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National Park Service

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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 The Rufus Choate House
and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 14 Lynde Street N/A not for publication
city, town Salem N/A vicinity of congressional district
state Massachusetts code 025 county Essex code 009

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

4. Owner of Property

name Rufus Choate Associates
street & number c/o Kenneth E. Lindauer, 14 Lynde Street
city, town Salem N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. South Essex District Registry of Deeds
street & number 32 Federal Street
city, town Salem state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth # 26/432 has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1979 federal state county local
depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission
city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description Rufus Choate House, Salem, MA

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Rufus Choate House is a Federal period structure in downtown Salem, Massachusetts. The building faces south on Lynde Street, a block from one of Salem's main thoroughfares, Washington Street. Its small urban lot is contained within a small-scale neighborhood of residential structures, which now house a variety of uses.

Built in 1787, the Choate House is three stories high with a hip roof, clapboard siding, a granite foundation, and twin interior chimneys. The main block of the house is one story deep with a center entrance; a gabled 3-story ell at the rear of the building is also original. Continuing northward from this ell are two 1-story additions, the southerly section featuring a gabled roof and the northerly section, a flat roof. At the northeast corner between the main block and original ell stands a flat roofed, 2-story addition containing one room on each floor.

Because of the numerous ells and additions, fenestration is irregular on the side and rear elevations. Prior to the recent restoration, sash generally contained 2/2 lights; these have been replaced with new 6/6 sash. The symmetrical facade of the Choate House is five bays long; its center entrance is surmounted by a bracketed canopy and rectangular bay window. Separating the property from the street is a cast iron fence erected in 1853.

The house apparently remained intact until its ownership by the Northend family (1871-1935). In the last quarter of the 19th century, several changes were made. The original front steps were replaced with the present granite stairs, and the old doorway (appearance unknown) was replaced with a new double doorway, hood, and bay window above. At that period, if not before, 2/2 sash was installed throughout the house, and the 2-story, flat roofed addition was constructed. The original one-story woodshed behind the original ell was extended northerly at various times. During the second quarter of this century, the house was re-sided with asphalt shingles.

During the restoration of 1980-81, which was certified by the National Park Service for tax act purposes, the Choate House was re-clapboarded, 6/6 sash was installed on all windows, and shutters were re-introduced to the facade.

8. Significance

Rufus Choate House, Salem, MA

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1787 **Builder/Architect** N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Rufus Choate House retains integrity of design, location, and setting. The property is significant for its association with a prominent statesman and as a representation of Federal period development in Salem; it meets criteria B and C of the National Register.

The Choate House was constructed in 1787 for Ebenezer Beckford, a prominent Salem merchant. More significantly, between 1825 and 1834, the building was occupied by Rufus Choate (1799-1859), a lawyer, orator, and politician. During his residency in Salem, Choate served in the Massachusetts legislature and in the United States Congress. Choate left Salem for Boston in 1834 and subsequently served as United States Senator, Massachusetts Attorney General, and founder and President of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Choate's eloquence and intelligence were well known in his time, not only through his professional practice but also through his public lectures and political activities. Choate is considered by some to have followed in the footsteps of Daniel Webster.

In 1873 the Choate House was bought by William Drummer Northend, a celebrated criminal lawyer in New England. Author of The Old Bay Colony, Northend was also known as one of the most accurate historical writers of the period. His daughter Mary Northend, who lived at the Choate House most of her life, maintained an extensive collection of photographic negatives (more than 16,000) of historic houses, and published many articles on colonial buildings.

During much of the 20th century, the Choate House was used as a boarding house for men. Substantial renovation has recently been completed, converting the building to use as law offices.

Architecturally, the Choate House provides an excellent representation of the Federal period in Salem. Its simple but elegant design typifies middle class housing during an era of great prosperity and development in Salem.

9. Major Bibliographical References

see continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 4,800+ square feet

Quadrangle name Salem, Mass.

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UMT References

A

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Zone			Easting					Northing									

B

Zone			Easting					Northing									

C

Zone			Easting					Northing									

D

Zone			Easting					Northing									

E

Zone			Easting					Northing									

F

Zone			Easting					Northing									

G

Zone			Easting					Northing									

H

Zone			Easting					Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached map.

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

state N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner, with Elaine B. Finbury and Kenneth E. Lindauer, Rufus Choate Associates

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date May 17, 1982

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

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 Valerie Ann Talmage

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date Aug. 31, 1982

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 11/12/82

Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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

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

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Continuation sheet Rufus Choate House Salem, MA Item number Bibliography Page 1

Title and Probate records of owners of record of 14 Lynde Street from Ebenezer and Hannah Beckford 1785 to 1971.

Title records, Essex Registry of Deeds, Salem, Massachusetts.

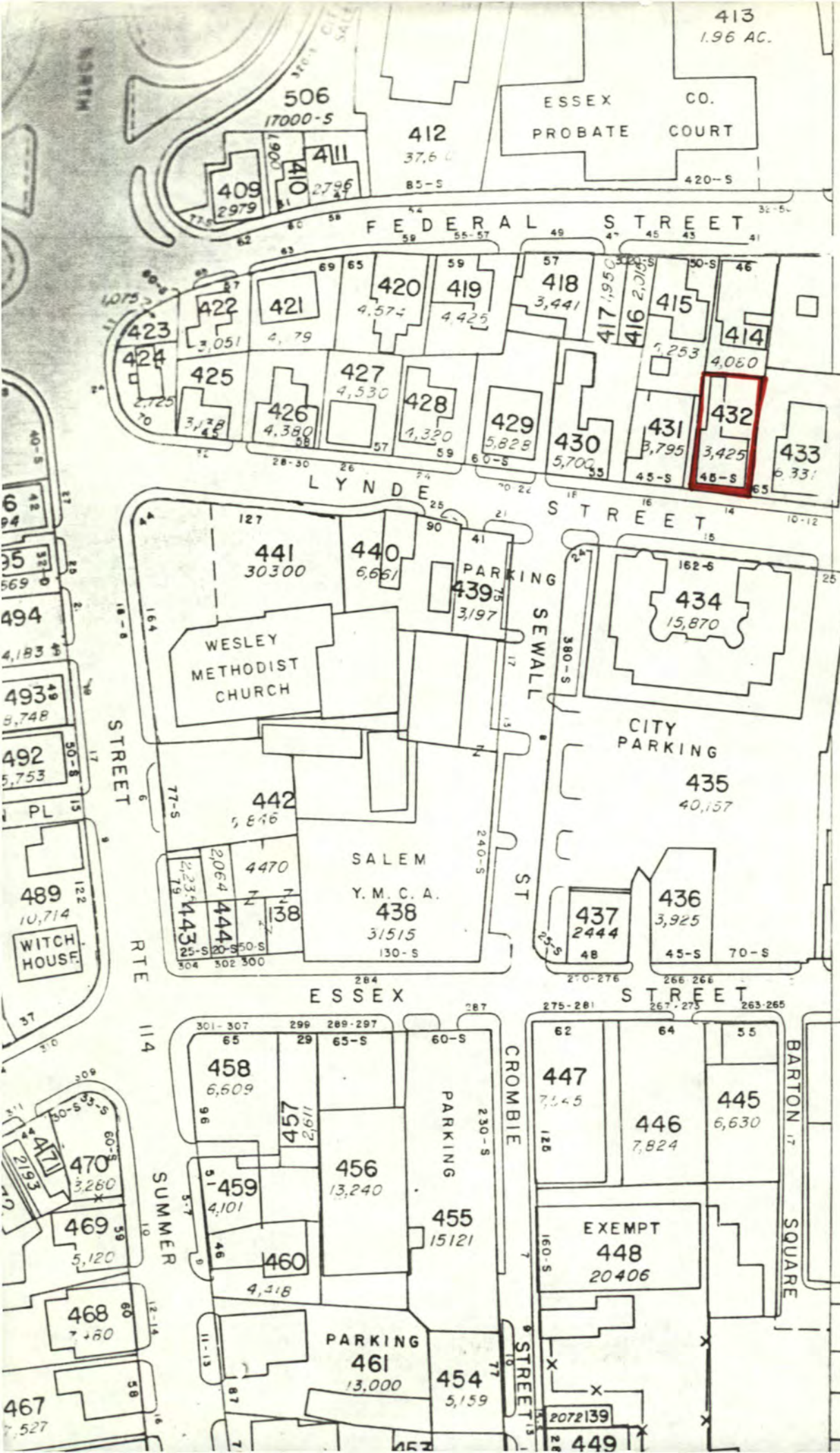
Probate and Inventory records, Essex Registry of Probate, Salem, Massachusetts.

Essex Institute Historical Collections, Salem, Massachusetts.

Henessey, Edward F., Address By Chief Justice Henessey, Boston Bar Journal, June 9, 1980

Martin, Edward Sandford, The Life of Joseph Hodges Choate, Charles Scribners, New York, November 1920.

Independent Research Reports: Joyce Cook, Historic Salem
Robert Booth, Professional
House Researcher, Amesbury, MA



SALEM, MASS.
RUFUS CHOATE HOUSE

From Assessor's Map
Salem, Mass. 1980
Scale 1" = 100'

REV. BY	S.E.D. 1980
REV. BY	AVIS 1979
REV. BY	AVIS 1978

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Choate, Rufus, House
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 10/14/82-2845
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 11/11/82 - 11/28/82
Action: ACCEPT 11/13/82
Entered in the RETURN
National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the RETURN
National Register REJECT

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
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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 _____ Area 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

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
USGS Reference _____

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

Site _____ date _____

13. Other


- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet





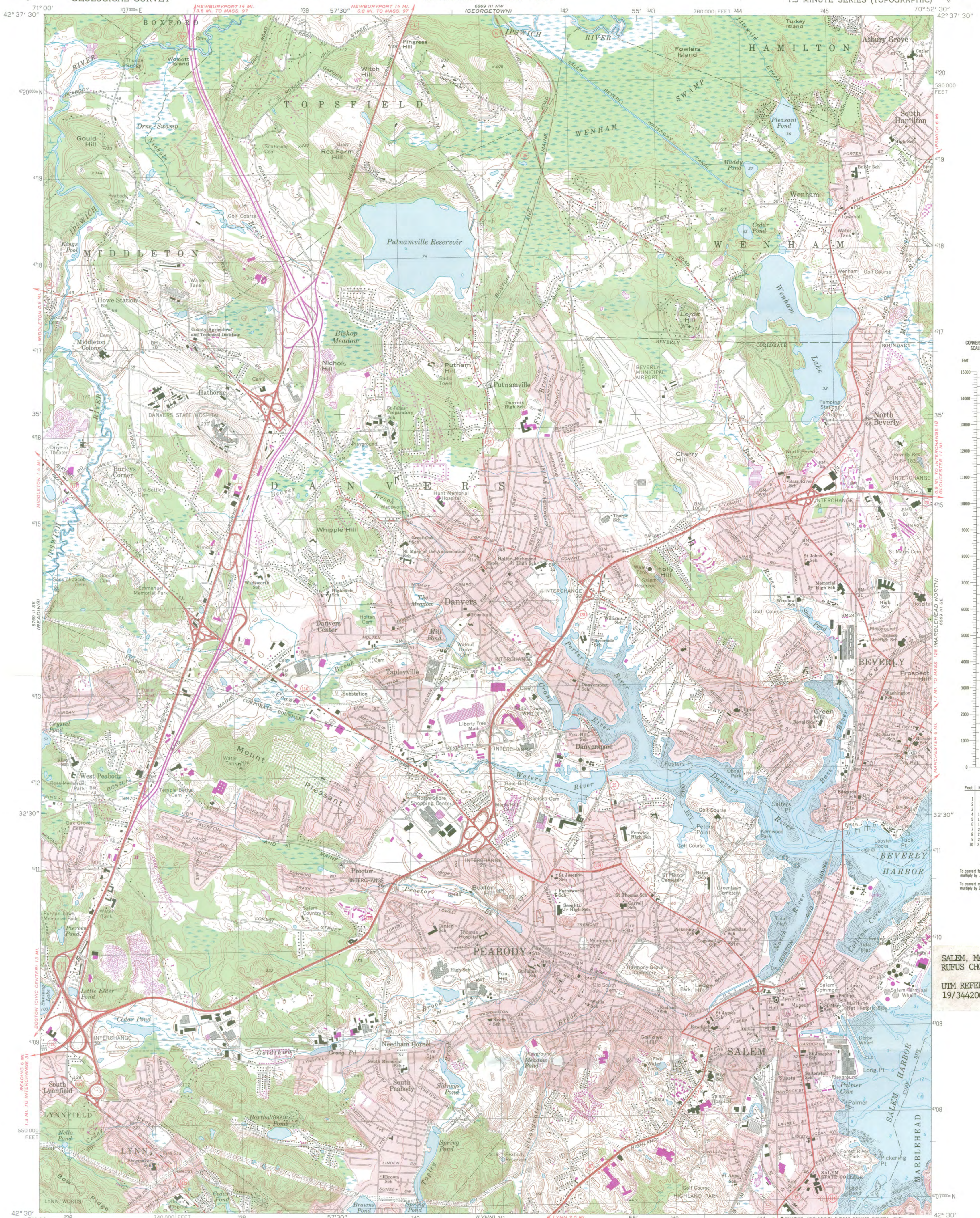
Rufus Choate House
Salem, Mass.

by Kenneth E. Lindauer, 1982
negatives with photographer

14 Lynde Street, Salem, Mass.

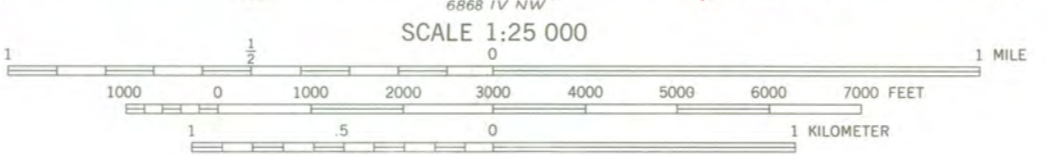
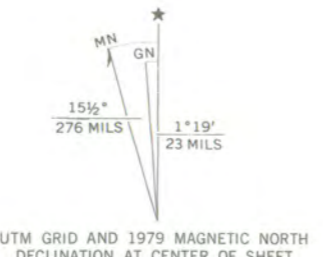
View of main facade.

Photo 1 of 1



SALEM, MASS.
RUFUS CHOATE HOUSE
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taken 1938. Topography by planimetric surveys 1942
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Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 240 and
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for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
zone 19
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9 FEET
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



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 ———

SALEM, MASS.
N4230—W7052.5/7.5

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AMS 6869 III SW—SERIES V814

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of Massachusetts agencies from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

August 31, 1982

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Keeper
National Park Service
Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
600 Arch Street
Room 9310
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed are several National Register forms:

✓ Salem: Rufus Choate House (local) new submission - This has been voted eligible by the State Review Board; the owner supports nomination.

Boyalston: Deacon Cyprian Keyes House/Barlin Acres (local) resubmission - additional photos have been included.

Concord: Wheeler-Merriam House (local) resubmission - We have added a boundary justification.

Ipswich-Turner Hill (state) - resubmission - photos and descriptions of out-buildings have been added as well as a boundary justification.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

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Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosures

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