

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

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

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received APR 24 1982

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June

1. Name

historic Rogers House

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 28 Boyden Road

NA not for publication

city, town Holden

N/A vicinity of

congressional district 2nd

state

MA

code 025

county

Worcester

code 027

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 Jean Krag Ritvo, M.D.

street & number 4057 Hayvenhurst Avenue

city, town Encino

NA vicinity of

state California

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Worcester County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Worcester

state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets
of the Commonwealth, #14

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1977

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston

state MA

7. Description

Roger House, 28 Boyden Road, Holden

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date NA

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Rogers House is a small, Cape-type cottage located near the center of Holden. The building stands on $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of flat land, separated from neighboring residential properties by an original stone wall.

Dating from the early Georgian period (1733), the vernacular structure contains a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story main block, a small barn, and a 1 story connecting ell. All sections have gable roofs and granite foundations.

The main block of the Rogers House features clapboard siding, a low gable roof with small rear lean-to, a central chimney, and a 3-bay facade. Plain flat architraves frame the 8/12 windows and 6-panelled door of this facade. The side (east and west) elevations have regular fenestration with 6/12 window sash, while the asymmetrical rear (north) elevation contains smaller 6/9 sash.

The ell extending from the northeast corner is covered in vertical sheathing articulated by 6/6 windows and a four-panelled door. The small attached barn also has vertical siding, irregular small-paned windows, and an overhead garage door.

No alterations have been made to the exterior design of the main structure, and the current owners have restored the interior to much of its original condition.

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/
☒ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☒ industry	☒ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1733

Builder/Architect Probably John Hubbard

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Rogers House is one of the oldest and most representative types of residential architecture in Holden and has housed several generations of locally prominent citizens. The building retains integrity of location, design, workmanship and materials, and thus meets Criteria A and C of the National Register.

From its construction in 1733 to the present, the Rogers House has changed ownership over 25 times. The original lot was sold by John Hubbard in 1733 to Archibald McCollester as "7.5 acres of upland and swampland", and was transferred with "house, fence, corn, and grass". Abraham Newton, who bought the property in 1739 --with a blacksmith shop-- was among the signatures of the petition to the General Court requesting Holden's incorporation as a town in 1740. At the first town meeting in 1741, he was elected a tything man.

A later owner, Edmund Hall, was a member of Capt. James Davis's company in Colonel Doolittle's regiment during the Revolution, first marching on the Lexington alarm on April 19, 1775. His signature appears on the 1787 resolution disapproving of Shays Rebellion. Hall sold the property in 1792 to Nathan Chaffin, a cooper and the father of ten, who not surprisingly had a short tenure here.

The house was subsequently bought by Colonel Samuel Damon, a prestigious local businessman and a large property owner. He sold it in 1808 to the first of the Rogers family to own the house --Benjamin, a cooper but in 1814 it returned to the Colonel's son, Samuel. The second Samuel was also a large landowner, his holdings including several mills in Holden (including the Quinapoxet Mill, which he built in 1831) and elsewhere. Damon was prominent in town government and was elected to the General Court four times. The property was sold in 1824 to Elisha Chaffin, who was also active in local government, serving as a selectman. The Chaffins lived here for eight years and sold in 1832, when Abigail Chaffin was expecting her seventh child.

In 1833, the property returned to the Rogers family through Aaron Howe Rogers, who had lived here as an infant with his parents. Rogers descendants occupied the house through 1940 - a family ownership of over 100 years. The history of the Rogers house thus parallels the history of Holden. It reflects the town's early agricultural era as a cottage farm, the Revolutionary period, the mill and manufacturing period, and the evolution of the town into its present suburban character.

Since the original farm lot of John Hubbard has been reduced to 1/4 acre in size, historic archaeological deposits presently existing on the property may be confined to the area within and immediately adjacent to the existing structure. Excavation and analysis of subsurface deposits of artifacts and cultural or architectural features near the house and barn could provide information relevant to the initial construction, occupation and use of the site in the early 18th century. However, the majority of archaeological deposits associated with the history of the Rogers House may lie outside the present property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Holden Vital Records, Town Clerk, Holden, MA

Estes, David Foster, The History of Holden, Massachusetts. 1684-1894, published by the town of Holden, C.F. Lawrence and Co., Inc., Worcester, MA 1894.

continued

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property $\frac{1}{4}$ acre

Quadrangle name Worcester North, MA

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UMT References

A 19 264590 4692360
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached sketch map.

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

state MA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner

name/title with Rosemary Heinold, Holden Historical Commission

organization MA Historical Commission

date December, 1981

street & number 294 Washington Street

telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston

state MA

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Patricia R. Westbrook

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 4/21/82

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 6/1/82

for *Alonzo Byers*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Major Bibliographic References

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Commission, Davis Press, Inc., Worcester, MA 1976.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

82004471

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Rogers House
State, County: MA Worcester
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4129132-1278
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82

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

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/1/82
Entered in the _____ RETURN _____
National Register _____ REJECT _____
photos _____
maps _____

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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ____ yes ____ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
____ excellent	____ deteriorated	____ original site
____ good	____ ruins	____ moved date ____
____ fair	____ unexposed	

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References

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 _____

Date _____

Phone: 202 272-35

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Rogers House 28 Boyden Rd

M on Sketch MAP

M-1

Taken 1/10 mile east of Main St. on Boyden Rd. facing NNW

HOLDEN, MASS.
Rogers House

Facing North-Northwest
Photograph taken by Rosemary Heinold, 1980
Negative filed at Hendricks House, 1157 Main St,
Holden 01520
Photo 1 of 1

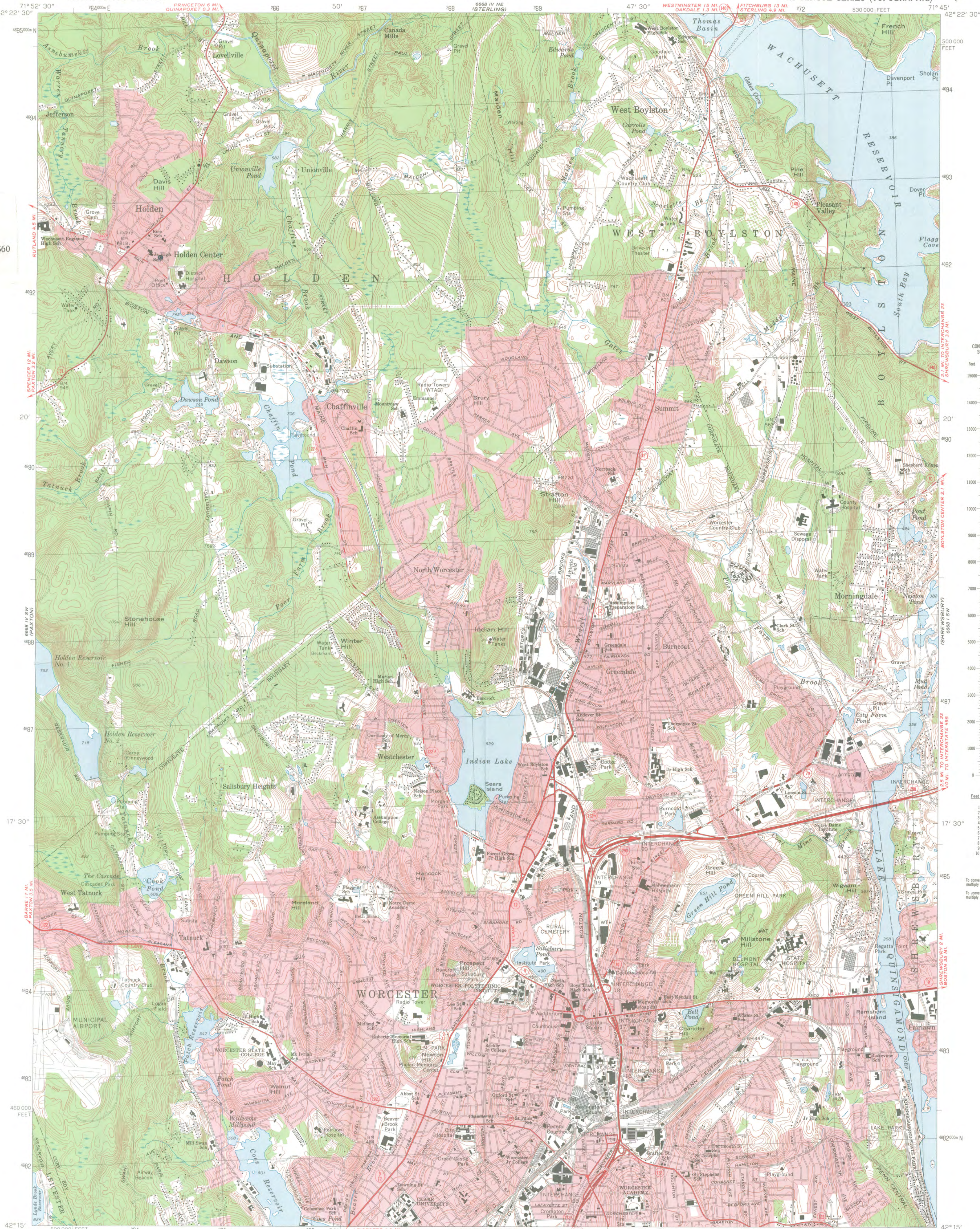
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WORCESTER NORTH QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS—WORCESTER CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

HOLDEN, MASS.
Rogers House

UTM Reference:
19/264590/4692360



CONVERSION
SCALES

Feet Meters



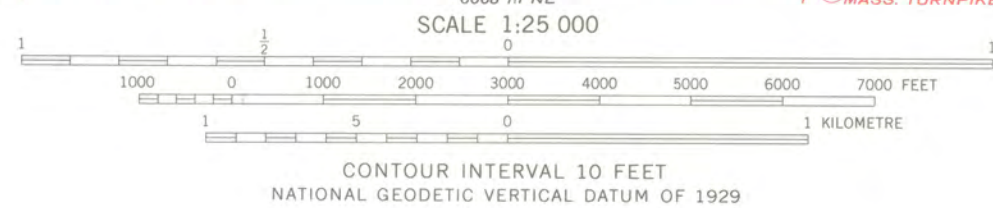
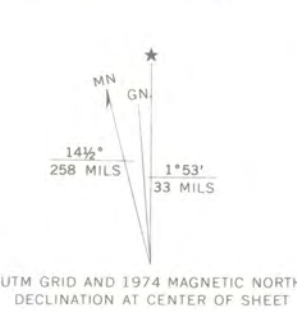
Feet Meters

1	3048
2	6096
3	9144
4	12192
5	15240
6	18288
7	21336
8	24384
9	27432
10	30480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by .3048

To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1941. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1974
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
zone 19
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

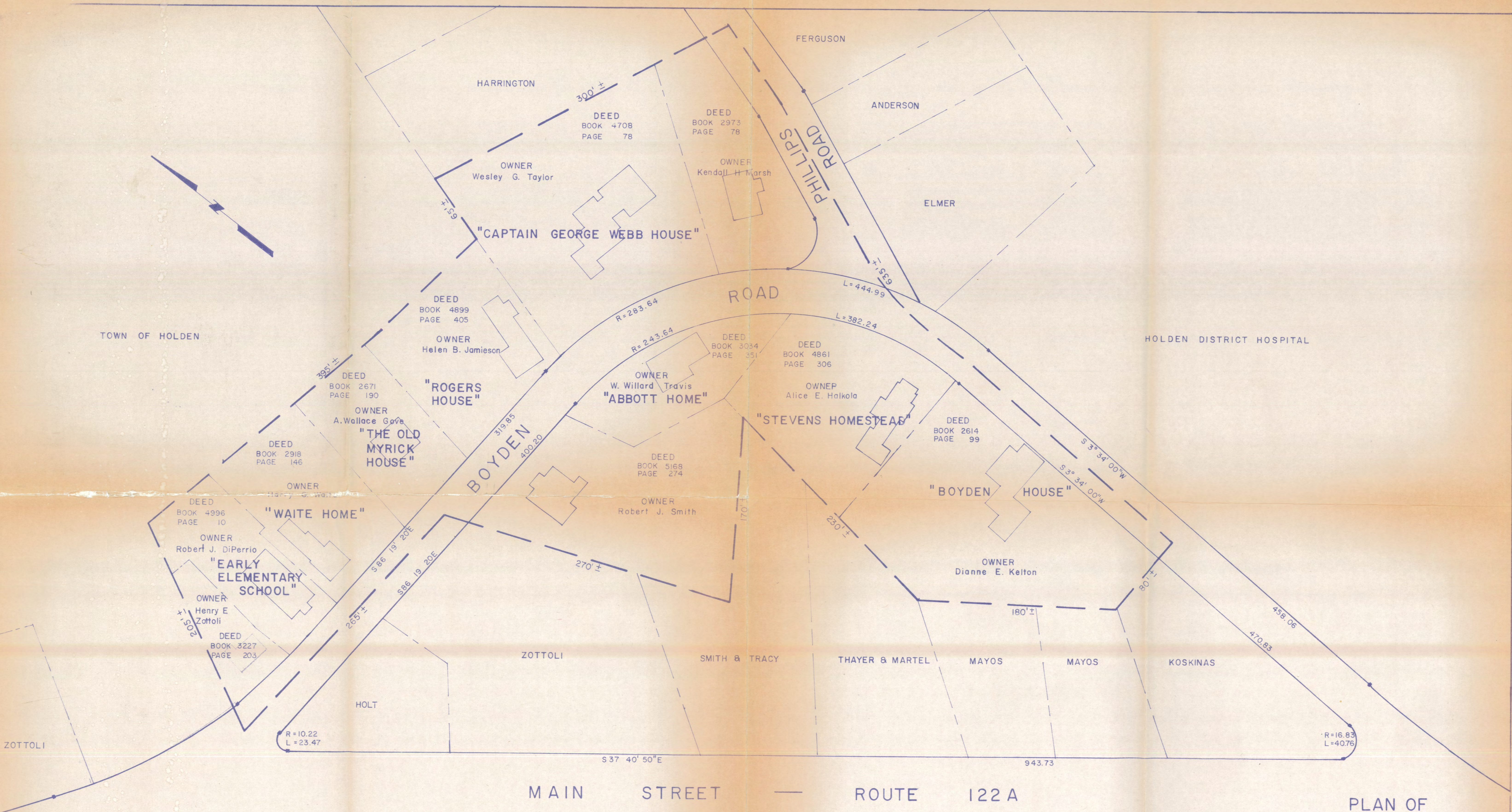
Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

WORCESTER NORTH, MASS.
N4215—W7145/7.5

1974

AMS 6668 IV SE—SERIES V814

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



LEGEND
--- BOUNDARY LINE FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT
--- PROPERTY LINE

PLAN OF
"BOYDEN ROAD"
HISTORIC DISTRICT
SCALE 1"=40' DATE 2-8-73
TOWN OF HOLDEN ENGINEERING DEPT.

Rogers House - Holden
Positive

Jean Krag Ritvo, M. D.

4057 HAYVENHURST AVENUE
ENCINO, CALIFORNIA 91436

TELEPHONE 784-5154

March 29, 1982

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Ms. Wendy Frontiero
Preservation Planner
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
294 WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON, MA. 02108

DEAR MS. FRONTIERO:

I am the current owner of the
Rogers House at 28 Boyden Road, Holden,
MASS., 01520. I am aware of the nomination
of the house for the National Register of
Historic Places. I approve of listing the
property in the National Register of
Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,
Jean K. Ritvo, MD

cc: Mr. Robert Needham



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

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

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
02108
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

April 22, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Boston - Adams Nervine Asylum (state)
Boyalston - Keyes - Dakin House (local)
Grafton - Willard House and Clock Museum (state)
Hatfield - The Old Mill Site Historical District (local)
Holden - Rogers House (local)
Needham - Tolman - Gay House (local)
Newton - Slade - Hovey House (local) owner objects
Sturbridge - Oliver Wight House (state)
Upton - Knowlton Hat Factory (local)
Weston - Isaac Hobbs 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

CJ/amf