

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

1. Town Canton

Address corner of Washington St. and
Homans Lane

Name Redman Farm House

Present use vacant

Present owner Metropolitan District
Commission (M.D.C)

3. Description:

Date c. 1795

Source Deeds, records at M.D.C.
Headquarters, Boston

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) adjacent shed and
barn, shingle and
clapboards, built

Other features in later nine-
teenth and early
twentieth century

Altered interior Date ?

Moved no Date

5. Lot size:

x (at
One acre or less present) Over one acre

Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street
20 feet

6. Recorded by Sara B. Chase

Organization SPNEA

Date April, 1979

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

19 325700 4673020

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use farm

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates golf course and residence for Ponkapoag Golf Course Groundskeeper, and others, 1900-present

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	<u>x</u>	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This farm is recorded in deeds running back to the seventeenth century, with its stream, relatively level meadows, and good soil. The present farm house, which retains a number of Federal mantels, some Federal sash, and other Greek Revival elements, was built in 1795 or 1796 by a descendant of Robert Redman who first leased the land from the Ponkapoag Indians in 1725. The farm attained social and cultural prominence in the mid- to late-nineteenth century when writer Thomas Briley Aldrich and his family entertained other notable American writers there.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

SEP 25 1980

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet, Item number 8-9, Page 4-1

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 141 acres

Quadrangle name Blue Hills, MA, Norwood, MA

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24000

UMT References

A 1,9 3,2,2 3,4,0 4,6 7,8 8,2,0
Zone Easting Northing

B 1,9 3,3,0 8,8,0 4,6 7,9 2,2,0
Zone Easting Northing

C 1,9 3,3,3 1,9,0 4,6 7,8 7,3,0

D 1,9 3,3,0 7,9,0 4,6 7,2 7,2,0

E 1,9 3,2,5 1,5,0 4,6 7,1 5,2,0

F 1,9 3,2,2 4,2,0 4,6 7,5 5,9,0

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Section 7, paragraph one.

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Stephen A Cole and Sara B. Chase, Architectural Researcher, SPNEA

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission

date June 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street

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city or town Boston

state MA 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Patricia A. Westbrook

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 7/30/80

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

for [signature] [signature] [signature] (g/w)
Keeper of the National Register

date 9/25/80

Attest: *Patricia A. Westbrook*
Chief of Registration

date 9/25/80

Property

Reservations multiple Resource area
(partial inventory)

State

MA, Norfolk

Working Number

8/13/80/2088

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos

Maps

21
3,1

This area is significant as an early planned recreational area designed to meet the growing recreational needs of burgeoning urban Boston - The area includes only 20th cent. to 1930's recreational buildings, also included are examples of 19th century industrial remains and 18th, 19th, and early 20th century residences. Taken with the archeological components, this M.R.A. nomination traces the continuous human habitation and use of this land from prehistoric to modern times. This is a good multiple Resource nomination - they have included all the required elements for documentation. Defers to archeologist on the disputed site (Ponhapoag). Requested additional statement of signif. on Eliot Bridge is sufficient justification ^{under} criteria c.

HISTORIAN

accept
Patrick Andue
9/25/80

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept 2 of 3 site - Return Ponhapoag as information currently known is insufficient to determine extent of site and therefore boundaries. Recommend nomination when more is known. Recommend "accept" for the Quarry Site and Green Hill site - the former for its importance in understanding regional lithic procurement, manufacture, use and trading networks; the latter for its potential to contribute to knowledge of Middle Archaic within a state-wide context. State is aware of impending return of Ponhapoag - discussed with Steve Cole.

ARCHEOLOGIST

Joe Byrle
Accept + Return
9-15-80

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ELIOT MEMORIAL BRIDGE IS ELIGIBLE UNDER CRITERION C. A BETTER CASE COULD HAVE BEEN MADE FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER CRITERION A. BUT I WILL ACCEPT.

BRANCH CHIEF

ACCEPT
Mac Dwyer (FOR)
9/25/80

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

2, 3, 81

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

Entered SEP 25 1980



REDHAW FARM HOUSE

13.

Blue Hills and Neponset River
Reservations multiple Resource Area

3/28

norfolk co. (MA)

AUG 13 1980

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000272