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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name *Stoneholm House*

historic The Lothrop House

and/or common *STONEHOLM* (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 188 Ames Street

___ not for publication

city, town Sharon

___ vicinity of

congressional district 10th

state Massachusetts

code 025

county Norfolk

code 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture	☐ museum
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial	☐ park
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational	☒ private residence
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment	☐ religious
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government	☐ scientific
	☐ being considered	☐ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial	☐ transportation
		☒ no	☐ military	☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Chavez

street & number 188 Ames Street

city, town Sharon

___ vicinity of

state Mass. 02067

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

street & number 650 High Street

city, town Dedham

state Mass. 02026

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Assets of
the Commonwealth #90has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ☒ no

date 1968

___ federal ☒ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston

state

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

Stoneholm, also known as the Horace Lothrop House, occupies a 2.73 acre parcel at the northwest corner of Ames and East Streets, in a residential section of Sharon. The property is surrounded by a border of trees, most of which appear to be original plantings, and contains a carriage house in addition to the property's main house.

The main house is a Second Empire style building, two-and-one-half stories high with a mansard roof and cupola. Extending from the house's north elevation is a one-storey rear wing with a flat roof. The house is built of locally-quarried, rock-faced granite ashlar. Corner quoins and window trim (i.e. sills, quoined surrounds, arches and keystones) are made of rock-faced granite, but of a darker color than that of the walls. The concavely curved mansard roof rests on a wooden cornice with paired brackets and is covered with slates which are cut to create a hexagonal pattern. All sash, except where noted otherwise, is 2/2.

The Facade (south elevation) is symmetrical; at its first storey is a wooden porch, three bays long and one bay deep with a low, half-hip roof. Each bay is framed by posts which have small brackets beneath the porch's solid apron and larger brackets set on their outer faces, supporting the cornice. The porch's center bay contains an additional pair of posts from which deep brackets rise to support a low pediment over the entry bay. At the center of the first storey is a rectangular opening containing paired doors with panelled bases and arched lights. On each side of the entry is a single window set in a low-arched, quoined surround. At the second storey, two windows (identical to those of the storey) flank a central, paired window. This paired window consists of two sets of 1/1 sash, each surmounted by a semi-circular transom. The two halves are separated by a single granite pier; the outer sides of their surrounds are quoined and each arch has a keystone. The arrangement of the second storey is repeated at the attic, where a wide central dormer contains two 1/1 windows with semi-circular transoms. The central dormer is framed by two wooden columns which support a cornice and low-pediment. Flanking the central dormer are two narrower dormers, each of which is trimmed with consoles supporting a low pediment.

The east elevation contains many of the same elements as the facade, but is asymmetrically arranged at the first two stories. Moving south to north, the first storey has a semi-octagonal bay window, built of wood with 1/1 sash in each of its two angled faces and 2/2 sash in its east face. The cornice of the bay window is trimmed with brackets above which the roof rises to a semi-octagonal hip. Next north is a one-bay square porch, originally open but now enclosed; it is approached from two granite stairs with curved, solid railings. At each corner are posts with brackets which support a cornice and low hip roof. Currently the porch is enclosed by clapboarding and louvred windows. North of the porch is a single window, identical to those of the facade's first storey. At the second storey, moving south to north, are a single window, a paired arched window and two single windows, all of which are identical to their counterparts at the second storey of the facade. At the attic are three symmetrically placed dormers, identical to those of the facade, although more widely spaced.

The west elevation is symmetrically arranged with two semi-octagonal bay windows at the first storey, three single windows at the second storey and three dormers at the third storey. All decorative details are identical to those of corresponding features of the east elevation. The north elevation is built of squared granite rubble and is asymmetrically arranged. The eastern two-thirds of the first storey are blocked by the rear wing while its western third contains a simple 2/2 window set in an undecorated surround with a rectangular lintel and sill. At the second storey, two windows, identical to that of the first storey, flank a small, square light. At the attic are two dormers which are

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identical to the outer dormers of the facade. The rear wing contains one window in its west elevation and two in its north elevation; both elevations are built of squared granite rubble. The east elevation of the rear wing is built of rock-faced granite ashlar; each of its two windows has a quoined surround.

The cupola is square in plan and has four identical elevations each of which now contains two single-pane windows, although it is likely that each originally had two sets of 1/1 sash. The cupola has a very low mansard roof set on brackets. Surrounding the cupola is an added widow's walk with a railing of square-plan balusters.

The Carriage House is a one-and-one half storey, "L" plan structure, enclosed by a concavely curved mansard roof. Part of the building's south and east elevations are faced with rock-faced granite ashlar; elsewhere the carriage house is built of squared granite rubble. Throughout, the building is trimmed with rock-faced granite corner quoins. Facing the angle created by the building's plan, the south elevation contains an off-center gable beneath which is a high entry arch with a quoined surround and panelled wooden doors. This arch is flanked by two windows, each of which contains 6/6 sash set in a stone surround with quoins, a low-arched head and keystone. Set at a right angle to the south facade of the carriage house is the east elevation (facade) which contains a gable and high entry arch, identical to that of the south elevation. The building's other elevations are irregular in their fenestration. At the roof is a low square ventilator/cupola with three circular lights on each of its elevations, a low mansard roof and a weather vane. Alterations to the carriage house are minor, consisting mainly of the replacement of original slates with asphalt shingles.

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 1864

Builder/Architect Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Stoneholm, also known as the Horace Lothrop House, retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and historical associations to Sharon's leading industrialist of the mid-nineteenth century. A unique local example of Second Empire style architecture, the house, as well as its stable, remains essentially unaltered and retains many high quality details, particularly in its fine stonework. Two stone-lined chambers exist beneath the house's front lawn; these chambers are believed to have contained water and chemicals which were combined to provide the house with gas for lighting and heating.

The original owner of Stoneholm, Horace A. Lothrop (1828-1898), was born in Easton, Massachusetts where his father, the Honorable Howard Lothrop was active in business and civic affairs. Having completed his education and some business training, Horace Lothrop moved to Sharon in 1847, where he and J. R. Packard had bought a cutlery factory from John Ames. Ames had operated this factory since 1835, using a mill privilege at Massapoag Lake, one-quarter mile distant from Stoneholm. Under Lothrop's direction, the business expanded and became known, locally, for its practice of continuing production during business recessions and panics, stockpiling its unbought goods rather than laying off its employees. In 1870, Lothrop was a founder of the firm of Lothrop and Watson, manufacturers of shoe shanks. In 1878, Lothrop established the Niantic Hose Company.

During this period, Lothrop served as a director of the Neponset National Bank in Canton, Mass. By 1883, Lothrop was forced by ill health to retire from his business interests.

In addition to his connection to several of Sharon's major industries, Lothrop was active in civic affairs, serving for two terms as a member of the state legislature and as a member of the Sharon School Board. Lothrop also made major donations for the founding of the Sharon Public Library, for the acquisition of a town clock, for the purchase of street lights, for the planting of shade trees and for other projects inaugurated by the Sharon Improvement Society. Lothrop was one of the incorporators of the Sharon Water Company.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Article, The Knife Works Privelege, 27 May 1909. J.E. Conant, Lowell, Mass.
2. Obituary, H. A. Lothrop, Sharon Advocate, 16 December 1898.
3. Article, Baker, R. A., Quincy Patriot Ledger, 25 July 1977.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 2.73 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Mansfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to the attached assessor's map.

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 Brian Pfeiffer, Consultant with Chandler W. Jones and William B. Crawford of Sharon Historical Commission.

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission

date October, 1979

street & number 294 Washington Street

telephone

city or town Boston

state Mass. 02067

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 L. Weslowski 1/22/80

title Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

date

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

for *Bruce Har Deagal*
Keeper of the National Register

date 4/2/80

Attest: *Patrick Andrus*

Chief of Registration

date 3/27/80



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Sharon Mass, Norfolk County
Assessor's Map

THE SHARON COUNTY



Property Stoneholm

State Ma - Norfolk

Working Number 2-8-80 435

TECHNICAL

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CONTROL

Built in 1864 this house is significant for its architecture and its relationship to the leading industrialist of the 2d half of the 19th cent. in the small town of Sharon. Built of locally quarried granite ashlar the house is an impressive (and unique to Sharon) example of 2d Empire style architecture - virtually unaltered 2 1/2 story. Also included is a little altered contemporary granite ashlar carriage house. 2.73 acres.

HISTORIAN

accept
Patrick Andrews
3/27/80

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____

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Dr. Robert Chavez
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Photo #1 of 3
South and west elevations, facing northeast

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#1 Front facing south, side facing west.



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Side facing east, rear facing north

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#2 Side facing east, rear facing north.



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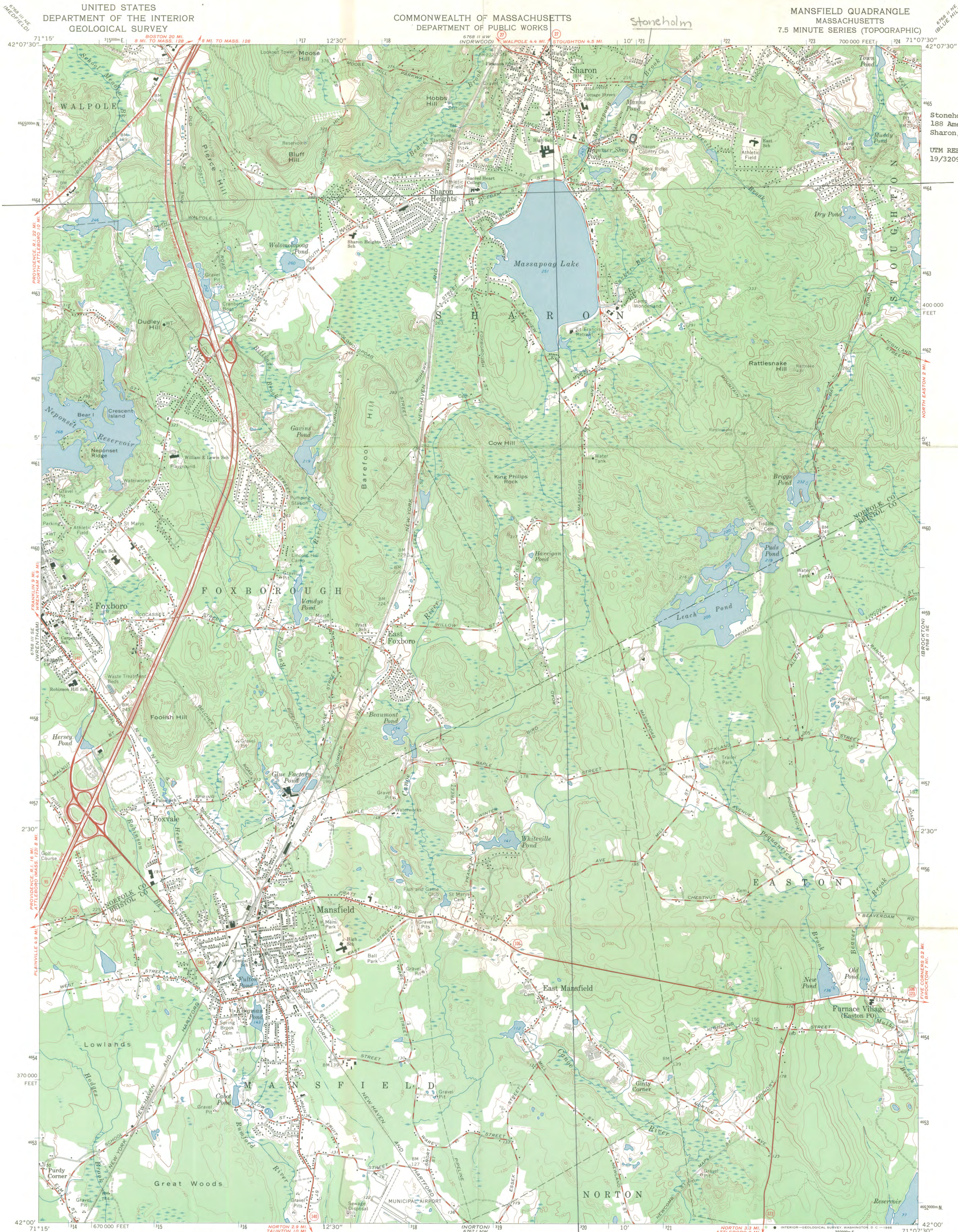
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Carriage house facing north in rear of
house.

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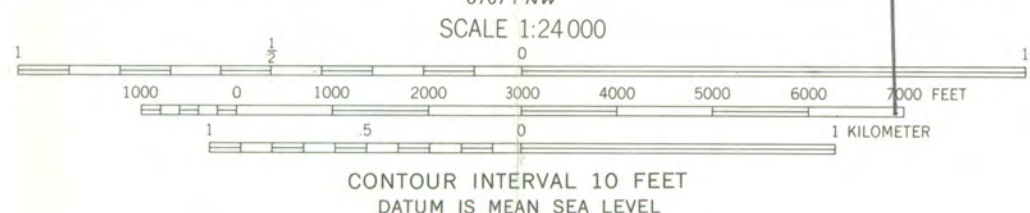
#3 Carriage house facing ~~South~~^{north} in rear of house.

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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

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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

MANSFIELD, MASS.
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1964

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Name

Location

Dorchester-Milton Lower Mills Industrial
District

Boston and Milton
Suffolk (also Norfolk County)

Elm Street Fire Station

Gardner
Worcester County

Stoneholm

Sharon
Norfolk County

First Parsonage for Second East Parish Church

Attleboro
Bristol County

Lane, David, House

Bedford
Middlesex County

Also Notified

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Honorable James M. Sahnnon

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