

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only

received AUG - 1 1983
date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Rock Ridge
and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Tyringham Road, N/A — not for publication
city, town Monterey N/A — vicinity of
state Massachusetts code 025 county Berkshire code 003

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Somers, II
street & number Tyringham Road
city, town Monterey N/A — vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds
street & number Main Street
city, town Great Barrington state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #69 has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date October 29, 1979 federal state county local
depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission
city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

Rock Ridge, Tyrington Road, Monterey, Massachusetts

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u> N/A </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

"Rock Ridge," a late 19th century summer estate executed in the Shingle Style, is situated half a mile north of the Village of Monterey on the crest of a knoll with a ridge of granite: thus its name. The home standing on 11 acres of land fronts on Tyrington Road and overlooks Lake Garfield to the east and the Berkshire Hills to the west with a commanding view of Beartown, Blue Hill and Monument Mountain.

Built in 1897 for Curtis J. Judd of Chicago, who was a boyhood resident of nearby Lee, "Rock Ridge" was designed by the Chicago architectural firm, Patton and Fisher, noted primarily for their public and collegiate buildings. The architects in this instance produced for their clients a spacious eighteen room Victorian cottage in the Shingle Style, one which was most fashionable in the late 19th century summer colonies of New England.

Asymmetrical in plan, the house stands on a foundation of granite and rises from a low stone wall which sets the building off from the sloping land to the south. This 2½ story residence, composed of clapboard, shingles and granite rubblestone, measures approximately 36'x86', and is characterized by broad, horizontal lines. The use of a low, shingled gambrel roof and a wide porch which extends around three sides of the building, supported by short granite rubblestone columns, serves to emphasize this horizontal quality. Prominent stone chimneys placed on the north and south ends repeat the use of granite, and bring a sense of balance to the total composition (Photos #1,2).

The building's architectural focus is centered on its southern section which is highlighted by a sweeping twelve-foot veranda and is further distinguished on its principal (eastern) facade by a bold, circular granite rubblestone tower with conical roof and a well proportioned Palladian window (Photo #1).

The interior of "Rock Ridge" remains essentially intact from its date of construction and presents highly distinctive rooms throughout.

The first floor includes from the west front a vestibule or hall (18' x 17'), opening into a spacious dining room (18' x 22'); to the left a study and bath, to the right a sitting room with large windows looking toward the sunken garden and Lake Garfield beyond.

The hall, stairs, and dining room are finished in Flemish oak, with panelled wainscoting and ceilings beamed with box oak. The walls of the dining room are covered with distinctive Victorian paper in bold patterns of pheasants and flowers in tones of rose, grey and blue. The sitting room, now painted ivory, originally presented a rich contrast of sycamore woodwork with deep mustard plaster walls. The first floor is completed by a wing of functional rooms: butler's pantry, kitchen, pantry, toilet, laundry and workshop rooms.

The second floor includes six bedrooms, two bathrooms, linen and trunk rooms. Of these, the master bedrooms, facing north and east, overlooking the lake, are distinguished by their fine views. On the third floor are two rooms and a bath, which comprised the servants' quarters.

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Item number 7

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Three original outbuildings are located on the grounds of the property. They consist of the carriage barn, north of the house, a small deteriorating bath house adjacent to the lake, which originally pumped water to the main house, and a firing range platform lying in the southwest corner.

The carriage barn is the most substantial of these secondary buildings and remains largely unaltered. Its form reinforces the horizontality of the house and reiterates such architectural features as the gambrel roof and broad placement of the fenestration. Its exterior walls are made of wood, clapboarded, with the original, large carriage openings still in place. Its post and beam frame serves both aesthetic and functional purposes. The interior of the carriage barn is distinguished by the original, vertical match boards which cover the walls. The first floor remains essentially open, while the upper floor is subdivided, as it was originally, into two large rooms, supplemented by several smaller anterooms (Photo #3).

Reputedly built for \$45,000 in 1898, "Rock Ridge" stands today much as it did upon completion as a handsome and well articulated example of the kind of small summer estate which marked the Berkshires as an important 19th century summer resort.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Berkshire Courier, weekly newspaper published in Great Barrington, Mass. Files in Mason Library, November 17, 1898, February 24, 1898.

The Valley Gleaner, weekly newspaper published in Lee, Mass. Files in Lee Library, Nov. 16, 1898
(Continued)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 11.2 acres

Quadrangle name Monterey, Massachusetts 1973

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached assessor's map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathryn Kubie, Preservation Planner, with Deborah Alcott Dunning and James N. Parrish, Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date May 1983

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 Ratna K. Westowski

State Historic Preservation Officer

title Massachusetts Historical Commission date 7/20/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

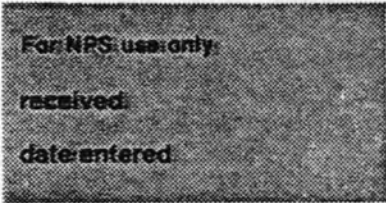
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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The location is a half mile from the Village of Monterey, on the crest of a knoll underlaid with granite. Two fifteen foot granite columns stand sentinel at the carriage entrance, the driveway winding gracefully by easy ascent to the house. The highway, or west front, has an elevation of sixty feet and is four hundred and fifty feet distant, presenting a rolling lawn, bordered in the distance by fine views of the Berkshire Hills, including Beartown, Blue Hill and Monument Mountain, to the Dome, fourteen miles, elevation 2,624 feet, the highest of the southern Berkshire range. The lake, or east front, has an elevation of sixty-two feet and two hundred and fifty feet distant, intervened by a dense forest of maple, oak, ash and beech, pleasantly breaking the lake view.

Although owned over the years by a number of different families, Rock Ridge has been sensitively preserved and retains its original character as a comfortable spacious summer home built in an environment noted for its qualities of health and beauty.

The Rock Ridge Estate may possess historic archaeological potential in the form of trash deposits and evidence of past land use. It should also be considered as moderately sensitive for the presence of prehistoric cultural remains due to its location overlooking Lake Garfield and Loom Brook.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (Continued)

Letter from Brendan Gill of the Victorian Society to Mrs. Arthur S. Somers, II, dated February 6, 1979.

Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds, Great Barrington, Mass.

Withey, Henry F. A Biographical Dictionary of American Architects Deceased. Los Angeles: Hennessey & Ingalls, Inc., 1970 (Boston Public Library).

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rock Ridge
Berkshire County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 1 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 9/1/83 - 9/15/83

Action: ACCEPT 8/22/83

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property _____

5. Location of Legal Description _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)*

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

Floor Plans
Bellevue County
MASSACHUSETTS

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References *nominated area is more than 10 acres, please provide 3 or more UTM reference points.*

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *Melorus Byers* Date *5/22/83* Phone: *702-343-9553*

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rock Ridge
Berkshire County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 8/1/83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 10/30/83
Action: ACCEPT 9/16/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
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Discipline _____
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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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"ROCK RIDGE" Photo #1 of 3
Tyringham Road
Monterey, Massachusetts 01245
James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 4/20/82
#100-2
"Rock Ridge" view northeast of front
facade from drive.



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"ROCK RIDGE"

Photo #2 of 3

Tyringham Road

Monterey, Massachusetts 01245

James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 4/20/82

#100-7

"Rock Ridge" view north of southeast
gable, porch & gardens.



#100-8.

"ROCK RIDGE"

Photo #3 of 3

Tyringham Road

Monterey, Massachusetts 01245

James N. Parrish, BCRPC, 4/20/82

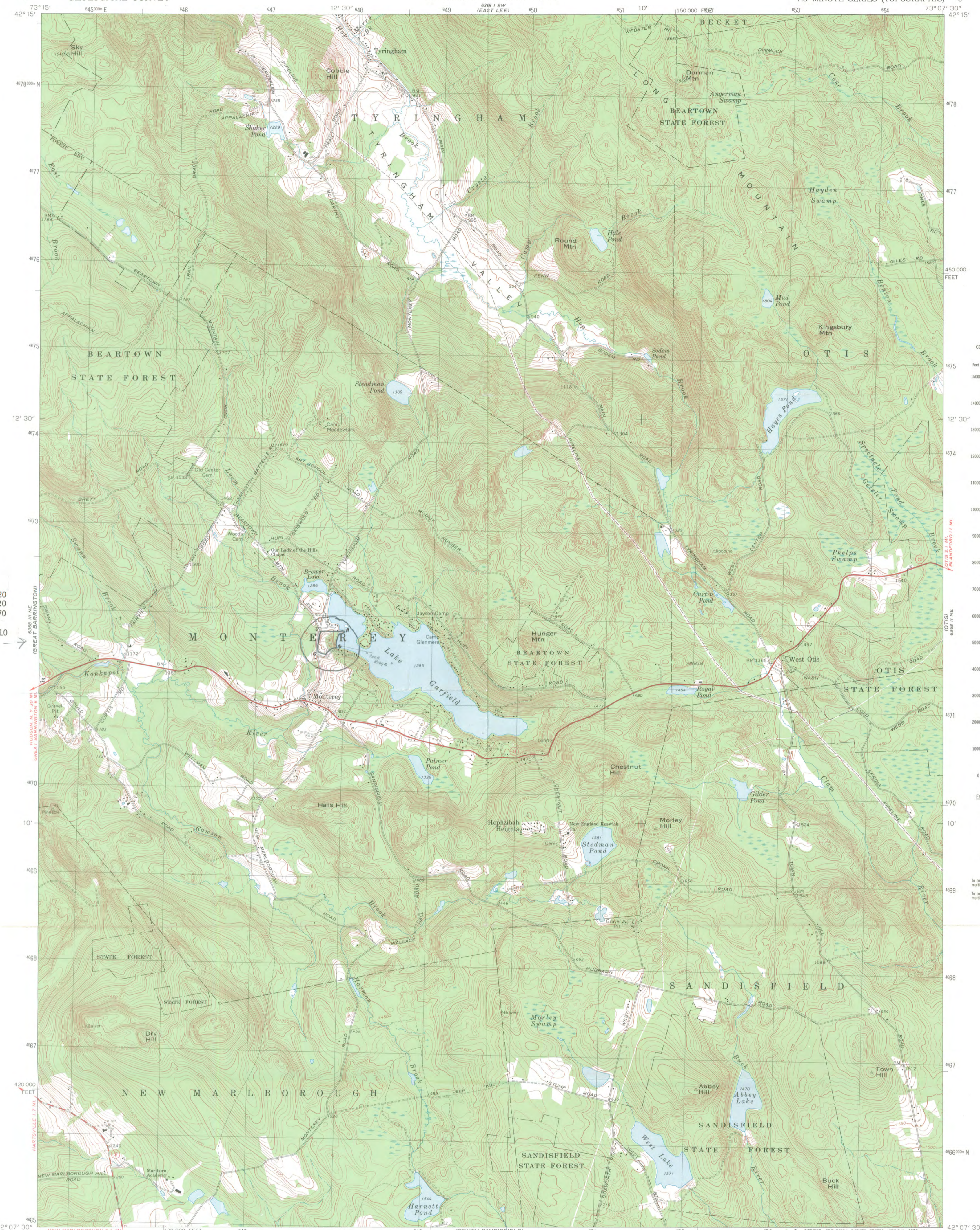
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"Rock Ridge" Carriage Barn, view north
from drive just northwest
of house.

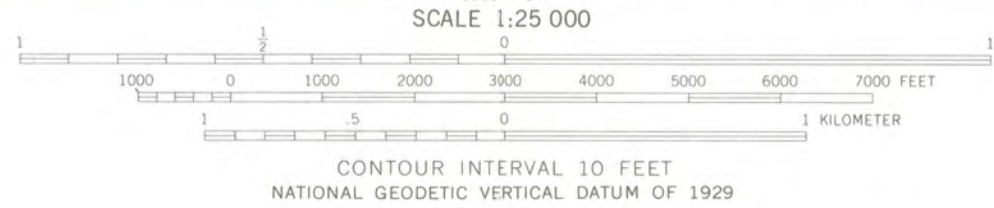
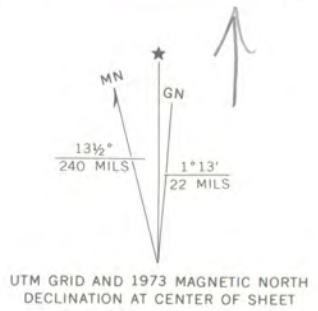
Monterey, MA
Rock Ridge

ROCK RIDGE
BERKSHIRE COUNTY
MONTEREY, MA
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taken 1942. Field checked 1946. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1973.
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
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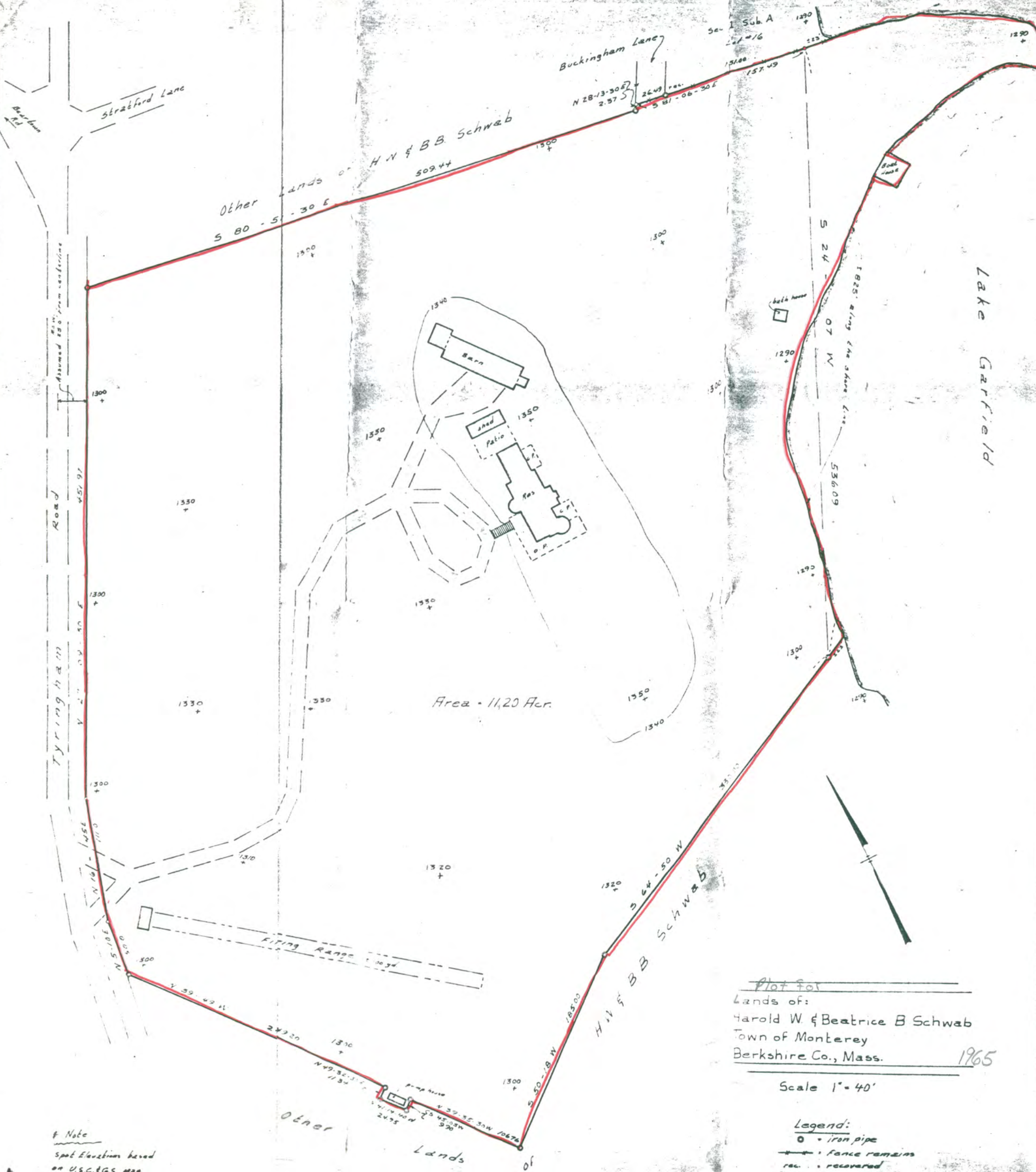


ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route



MONTEREY, MASS.
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1973
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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Other Lands of H.N. & B.B. Schwab
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Buckingham Lane

Sec 1 Sub. A
 Lot #16

Tyringham Road

Lake Garfield

Area - 11.20 Acr.

Lands of H.N. & B.B. Schwab

Plot for
 Lands of:
 Harold W. & Beatrice B. Schwab
 Town of Monterey
 Berkshire Co., Mass.

1965

Scale 1" = 40'

Legend:

- = iron pipe
- +— = fence remains
- rec. = recovered
- (300) = spot elevation based on U.S.C. & G.S. map

Note
 Spot Elevations based on U.S.C. & G.S. map

Other Lands



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

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

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

July 20, 1983

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Boston - Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal Church (local)

Boston - Harrison Loring House (local)

Chicopee - Valentine School (local)

Gardner - Heywood-Wakefield Complex (local)

Greenfield - Garden Theater Block (local)

Monterey - ~~Rock~~ Ridge (local)

Pittsfield - Allen Hotel (local)

Williamstown - Col. Benjamin Simond House (local)

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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AUG - 1 1983

CJ/hi
Enclosure