

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

**

Reverend Samuel Woodward House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

19 Concord Road

CITY, TOWN

Weston

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

X NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. F. Jared Sprole

STREET & NUMBER

19 Concord Road

CITY, TOWN

Weston

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02193

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

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1974

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY 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 Reverend Samuel Woodward House sits on a knoll facing south onto Concord Road. It is situated on two acres of land, and as yet has not been encroached upon by the nearby business center of town.

Records indicate that Reverend Samuel Woodward purchased a parcel of land in Weston from William Smith in 1752. The following year Woodward married Abigail Williams and took his bride to their new home. There is evidence that he incorporated into his house an older structure formerly owned by William Smith. An examination by Abbott Lowell Cummings, Director of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, has shown that the rear portion of the house has summer beams not found after 1750 and that the older house was probably of the central chimney type.

Although the Woodward House has undergone several changes, its present appearance remains relatively the same as when Reverend Woodward occupied it. The two-story, clapboard building is five bays wide and has a central projecting enclosed entrance. The house sits on a low fieldstone foundation, and its ridge roof is pierced in the center by a brick chimney.

According to an early account of the house, an east ell was added to the house some time during the occupancy of Dr. Amos Bancroft (1797-1810). In the late nineteenth century it appears that Mrs. Augustus Fiske had this wing moved to 83 Concord Road, and built the present west ell in which there was a large ballroom. Although an atlas of 1875 does not show this ell, a sketch of 1882 does include the addition. In 1915 the west ell was moved about ten feet farther west during repairs being made on the house. A one-story kitchen ell was built next to it in the 1960's. A second-floor bathroom perched in the corner where this wing joins the west ell is an obvious twentieth century addition.

A Victorianization of the house occurred in the late nineteenth century when a covered porch was added to the west side of the house and an open porch on the front. The windows were also altered. In the 1920's Mrs. Gardiner Fiske had the porches removed and the windows replaced with copies of the originals which had nine-over-nine sash.

The Woodward barn was taken down in the 1850's and replaced by another which was, in turn, taken down about 1899. Today the only outbuilding is a small garage to the east of the house.

The interior of the Woodward House retains much of its original detail. Abbott Cummings has commented on the paneling with its fine bolection molding in the southeast room as well as the gunstock posts and feather-edged sheathing on the second floor. The front staircase and its paneling are largely unspoiled.

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

1753

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reverend Samuel Woodward House is significant as a relatively unspoiled example of eighteenth century architecture and as the home of a number of families significant in the history of Weston.

Reverend Samuel Woodward, who built the house in 1753, was the second minister of the First Parish Church in Weston. A graduate of Harvard in 1748, he was ordained in 1751 when he was only twenty-four years of age. In 1753 Woodward married Abigail Williams and the two moved into the house on Concord Road, which is said to be a copy of the Samuel Harrington House on South Street in Waltham. Not long after their marriage, the minister and his wife began to take in young students as boarders and from time to time kept the schoolmaster as well. This increased their income which was a necessity as the parsonage was not furnished by the Town.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY two acres

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 Dorothy F. Ellis, Weston Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

May 18, 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 X

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 Amadon

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

May 18, 1976

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

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/8/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/7/74

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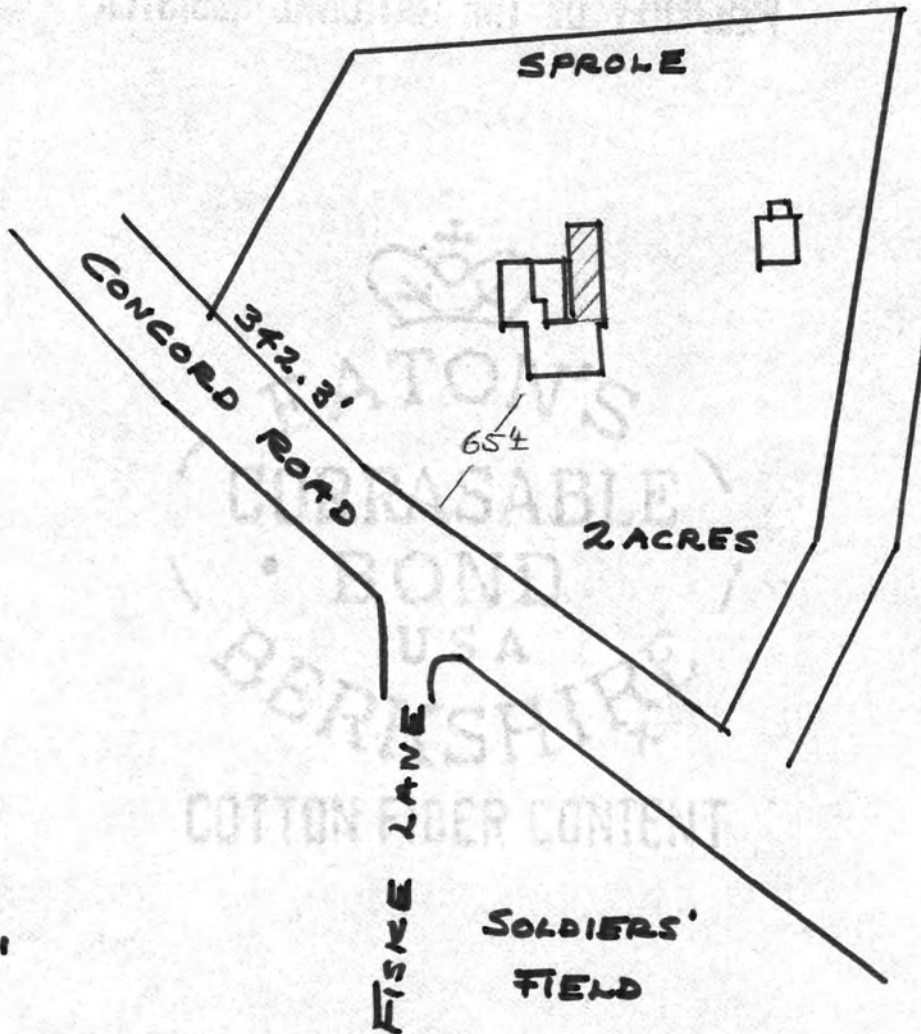
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FORMER WING
MOVED AWAY



SCALE:
1"=100'

REV. SAMUEL WOODWARD HOUSE

WESTON TOWN ATLAS - 1975

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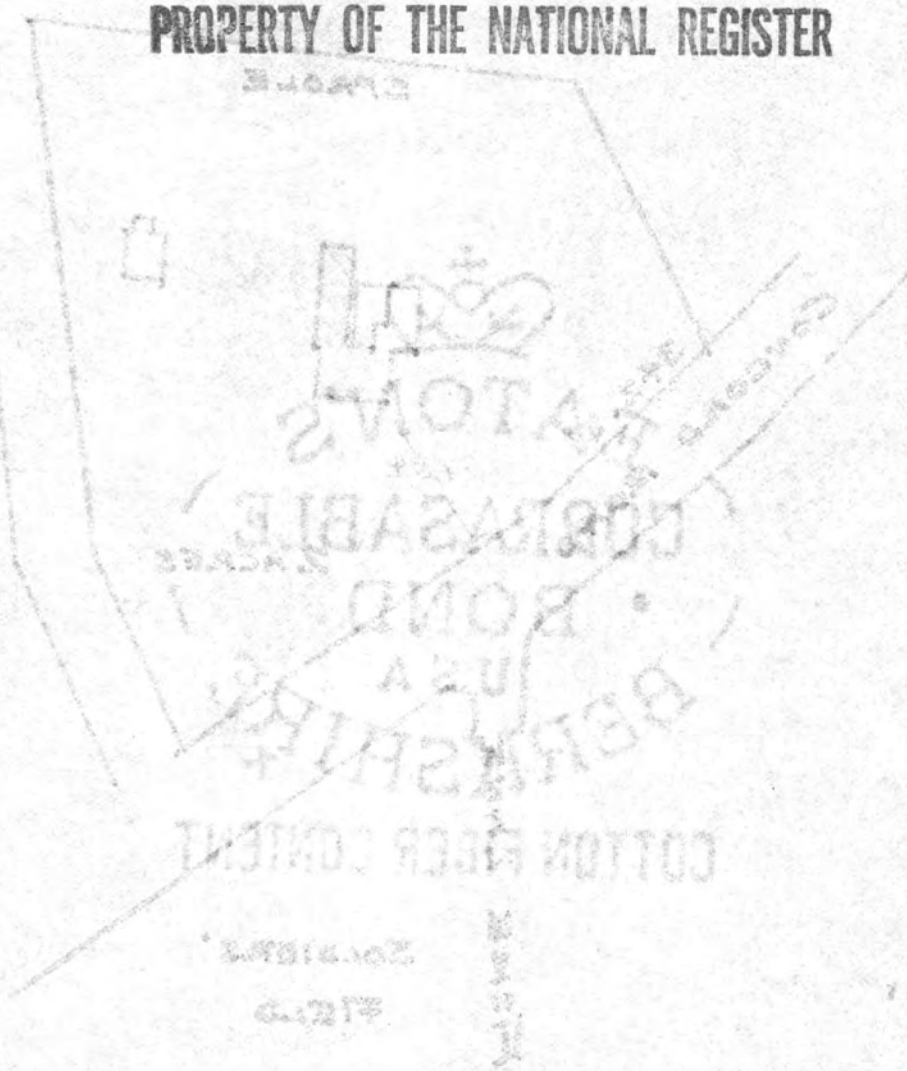
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Woodward, Rev. Samuel, House
Middlebury Co., Vt.

Loc.

sketch map

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Property

Woodward, Rev. Samuel, House

State Massachusetts

Working Number 5.26.76.3491

Middlesex

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 1 sketch

CONTROL

OK ^{pl} 5.26.76

HISTORIAN

accept
F. Grosvenor
7/1/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
H. W. Hume
8/20/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
W. R. Hume
10/4/76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Wm
10/2/76

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Federal Register Entry

12-7-76

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REV. SAMUEL WOODWARD
FRONT VIEW HOUSE
SOUTHEAST CORNER

Reverend Samuel Woodward House
Weston, MA *Middlesex Co.*
Dorothy F. Ellis, photographer
April 1975
Weston Historical Commission, Weston Town
Hall, Weston, MA 02193
Facing northwest, looking at facade.

Photograph #1

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REV. SAMUEL WOODWARD HOUSE
NORTHEAST CORNER

Reverend Samuel Woodward House
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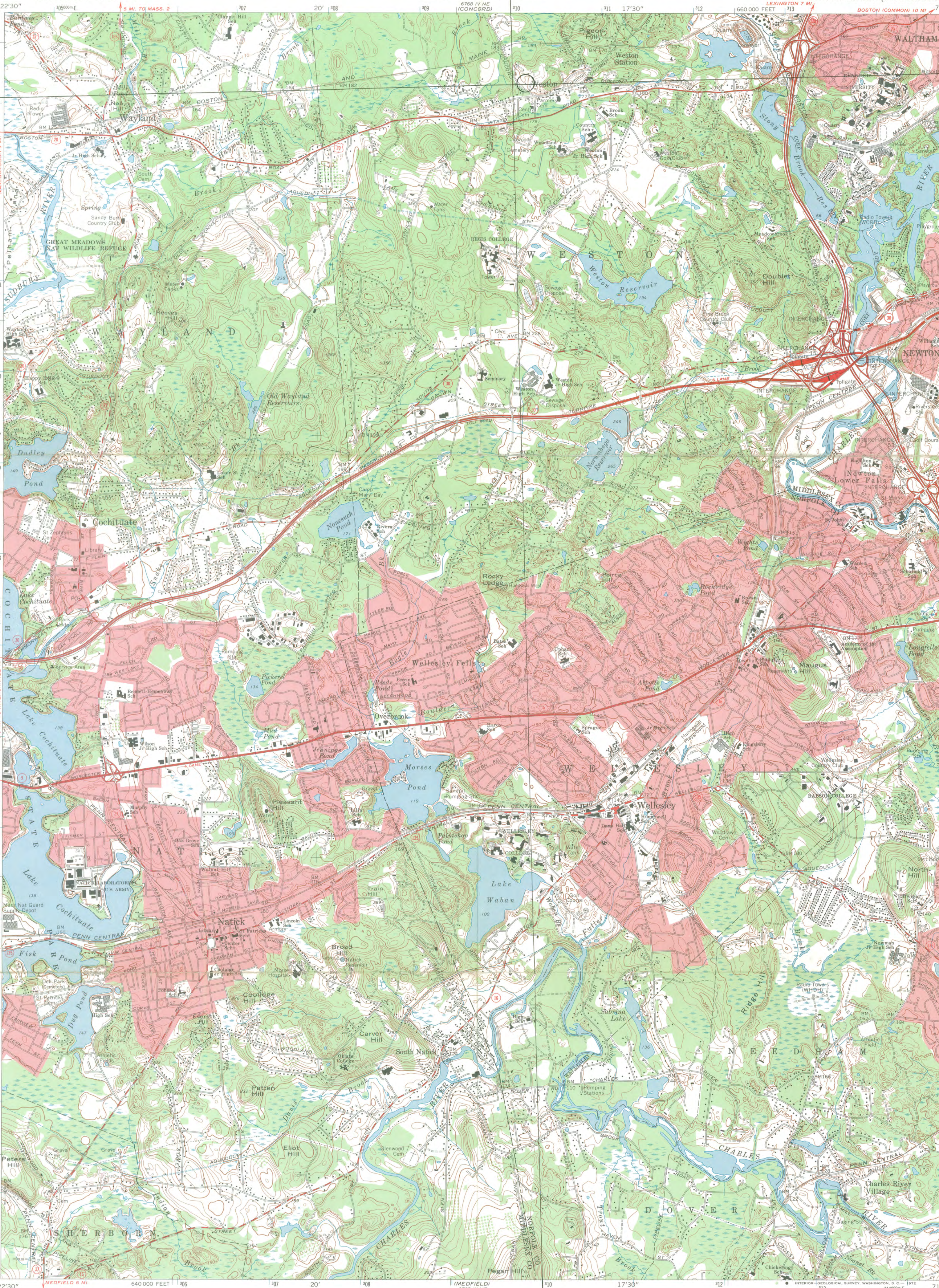
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Weston Historical Commission, Weston Town
Hall, Weston, MA 02193

Facing southwest, looking at rear and
west wing.

Photograph #2

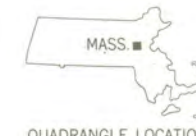
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Topography by planetable surveys 1940-1941
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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



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

NATICK, MASS.
N4215-W7115/7.5

1970

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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered OCT 8 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Shrewsbury Historic District	Shrewsbury Worcester County
Old City Hall	Malden Middlesex County
Lancaster Industrial School for Girls	Lancaster vicinity Worcester County
Woodward, Rev. Samuel, House	Weston Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Edward W. Brooke	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Anadon
Hon. Joseph D. Early	Executive Director
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald	Massachusetts Historical Commission
Hon. Robert F. Drinan	294 Washington Street
Regional Director, North Atlantic Region	Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Woodward House accepted for National Historic register

Rev. Samuel Woodward House, 19 Concord Rd., Weston, 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.

Previously this year the Benjamin Harrington House (about 1710) 555 Wellesley St. was included in the National Register.

The Woodward House is significant as a relatively unspoiled example of 18th century architecture and as the home of a number of families important in the history of Weston. It sits on a knoll facing South onto Concord Rd. on two acres of land, as yet not encroached upon by the nearby business center of town, officials said.

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Middlesex

1753 Woodward House is on Historic Register

The Rev. Samuel Woodward House, 19 Concord rd., built in 1753 and occupied for most of the past century by the Fiske family, has been accepted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, according to State Secretary Paul Guzzi, chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The house is significant as an example of 18th century architecture and as the home of families who played leading roles in the history of Weston.

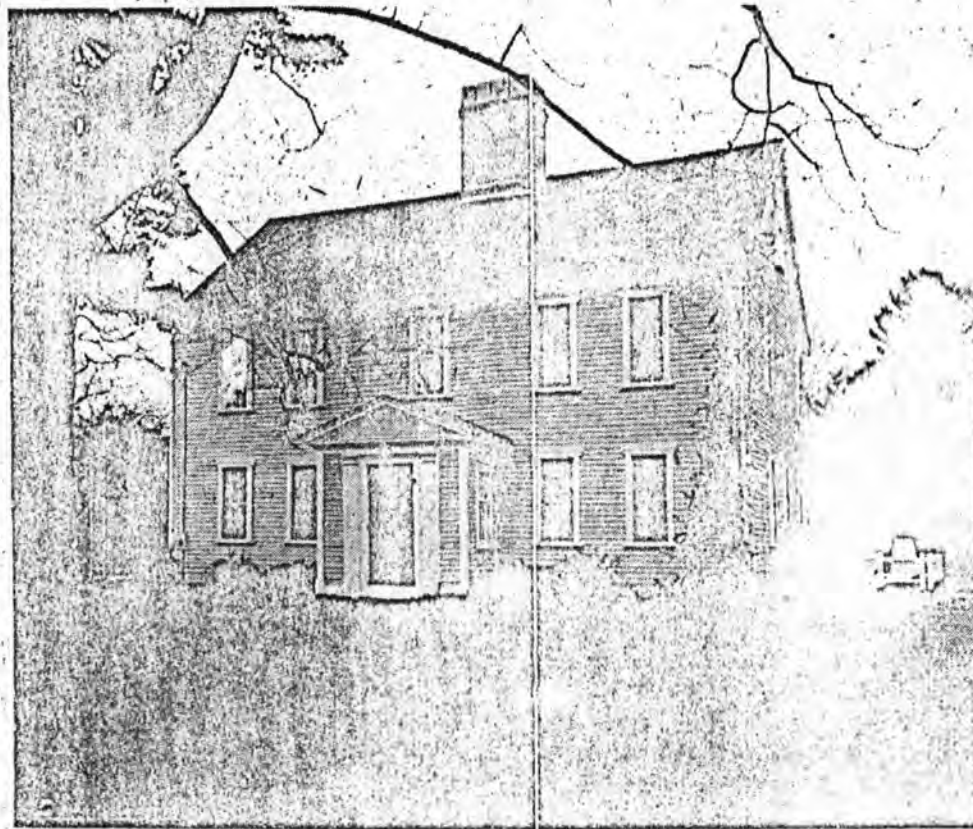
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WINSLOW HOMER may have sketched croquet matches on the lawn of the Rev. Samuel Woodward House, 19 Concord rd., which has been named to the Register of Historical Places.

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Winslow Homer's sketches

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The house was purchased two years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Spole. "It has more charm than new houses," Mrs. Spole said recently, "and it also has many architectural idiosyncracies, including a room with six doorways."

Other Weston houses in the National Register are the Benjamin Harrington House, 555 Wellesley st., and the Golden Ball Tavern, Boston Post Road.

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/17/76
 Reviewer: INITIALS: 86
 (NR) DOE: OCT 8 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: ^① Woodward, Reverend Samuel, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: 19 Concord Rd.

CITY, TOWN: Weston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 4th

STATE: Massachusetts 25

VICINITY OF

COUNTY: Middlesex Co. code: 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:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
☒ 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- House

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal

events

Samuel Woodward - first owner and resident, 1753-1782
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1848-?

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1848-?

institutional

DATES:

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

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1875-1882, 1915, 1960's

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1753 through 19th century

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

2,

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

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~~1960's~~ modified L shape,
frame, clapboarding, 2 1/2 stories, gabled roof, central
chimney, totty gabled entrance pavilion, large ~~frame~~ ^{added} ~~all~~ ^{added} ~~to west wall~~ ^{between}
1875 ~~and~~ 1882; ~~adjacent~~ ^{added} ~~near kitchen ell~~ ^{1960's} with large chimney. ~~added~~ ^{1960's}
20th C. 2nd floor ~~between~~ ^{remains} ~~added over kitchen ell.~~ ^{evidence of earlier dwelling}
~~can cover eastern house.~~ ^{original 1953} ~~is evidence that the 1953 house incorporated parts of~~
~~incorporated into this structure.~~

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

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Example of area 18th C. domestic architecture; associated with Rev. Samuel Woodward.

The Reverend Samuel Woodward House is a relatively unspoiled example of 18th century domestic architecture in Massachusetts, and takes its name from an ^{early} influential Weston minister who accompanied the town's militia to Concord on April 19, 1775, and who ~~presented~~ ^{presented} the Declaration of Independence ~~to the town from his parsonage~~ ^{to the town from his parsonage}. ~~Later the house was owned by several other families who contributed to Weston's history.~~