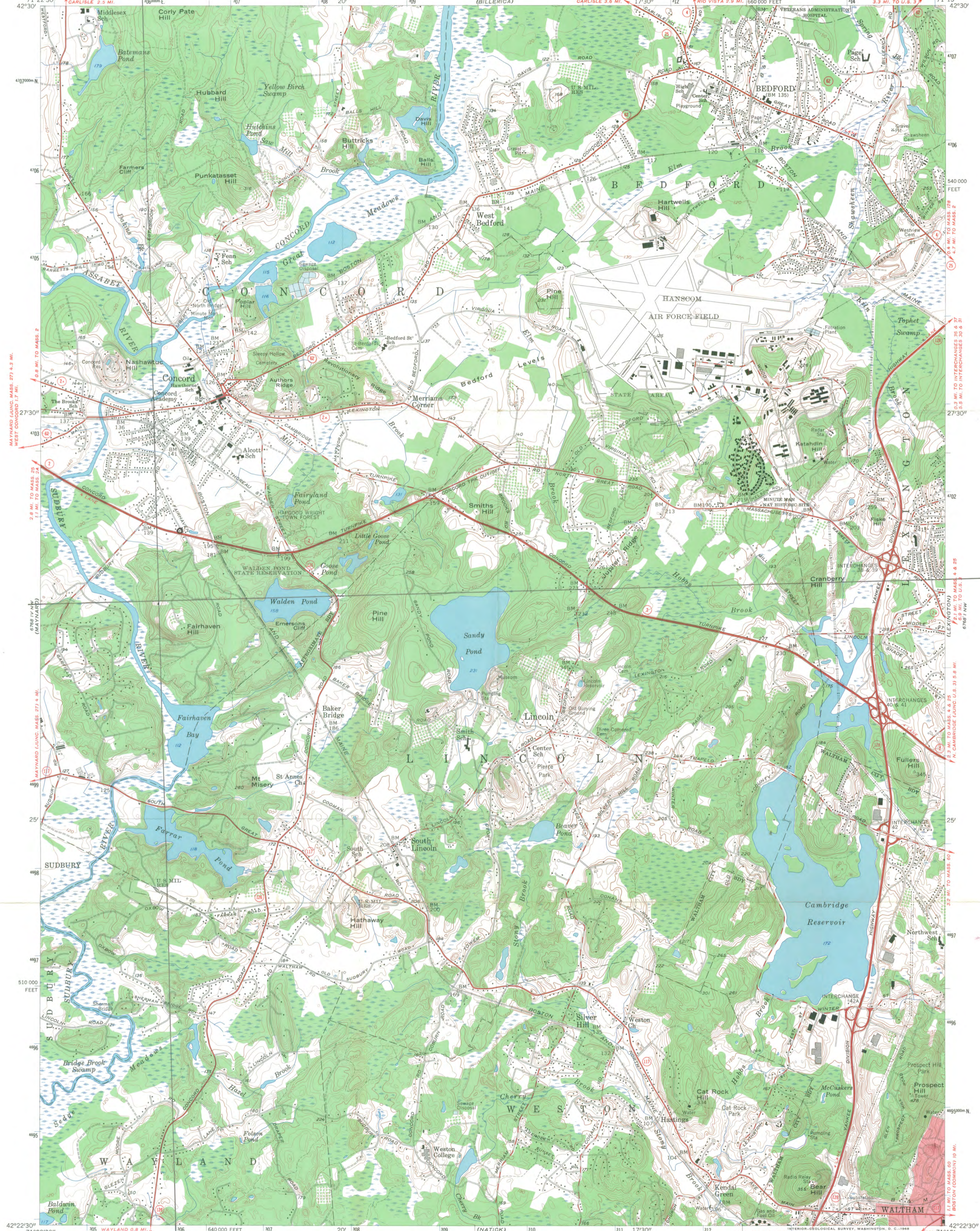


ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Interstate
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
U. S. Route
State Route

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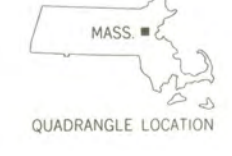
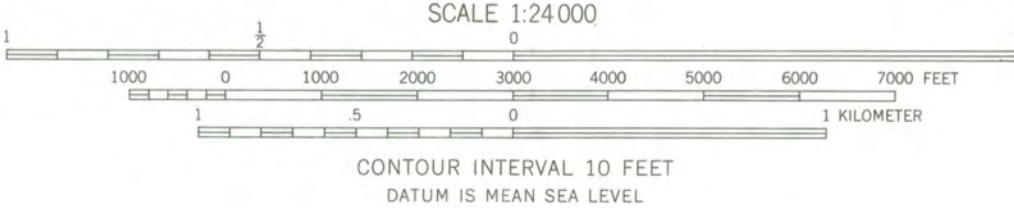
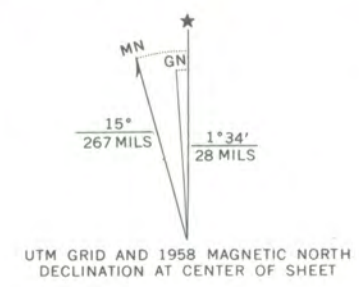
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FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

CONCORD, MASS.
N4222.5—W7115.75
1970
AMS 6768 IV NE—SERIES V814



Pest House
153 Fairhaven Road
Concord, MA
UTM References:
19/306260/4701800

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1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
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Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown



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Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

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CONCORD, MASS
N4222.5-W7115.7/5



1958
AMS 6768 IV NE-SERIES V814

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 18 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Day, Fred Holland, House	Norwood Norfolk County
Fast House	Concord Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. John J. Moakley
Hon. Paul Tsongas
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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

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LEXINGTON, MA.
W. 7,400

Mass
Hist.

MAY 12 1977

New
England
Newsclip

'Pest House' nominated for nat'l. register

The Pest House, 153 Fairhaven rd., Concord, nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, has been accepted, State Secretary Paul Guzzi. Chairman of the Commission, has been informed by Gary Everhardt, Director of the National Park Service in the United States Department of the Interior.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Secretary of the
Commonwealth

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

(617) 727-8470

July 28, 1978

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration Branch
National Register
OAHP,
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Washington, D.C. 02040



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Please note the changes which should be made to the following National Register forms:

Boston: Kittredge House
- change address to 10 Linwood Street, Roxbury, MA

✓ Concord: Pest House
- change UTM coordinates to: 19/306260/4701800

Natick: Natick Center Historic District
- # 10 Harwood Baseball Shop
- change owner to: Village Realty Development
- #3 Clark's Block
- change owner to: Arnold Zaltas

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
National Register Coordinator
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CJ/lh

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 1 N 76
Reviewer INITIALS: S
NR DOE APR 18 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Pest House

OTHER NAMES: Ephraim Potter House

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 153 Fairhaven Rd.
CITY, TOWN Concord CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th
STATE Massachusetts VICINITY OF 025 COUNTY code Middlesex 017

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

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- HOUSE
now- same

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal Ephraim Potter
Sarah Potter

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 18th C.

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

less than 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Fieldstone foundation, frame, clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, gabled roof, exterior rear chimney, wide rear end dormer; ~~1-story~~ ^{recent} 1-story rear addition. Colonial elements. Served as local hospital during 1792 smallpox. ~~concord~~

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

This house was used as the hospital in the 1792 smallpox outbreak in Concord.