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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Norfolk
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE APR 18 1974

#### 1. NAME

COMMON: Dr. Amos Holbrook House
AND/OR HISTORIC: same

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 203 Adams Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Milton		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 11th	
STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 025	COUNTY: Norfolk	CODE: 021

#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments



#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Museum of the American China Trade	
STREET AND NUMBER: 215 Adams Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Milton	
STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 025

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Norfolk County Registry of Deeds	
STREET AND NUMBER: 650 High Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Dedham	
STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 025

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission	
STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	
STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Surrounded by spacious lawns and ancient trees, the Amos Holbrook house is set back from the road at the apex of a curved driveway. Built in 1800, the Holbrook House is white clapboard over brick on the facade, with a protrusion signifying the belt course. The remaining elevations are brick. A two-story building with a five bay facade, it has a hip roof with two chimneys set in on each side. The lintels are brick (painted white) and the structure rests on a dressed granite foundation. The original building consisted only of the conventional arrangement of central hall and eight rooms, but it has had many later alterations.

In 1872, a brick service appendage, in the conforming Federal style, was added to the west elevation, causing it to become three bays wide. Of the appendage, which has one chimney, the north and south sides are five bays wide; the west side is three bays wide; the east side, projecting from the rear of the original structure, is two bays wide. The columned and balustraded front porch was also added in 1872, as were additional dormers on both sides of the hip roof.

In 1907 a five-bay semi-octagonal wing was added to the rear southeast elevation of the original structure and the rear chimney relocated. A one-story Doric columned porch was added to the remaining three-bay south side of the original structure, between the two wings. In 1935 all of the sash, which had at various times been altered, were returned to the original six over eight.

The dining room retains the original trompe l'oeil ceiling and wall frescoes, as does the hall on both the first and second floors. The front parlor and dining room contain the original American Adam mantel-pieces, door overpanels, mouldings and cornices.

The barn, c.1810, is remarkably similar to the Derby barn, designed by Samuel McIntire in 1798, though the Holbrook barn is smaller. It is a white clapboard two-story structure with a hip roof and a protruding center section on the facade, consisting of the main door topped by an arch opening and a shallow pediment. The barn was relocated from the east side of the house to its present location to the southeast in 1907. A one-story three-bay garage was added in 1963.

Additional outbuildings include a greenhouse and potting shed, c.1907, a brick root cellar, c.1860, and a wooden hexagonal gazebo, c.1907.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1800 and 1872

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political            | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art          | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation |   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Amos Holbrook House stands on the summit of Milton Hill. With its surrounding five acres of land, it is situated on what formerly was the estate of Thomas Hutchinson, the last royal governor of Massachusetts. Beginning in 1743 until he fled America for England in 1774, Governor Hutchinson attended in particular to the cultivation of his trees, some of which are believed to be extant on the property.

The house was built in 1800 by Dr. Amos Holbrook (1754-1842) who had been a Revolutionary War surgeon. On his return to Milton in 1777, Holbrook instigated the first attempt by an American community to establish a campaign for local small pox inoculation. The initiation of the Milton program resulted in the first state law for the betterment of community health. An eminent man in his profession, Holbrook entertained General Lafayette in 1824 in the house.

The trompe l'oeil architectural frescoes are believed to be contemporary with the house and traditionally said to be done by Italian craftsmen. They are considered by architectural historians to be unique, for their time, in America. Today these frescoes are in a remarkable state of preservation, with only a few signs of their age, and certain areas that have been repainted. The finely carved American Adam mantelpieces, door overpanels and mouldings highly compliment the frescoes.

The Museum of the American China Trade purchased the Holbrook property in 1973 in order to preserve the house and save it from demolition and the subsequent development of tract housing. The property, along with that of the adjacent Museum of the American China Trade (The Robert B. Forbes House, National Historic Landmark) is located across Adams Street from a preserved 14 acre open space that runs down to the Neponset Estuary. The conservation of the property and the buildings assures the continuation of Milton Hill as a unique refuge from the urban density which lies at its base.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1. Hamilton, E.Pierce, A History of Milton, Milton Historical Society, 1858.
2. Teele, Albert K., ed., The History of Milton, Mass. 1640 to 1887, Town of Milton, 1887.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Mindy Arbo for Elizabeth Amadon, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston      (617) 727-8470      STATE: Massachusetts      02108      CODE: 025

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

John F. X. Davoren  
Name Secretary of the Commonwealth

Title Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date 3/20/74

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

W. A. [Signature]  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/18/74

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of the National Register

Date 4.18.74

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY Halbrook Dr. Amos, House STATE Mass.

Norfolk

WORKING NUMBER 3.29.74.479

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 1

MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW

OK  
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HISTORIAN

Interesting development over time.

Accept.  
R. Luce  
4/3/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

would like to see a photo of frescoes -  
accept. - H. J. and L. 4/3/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept  
Cole  
4-12-74

BRANCH CHIEF

accept  
Calkins  
7-7-74

KEEPER

Wm  
4/18

National Register Write-up 6-7-74

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry June 4, 1974

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered APR 18 1974



MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN CHINA TRADE

215 ADAMS STREET  
MILTON, MASS. 02188

FORM 10-301 A  
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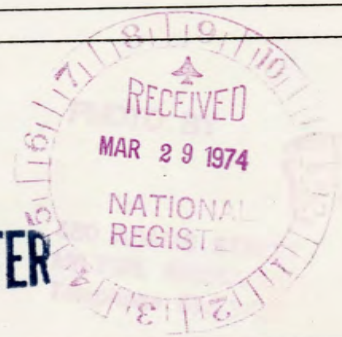
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)*

<b>1. NAME</b> COMMON		AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE <i>(Assigned by NPS)</i>
Dr. Amos Holbrook House		same	APR 18 1974
<b>2. LOCATION</b> STATE		COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts		Norfolk	Milton
STREET AND NUMBER			
203 Adams Street			
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b> PHOTO CREDIT		DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Bradford Herzog		April, 1965	
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b> DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Facade facing north			

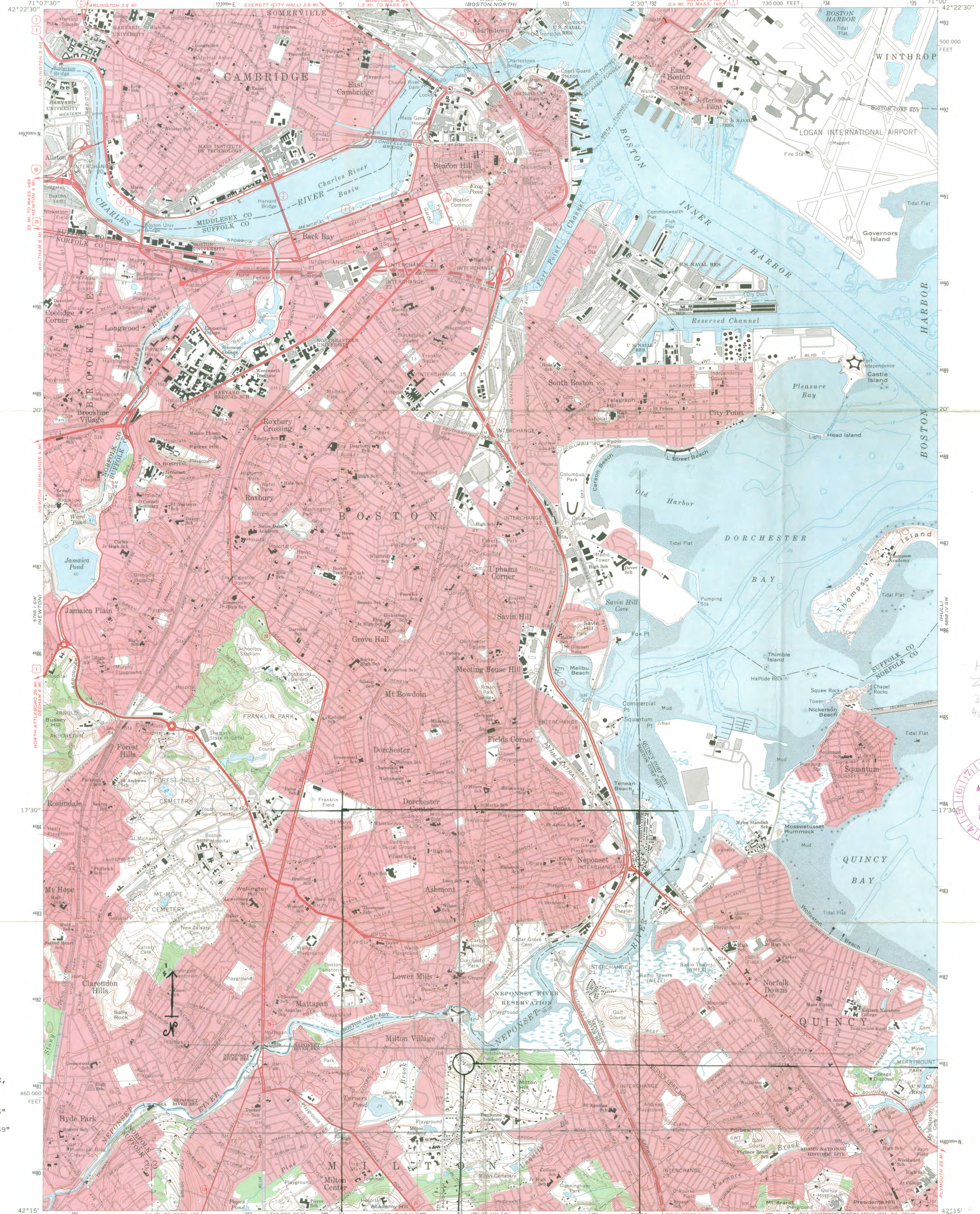
**PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER**



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QUALITY  
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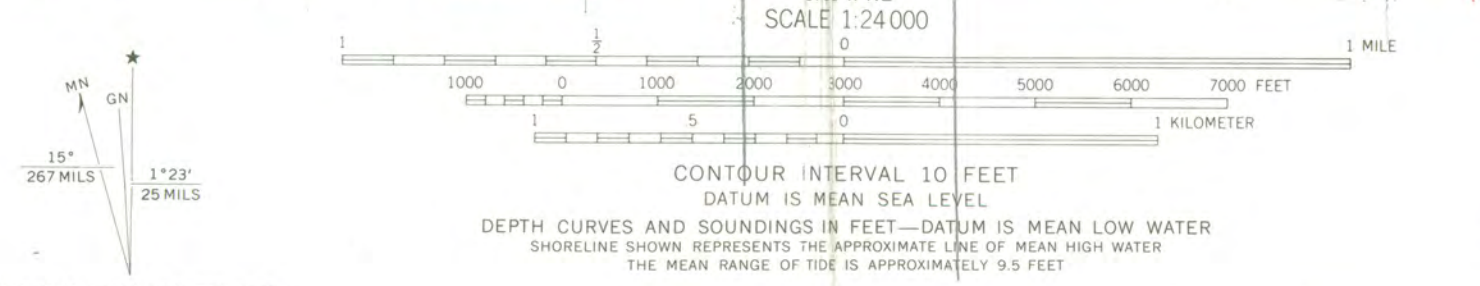


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AMOS HOLBROOK HOUSE,  
MILTON  
Latitude: 42° 15' 55"  
Longitude: 71° 03' 59"

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Revised from  
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 246  
and 248 (1971). This information is not intended for navigational  
purposes  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied  
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works  
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



BOSTON SOUTH, MASS.  
N4215—W7100/7.5  
1970  
AMS 6768 1 SE—SERIES V814

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(July 1968)

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Dr. Amos Holbrook House	same	APR 18 1974
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Norfolk	Milton
STREET AND NUMBER		
203 Adams Street		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. Boston South, MA.	1970	1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 18 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Grange	Lincoln Middlesex County
Dorchester North Burying Ground	Boston (Dorchester) Suffolk County
First Parish Unitarian Church	Medfield Norfolk County
Copp's Hill Burial Ground	Boston Suffolk County
Holbrook, Dr. Amos, House	Milton Norfolk County
Winthrop Building	Boston Suffolk County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Edward W. Brooke	Hon. John P. K. Davoren
Hon. Robert F. Drinan	Secretary of the Commonwealth
Hon. John J. Moakley	Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Hon. Margaret M. Heckler	Commission
Hon. James A. Burke	40 Beacon Street
	Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

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<b>FEDERAL ASSISTANCE</b>		<b>2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION</b>	<b>a. NUMBER</b>	<b>3. S APPLICATION IDENTIFIER</b>	<b>a. NUMBER</b>
<b>1. TYPE OF ACTION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> PREAPPLICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION <small>(Mark appropriate box)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.) <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION		<b>b. DATE</b> Year month day 1976 12 14			74070490
		<i>Leave Blank</i>			<b>b. DATE</b> ASSIGNED 1974 08 13
<b>4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT</b>			<b>5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.</b>		
<b>a. Applicant Name</b> : Massachusetts Historical Commission <b>b. Organization Unit</b> : <b>c. Street/P.O. Box</b> : 294 Washington Street <b>d. City</b> : Boston <b>e. County</b> : Suffolk <b>f. State</b> : Massachusetts <b>g. ZIP Code</b> : 02108 <b>h. Contact Person (Name &amp; telephone No.)</b> : Elizabeth Reed Amadon, S.H.P.O (617) 727-8470			046-002-284		
<b>7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT</b>			<b>6. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.</b>		
Dr. Amos Holbrook House Development Project, Milton, Suffolk County <i>Suffolk Co.</i> "Preserve elements of the porch, balustrade and dormers." Source of non-federal match is the Museum of the American China Trade.			<b>a. NUMBER</b> 15 * 904 <b>b. TITLE</b> Historic Preservation		
<b>10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT</b> <small>(Names of cities, counties, States, etc.)</small>			<b>8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT</b>		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts			A-State H-Community Action Agency B-Interstate I-Higher Educational Institution C-Substate District J-Indian Tribe D-County K-Other (Specify): E-City F-School District G-Special Purpose District Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A		
<b>11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING</b>			<b>9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE</b>		
5,689,170			A-Basic Grant D-Insurance B-Supplemental Grant E-Other C-Loan Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> A		
<b>12. TYPE OF APPLICATION</b>			<b>13. PROPOSED FUNDING</b>		
A-New C-Revision E-Augmentation B-Renewal D-Continuation Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A			<b>a. FEDERAL</b> \$ 7,000 .00 <b>b. APPLICANT</b> 8,375 .00 <b>c. STATE</b> .00 <b>d. LOCAL</b> .00 <b>e. OTHER</b> .00 <b>f. TOTAL</b> \$ 15,375 .00		
<b>14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:</b>			<b>15. TYPE OF CHANGE</b> <small>(For 12s or 19s)</small>		
<b>a. APPLICANT</b> 9 <b>b. PROJECT</b> 11 <b>16. PROJECT START DATE</b> Year month day 19 see #34 <b>17. PROJECT DURATION</b> 36 Months <b>18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY</b> Year month day 1976 12 14			A-Increase Dollars F-Other (Specify): B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>19. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER</b>			<b>20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST</b> <small>(Name, City, State, ZIP code)</small>		
25-75-00256-00			National Park Service, Washington D.C. 20240		
<b>21. REMARKS ADDED</b>			<b>22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved. b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached:		
			(1) Office of State Planning <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE</b>			<b>24. AGENCY NAME</b>		
a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE Elizabeth Reed Amadon, Exec. Dir. and S.H.P.O.			Department of Interior		
<b>25. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE</b>			<b>26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT</b>		
b. SIGNATURE <i>Elizabeth Reed Amadon</i>			National Park Service		
<b>27. DATE SIGNED</b>			<b>27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b>		
Year month day 19 76 12 14			Grants Administration Div.		
<b>28. FEDERAL AGENCY IDENTIFICATION</b>			<b>29. ADDRESS</b>		
25-75-00256-00			18th & C Streets NW., Washington, D.C. 20240		
<b>30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION</b>			<b>31. ACTION TAKEN</b>		
25-75-00256-00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. AWARDED <input type="checkbox"/> b. REJECTED <input type="checkbox"/> c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> d. DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> e. WITHDRAWN		
<b>32. FUNDING</b>			<b>33. ACTION DATE</b>		
<b>a. FEDERAL</b> \$ 7,000 .00 <b>b. APPLICANT</b> 8,375 .00 <b>c. STATE</b> .00 <b>d. LOCAL</b> .00 <b>e. OTHER</b> .00 <b>f. TOTAL</b> \$ 15,375 .00			Year month day 19 77 3 3		
<b>34. STARTING DATE</b>			<b>35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>		
Year month day 19 77 3 3			(Name and telephone number) Stephen D. Newman (202) 523-5472		
<b>35. ENDING DATE</b>			<b>36. REMARKS ADDED</b>		
Year month day 19 80 3 2			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>37. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION</b>			<b>38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL</b>		
a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made.			(Name and telephone no.) same as #35		

SECTION I—APPLICANT/RECIPIENT DATA

SECTION II—CERTIFICATION

SECTION III—FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION