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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 Norton Center Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

same

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

MA 123  
multiple

CITY, TOWN

Norton

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Bristol

CODE

005

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

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

multiple

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Norton

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

11 Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Taunton

STATE

Massachusetts

## 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

## 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 Norton Center Historic District is comprised of sixty-four buildings centered around the Library Square and the Wheaton College Campus. The area is mostly residential, but also contains the Town Hall, Public Library, Post Office, two churches and Wheaton College. The area is visually unified by compatible building styles, materials and height, and has few commercial intrusions. The college quadrangle and the large lawns, the open space and the trees give the district a rural aspect.

The boundaries in the Norton Center Historic District were drawn to include those buildings which related most closely, both visually and historically, with the Library Square and East Main Street. To the west of Main Street the commercial development which has grown up was excluded; the north boundary on Mansfield Avenue and south of Taunton Avenue were drawn to include the most compatible small scale residential buildings. To the east, the grouping of buildings around the Trinitarian Church were included, and the south boundary of the district includes the buildings facing onto the Wheaton College quadrangle, but excluded those which were not visually associated with the quadrangle.

The district has three main visual components; the Library Square, East Main Street and the Wheaton College campus, and the east end of East Main Street where the Trinitarian Congregational Church stands. Some of the most significant buildings around Library Square include the Old Parsonage, the Unitarian Congregational Church, the Norton Public Library, and the Norton Town Hall. Smaller scale residential buildings, mostly Greek Revival in style, are interspersed between these more significant ones.

The Old Parsonage (#1), was originally constructed in 1710, but shortly thereafter another building, possibly the original church building from across the street, was added to the Parsonage. This alteration gave the building its present saltbox profile. The building was originally clapboarded, but was shingled in the early twentieth century. The Unitarian Congregational Church (#38), dating from 1835, is a fascinating combination of the Greek Revival and Gothic Revival styles. While the original Greek Revival columns have been removed, the pilasters and moldings are still extant. The Gothic element is visible at the windows along the side elevations, which are surmounted by trefoils and pointed arches. The Norton Public Library (#3), constructed in 1888, was designed by Stephen C. Earle of Worcester in the Romanesque Revival style, and executed in red brick and sandstone. The Norton Town Hall (#34), located off the square on Taunton Avenue, nevertheless relates to the buildings around the square. Built in 1881, the Town Hall exhibits an interesting combination of the Queen Anne style with Eastlake decorative touches. The two story building has a hip roof, and is now painted white. The U.S. Post Office (#35), next to the Town Hall is a low modern building, and detracts somewhat from the scale of the streetscape.

The Wheaton College campus, which is bounded by East Main Street and Howard Street is composed of a blend of modern, early twentieth century, and nineteenth century buildings. Most of the buildings are in the Colonial Revival style but there are several nondescript modern buildings, including Young, McIntire and Clark Halls (#22, 22A, and 23) and Meneely Hall (#62). Of particular note on the campus are Mary Lyon Hall and the Cole Memorial Chapel. Mary Lyon Hall (#25), erected in 1849, was enlarged to its present cruciform plan in 1878. It is a fine example of the Italicized bracketed style. The pilasters and heavy moldings are indicative of the earlier Greek Revival building, but the arched windows, heavy brackets and tall colonnaded cupola are elements of the later style. The Cole Memorial Chapel (#60) built in 1917, was designed by Ralph Adams Cram.

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Inventory of structures in Norton Center Historic District

<u>Map number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	Old Parsonage	13 West Main Street
2	house	9 West Main Street
3	Norton Public Library	4 Mansfield Avenue
4	house	6 Mansfield Avenue
5	house	10 Mansfield Avenue
6	house	12 Mansfield Avenue
7	Trinitarian Church Parsonage	11 Mansfield Avenue
8	Wheaton College House	7 Mansfield Avenue
9	Wheaton College House	4-6 Library Square
10	Wheaton College House	8 Library Square
11	house	10 Library Square
12	Wheaton College Nursery School	East Main Street
13	President's House	28 East Main Street
14	Wheaton College House	34-36 East Main Street
15	Wheaton College House	38 East Main Street
16	Wheaton College House	46-48 East Main Street
17	house	8 Elm Street
18	house	7 Elm Street
19	Trinitarian (Congregational) Church	East Main Street
20	house	8 Pine Street
21	Wheaton College House	5-7 Pine Street
22	Young Hall (Wheaton)	East Main Street
22A	McIntire Hall (Wheaton)	East Main Street
23	Clark Hall (Wheaton)	East Main Street
24	Watson Fine Arts Center (Wheaton)	East Main Street
25	Mary Lyon Hall (Wheaton)	East Main Street
26	Park Hall (Wheaton)	East Main Street
27	Kilham Hall (Wheaton)	East Main Street
28	Metcalf Hall (Wheaton)	East Main Street
29	Wheaton College House	4 East Main Street
30	The Seminary (Wheaton)	3 Howard Street
30A	house (wheaton)	5 Howard Street
31	Campus Shop	9 Howard Street
32	house (Wheaton)	11 Howard Street
33	White House (Wheaton)	15 Howard Street

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34	Town Hall	Taunton Avenue
35	U.S. Post Office	6 Taunton Avenue
36	Wheaton College House	9 Taunton Avenue
37	house	5 Taunton Avenue
38	Unitarian (Congregational) Church	West Main Street
39	Mansfield Cooperative Bank	10 West Main Street
40	Norton Historical Society Schoolhouse	West Main Street
41	house	7 Taunton Avenue
42	New England Telephone Co.	11 Taunton Avenue
43	Wheaton College House	14 Taunton Avenue
44	house	20 Taunton Avenue
45-50	Wheaton College Houses	17-44 Howard Street
51	Chapin Hall (Wheaton)	Howard Street
52	Larcom Hall (Wheaton)	Howard Street
53	Emerson Hall (Wheaton)	Howard Street
54	Everett Hall (Wheaton)	Howard Street
55	Cragin Hall (Wheaton)	College Quadrangle
56	Stanton Hall (Wheaton)	Filmore Drive
57	Wheaton College Library	Filmore Drive
58	Wheaton College	Filmore Drive
59	Admissions Building (Wheaton)	College Quadrangle
60	Cole Memorial Chapel (Wheaton)	College Quadrangle
61	Knapton Hall (Wheaton)	College Quadrangle
62	Meneely Hall (Wheaton)	College Quadrangle
63	The Maples	61 East Main Street
64	The Hedges	62 East Main Street

# 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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Norton Center Historic District is significant for its historic associations with the development of Norton and because it is an architecturally unified and cohesive area. Over seventy-five percent of the buildings in the area date from before 1900; many are much older. The only modern buildings, including the Post Office, the new Wheaton dormitories and one residence, while not architecturally significant, at least do not detract from the area. The lawns, large trees, open spaces and well placed buildings make the area attractive and contribute to its rural New England appearance. The district is limited to three uses, residential, institutional (educational and religious) and civic. All of the buildings are well maintained and though two major roads, Route 123 and Route 140, intersect at Library Square, they are not heavily traveled enough to detract from the area's rural atmosphere.

The Old Parsonage (#1), built in 1710, is the oldest building extant in Norton and was constructed as the home of Norton's first minister. Because a parsonage had to be constructed before Norton could be incorporated legally as a town, the area, though settled in the 1660's was not officially a town until 1711. Quite appropriately the saltbox outlines of the parsonage are incorporated into Norton's town seal. Most of the other existing historic structures were built in the nineteenth century along East Main Street and Taunton Avenue. Wheaton Seminary, one of the oldest women's colleges in the country, was founded in 1834, and contributed greatly to the development of the area. Mary Lyon Hall (#25), the first building constructed for the Seminary, was named for the famed female educator who taught at Wheaton before she went on to found Mount Holyoke College.

Two of the town's oldest churches, the Trinitarian and the Unitarian, are also located in the area. The Unitarian Church (#38) is the third building constructed by the First Church originally gathered in 1710. The Trinitarian Church was built by a group of the congregation who broke away from the First Church because of differences in doctrine, and established their own congregation. The Norton Center Historic District also contains the town's civic buildings, including the Town Hall (#34) and the Public Library (#3), both well preserved examples of the products of late nineteenth century civic pride.

One of the most important families in the development of the area was the Wheaton family. Laban Morey Wheaton built a house, now used as the Wheaton College President's House (#13) for his bride in 1829 and lived in it with his wife for 66 years. The Wheatons were generous town benefactors and built the Public Library (#3) for the town in 1888. They were also generous donors to the Trinitarian Church; Mr. Wheaton paid for the church bell, and in 1849, for the church tower. In 1878 Mrs. Wheaton paid to have a small

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clark, George Faber, A History of Norton, Boston, 1859  
Norton Bicentennial Souvenir Program, Norton, 1911  
 Shepard, Grace. History of Wheaton College (manuscript in Wheaton College Library)  
250th Anniversary of the Town of Norton, Norton, MA 1961

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 50 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	19	319520	4648700	B	19	318760	4647680
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	19	318300	4648460	D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the Norton Center Historic District, starting at the northeast corner of West Main Street and Fernandes Circle goes northwesterly along the western lot line of the Old Parsonage (#1), then northeasterly along the back lot lines of inventoried properties #'s 4, 5, and 6, then easterly along the north lot line of property #6, across Mansfield Avenue to the North lot line of property #7, then goes south along the back lot line of property #7, then easterly, 250 feet back from East Main Street to

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

Christine Boulding, Preservation Planner, and Hope Phillips

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

March 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 Amadon*

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

4/1/76

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

*W. Muntz*

DATE

12/23/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles A. ...*

DATE

12-22-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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#7:

It is a creative example of the Colonial Revival style, and the tall spire of the chapel dominates the college campus.

On East Main Street the Wheaton College President's House (#13) dominates the streetscape. The Federal period house, built in 1839, is two stories high, with a hip roof surmounted by a monitor. A colonnaded porch, with a sloping roof which echoes the hip roof of the house, circles three sides of the building. Of particular note are the entrance, with half length sidelights, and the full length windows on the first floor.

The east end of East Main Street is visually dominated by the Trinitarian Congregational Church, although the Hedges, now used as the town planning office, is also architecturally significant. The Trinitarian Church (#19) originally built in 1833, has seen many alterations over the years. The tower was added in 1849; in 1878 a small temple-like Greek Revival building was moved from Wheaton Seminary to be used as a chapel. Four years later the entire building was remodeled in the Queen Anne style, and in 1963 the chapel and church were joined by a modern addition designed by Fred Brock of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Hedges (#64) is a large Italianate building, originally used as a residence. The elaborate brackets at the cornice and the yellow clapboards make the building visually important.

#8:

Greek Revival temple-like structure moved from the Seminary to the grounds of the Church for use as a chapel, and four years later paid for the remodeling of the entire church in the Queen Anne style.

The district contains a few buildings with great architectural significance, interspersed with buildings which, while not of outstanding significance in themselves, contribute to the general feeling and cohesiveness of the area. Most of the residential buildings are clapboard in the Greek Revival style; the majority of the institutional buildings are of brick in the Colonial Revival style.

The most significant buildings architecturally include the Mary Lyon Hall (#25), an imposing Greek Revival/Italianate structure; the President's House (#13), an outstanding example of the Federal style; the two churches (#19 and 38), one Greek Revival/Gothic, the other Queen Anne; and the Cole Memorial Chapel, one of Ralph Adams Cram's best Colonial Revival works.

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Verbal Boundary Description (continued)

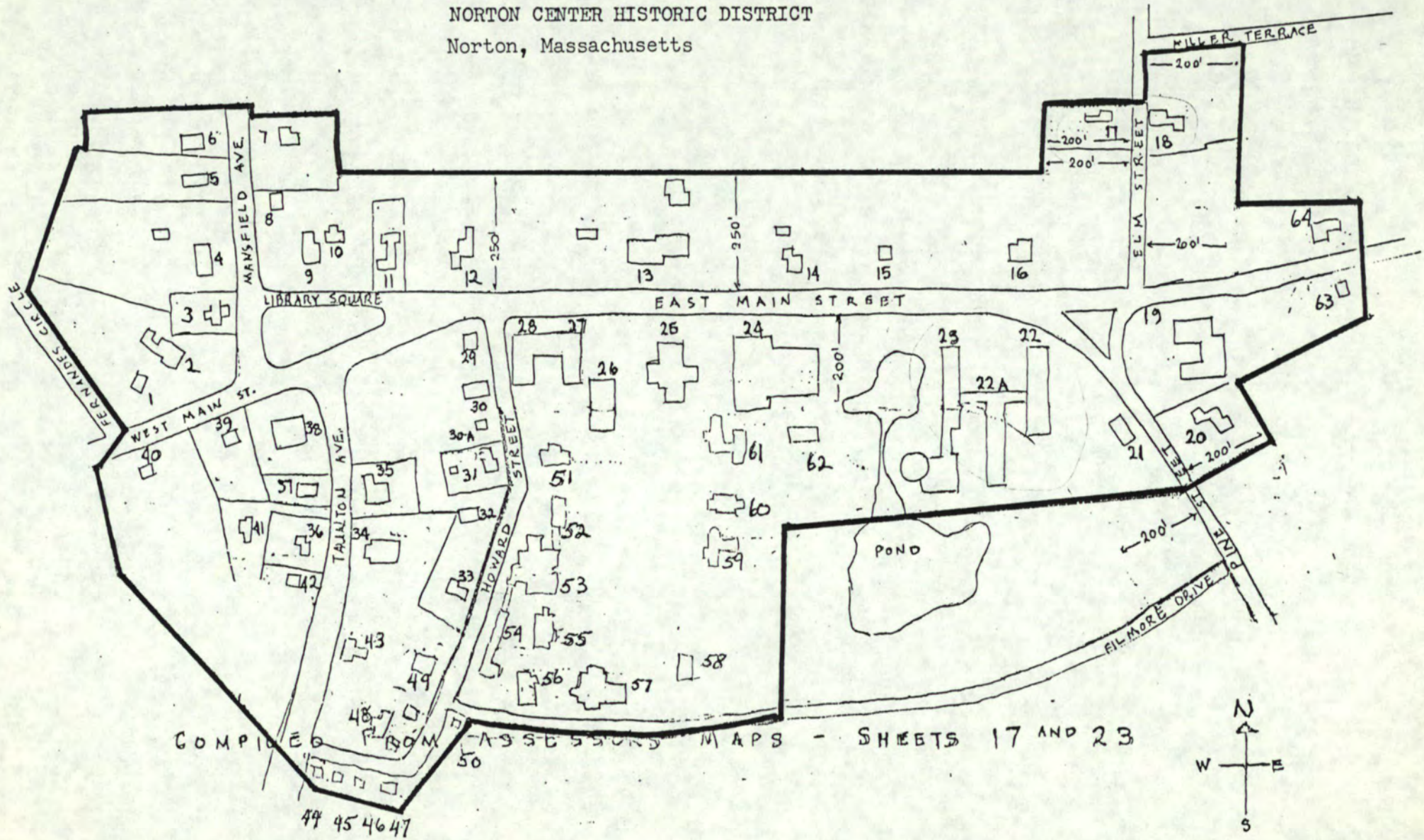
a point 200 feet from Elm Street, then North along the back lot line of property #17, then east along the ~~north lot line~~ across Elm Street, then north along the west lot line of property #18, then 200 feet east along the south side of Miller Terrace, then south at a distance of 200 feet east of Elm Street to a point 200 feet north of East Main Street, then continues east 300 feet, then goes south to a point 200 feet south of East Main Street, then southwest to a point 200 feet northeast of Pine Street, then, southeast 200 feet from Pine Street to the south lot line of property #20, then continues west along the south lot line of property #20 to the west side of Pine Street, then continues due west across the pond to a point fifty feet east of property #59, then goes due south to the south side of Filmore Drive then follows Filmore Drive to a point 50 feet east of Howard Street, then follow south and west 50 feet back from Howard Street to Taunton Avenue, then proceeds northwest to West Main Street at the intersection of Ferdandes Circle.

CLARIFICATION OF DESCRIPTION NEEDED *Write*

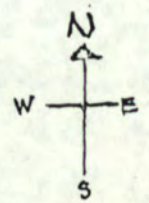
*following rear property lines of TAUNTON AVENUE  
AND side property line of #40 main street*

*(Krautham 12-15-77)*

NORTON CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Norton, Massachusetts



COMPILED FROM ASSESSORS MAPS - SHEETS 17 AND 23



APRIL 1975  
sketch map - not to  
scale



Norton Center Historic District  
Norton, Massachusetts

Sketch Map #	Property Owner
1 (Old Parsonage) 13 West Main St.	Mr. A.L. Jennings 9 West Main St., Norton, MA. 02766
2 -- 9 West Main St.	" "
3 Norton Public Library 4 Mansfield Av.	Board of Directors, Norton Public Library 4 Mansfield Av., Norton, MA. 02766
4 -- 6 Mansfield Av.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Witherell 6 Mansfield Av., Norton, MA. 02766
5 -- 10 Mansfield Av.	" "
6 -- 12 Mansfield Av.	Robert A. Wilke 12 Mansfield Av., Norton, MA. 02766
7 (Trinitarian Church Parsonage) 11 Mansfield Av.	Standing Committee of the Trinitarian Church 11 Mansfield Av., Norton, MA. 02766
8 through 16, 21 through 33, 36, 43, 45 through 62	Wheaton College Board of Trustees East Main Street, Norton, MA. 02766
17 -- 8 Elm St.	George Economou 8 Elm St., Norton, MA. 02766
18 -- 7 Elm St.	Joseph E. Yelle 7 Elm St., Norton, MA. 02766
19 (Trinitarian Congregational Church) East Main Street	Standing Committee of the Trinitarian Congregational Church 11 Mansfield Av., Norton, MA. 02766
20 -- 8 Pine St.	Peter G. Berg 8 Pine St., Norton, MA. 02766
34 (Town Hall) Taunton Av.	Board of Selectmen, Town of Norton Town Hall, Norton, MA. 02766
35 (U.S. Post Office) 6 Taunton Av.	
37 -- 5 Taunton Av.	J.F. Beaton 5 Taunton Av., Norton, MA. 02766
38 (Unitarian Congregational Church) West Main St.	Board of Trustees, Unitarian Congregational Church West Main Street, Norton, MA. 02766
39 (Mansfield Co-operative Bank) 10 West Main St.	Board of Directors, Mansfield Co-operative Bank 80 North Main St., Mansfield, MA. 02048
40 Norton Historical Society Schoolhouse West Main St.	Norton Historical Society Box 1776, Norton, MA. 02766

Sketch Map #	Property Owner
41 -- 7 Taunton Av.	Henri A. Yelle 7 Taunton Av., Norton, MA. 02766
42 (New Endgland Telephone Co.) 11 Taunton Av.	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. John J. Barrett, Assistant Vice President 185 Franklin St., Room 1201, Boston, MA. 02110
44 -- 20 Taunton Av.	Jose and Evangaline Texira 20 Taunton Av., Norton, MA. 02766
63 (The Maples) 61 East Main St.	Board of Selectmen, Town of Norton Town Hall, Norton, MA. 02766
64 (The Hedges) 62 East Main St.	Board of Selectmen, Town of Norton Town Hall, Norton, MA. 02766

State Massachusetts

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Bristol

TECHNICAL

Photos 11  
Maps 2

4 cont. sheets

CONTROL

OK <sup>cm</sup> 4.14.76

HISTORIAN

Accept  
E. Smith  
7-22-76

District comprised of 64 buildings centered around the Library Square and the Wheaton College Campus. 75 percent of buildings date from before 1900. Only modern buildings (Post Office, college dormitories and one residence) do not detract.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Insufficient photo documentation - not much info. on eastern 1/3 of the district. There are 3 large dormitory blocks that are obvious intrusions, along with several other non-historic Wheaton bldgs. Perhaps boundaries should end w/ pond.

CONF. before CALL for info. ~~Accept~~ ~~8/10/76~~  
Accept  
2 called Christie: photos forthcoming 8/10/76  
Arrive 8/16/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

Boundaries could be tightened up because of dormitories, etc. Hold verbal discussions with Historian. DORMITORIES ARE OBVIOUS INTRUSIONS. BOUNDARIES COULD BE AT EAST MAIN STREET AT THIS POINT. VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION NEEDS CLARIFICATION. ~~Accept~~ 9/19/77

OTHER

HAER

Discussed w/ Lisa Koderberg who attended Wheaton. 2 dorms really are only intrusions. Since I call always made re picture that were sent think we should leave boundaries on they are as they include all historic significant structures. ~~Accept~~ ~~12.7.77~~

Inventory  
Review  
Accept  
Franklin  
12.7.77

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

character being maintained perhaps should have been expanded to include all of pond. VBD is a little confusing re SW boundary but we have sketch map. Concern with Franklin - accept ~~12-7-77~~

At this point, it would be inappropriate to raise additional questions about inclusion of 2 dorms + exclusion of 1/2 pond - see to file + place.

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept  
12/22/77

KEEPER

Accept  
12/23/77

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered DEC 23 1977  
Federal Register Entry 2-7-78 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_



NORTON, MASS.

Norton Center Historic District, Norton, MA  
Fay Foto Service, 1969  
45 W. Canton Street, Boston  
areial view looking east along East Main St.  
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Norton Center H. D.  
Bristol County, MA

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

1969



Old Parsonage (#1), house (#2), Norton  
Public Library (#3), end of house (#4)  
Norton Center Historic District, Norton, MA  
Hope Phillips 1975  
Norton Historical Commission  
looking northwest across Library Square  
photo #2 911

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LOOKING WEST ACROSS COMMON

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Bristol County, MA



Old Parsonage (#1), Norton Center Historic  
District, Norton, MA  
Bill Dugan, 1974  
Norton Historic District Commission  
looking north at southeast facade and south-  
west elevation  
photo #3 of 11

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Norton Center Historic Dist.  
Bristol County, MA

BILL DUGAN 1974

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#25

Norton Center Historic District  
Bristol County, MA

MARY LYON HALL  
NORTON COLLEGE  
Mary Lyon Hall (#25), Norton Center Historic  
District, Norton, MA

Bill Dugan, 1974

Norton Historic District Commission  
looking east at west elevation

photo #4 of 11

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LOOKING EAST  
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BILL DUGAN 1974



Cole Memorial Chapel, Norton Center Historic  
District, Norton, MA  
Hope Phillips, 1975  
Norton Historical Commission  
looking east at west facade  
Photo #5911

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LOOKING EAST

Norton Center Historic  
District  
Bristol County, MA

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



#22 AND #23

EAST MAIN ST. WHEATON COLLEGE

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Title:

Norton Center  
Historic District  
Bristol County, MA

#7/8/11

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

BILL DUGAN 1974

DEC 23 1977



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

EAST MAIN ST. WHEATON COLLEGE

#21, across pond at #23

Norton Center Historic  
District  
Bristol County, MA  
#6911

LOOKING E

BILL DUGAN 1974

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#17  
OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

#8 ELM ST.

NORTON, MASS.

Norton Center Historic  
District

Worcester County, MA

# 9911

PROPERTY ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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#19

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH AND SWEET HALL.

EAST MAIN AND PINE ST. NORTON,

Norton Center Historic MASS.  
District

Bristol County, MA

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER # 8 of 11

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#20

#8 PINE ST.

NORTON, MASS.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Norton Center Historic  
District

Bristol County, MA

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LOOKING N

BILL DUGAN

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#18

#7 ELM ST.

NORTON, MASS.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Norton Center Historic  
District

Bristol County, MA

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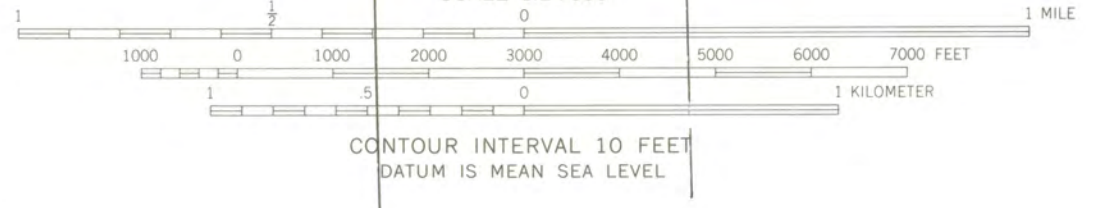
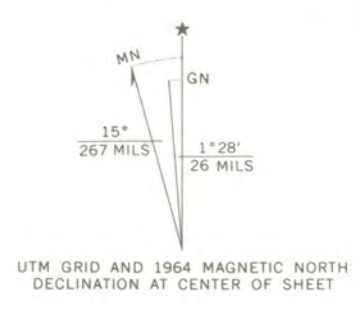
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

QUADRANGLE LOCATION



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1 April 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington,  
Chief, Registration  
National Register  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find four nomination forms for the following properties:

1. Norton: Norton Center Historic District
2. Quincy: John Winthrop Jr. Iron Furnace
3. Quincy: Josiah Quincy House
4. Stockbridge: Old Curtisville Historic District

These properties have been voted eligible by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Reed Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

*Pat*

Patricia L. Weslowski  
Survey Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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August 11, 1976

Mr. Ward Jandl  
National Register of Historic Places  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
18th and C Streets  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ward:

Enclosed are the additional photographs you requested for the Norton Center Historic District in Norton, Massachusetts. If you need anything else please let me know.

Also enclosed are several copies of our National Register manual and Survey manual. I'm glad you liked them.

Cordially,

*Christine*

Christine Boulding  
Preservation Planner  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered      DEC 23 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Norton Center Historic District	Norton Bristol County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy

Hon. Margaret M. Heckler

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

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12/29/77

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

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 7-22-76  
Reviewer INITIALS: EAJ  
NR DOE DEC 23 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Norton Center Historic District

OTHER NAMES:

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Norton  
STATE Massachusetts

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY Bristol code

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

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE  
GOOD 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

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- College, Residential Area, Down  
now- Same

## SIGNIFICANCE:

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

## 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:

personal

(label role  
&  
appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1710 - Present

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1710 - 1900

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

50

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Comprised of 64 buildings centered around the Library Square and the Wheaton College campus. The area is mostly residential but contains the Town Hall, Public Library, Post Office, two churches and Wheaton College. Most of the residential buildings are clapboard in the Greek Revival style; the majority of the institutional buildings are of brick in the Colonial Revival style.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The Norton Center Historic District is significant for its historic associations with the development of Norton and because it is an architecturally unified and cohesive area.