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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 Old Granite Courthouse
Superior Courthouse
Registry of Deeds and Probate Building
Essex County Court Building

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON Old Granite Courthouse (Engineers Office) Registry of Deeds and
Superior Courthouse (Clerk of Courts Building) Probate Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 32 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN Salem

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF sixth

CODE 025 COUNTY Essex CODE 009

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME County of Essex

STREET & NUMBER 32 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN Salem

VICINITY OF

STATE Massachusetts CODE 01940

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER 32 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN Salem

STATE Massachusetts CODE 01940

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1975

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Boston

STATE Massachusetts CODE 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Essex County Court buildings are three county government buildings located on Federal Street in Salem. Built to meet the expanding needs of Essex County, the buildings illustrate changes in architecture over a period of 68 years.

The Old Granite Courthouse (Engineers Office) was designed in 1839 by Boston architect Richard Bond and built in 1841 by contractors Samuel S. Standley and Henry Russell, Jr. of Salem. The cost of the building was about eighty thousand dollars and its workmanship throughout is excellent. The smooth-faced Rockport granite building was designed in the Greek Revival style with temple-fronted north and south elevations and a massiveness that belies its relatively small size. The classical fronts have two fluted granite columns in antis. Each column is composed of a single shaft of granite 3 feet 10 inches in diameter and 32 feet high, including base and capital. Finely sculpted and proportioned Egyptian lotus capitals provide the main decorative element of this otherwise austere classical composition. Inside the building brick arches provide support for the floors, and granite steps cantilevered into the massive walls furnish access from the first to the second story.

The Superior Courthouse (Clerk of Courts Building) adjoins the Old Granite Courthouse but provides a distinct contrast to it in style and material. The Superior Courthouse was designed by Enoch Fuller and dedicated on October 3, 1862. In 1889 the building was enlarged and altered to its present Romanesque Revival appearance. The architects of this metamorphosis were Wheelwright and Northend. The Superior Courthouse is brick with brownstone trim. A three-story central pavilion projects from the Federal Street facade with its primary feature being a Richardsonian arched entranceway. Brownstone banding connects the tops of the first-floor windows and the bottoms of the second-story windows. The banding also links the arches of the second-story windows. Other features of the building include a stairtower on the east side and two turrets to the rear (north). On the interior, the first floor contains a courtroom and commodious rooms occupied by the Clerk of Courts. On the second floor is another courtroom and the law library which is dominated by a massive Richardsonian fireplace.

The Registry of Deeds and Probate Building was officially opened in August 1909. Clarence H. Blackall of Boston was the architect, and the contractors were Woodbury and Leighton, also of Boston. Connected to the Superior Courthouse by an underground tunnel, this building is the largest of the three with a total of 44,220 square feet. Six huge fluted Ionic columns signal the entranceway to this classical edifice. Above the main doors elaborate ornamentation consists of shell-like patterns which encircle a Greek soldier's head. The projecting portico is flanked by two wings divided into five bays by granite pilasters. The cornice is adorned with dentils. The building presently houses the Essex County Southern District Registry of Deeds on the first floor. The second floor, consisting of two courtrooms and a large record room, is occupied by the Registry of Probate.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Essex County Court buildings illustrate the growth and the changing needs of the Salem and Essex County courts and represent impressive examples of three architectural styles.

The Old Granite Courthouse replaced a 1785 courthouse and townhouse on a nearby site on Washington Street. The earlier courthouse was the work of noted architect Samuel McIntire and was the scene of a ceremonial visit by George Washington. Its demolition was necessitated by the construction of a railroad tunnel under Washington Street in 1839. The present Granite Courthouse housed all of Salem's courts as well as the county offices from the time of its opening in 1842 to 1862 when the Superior Courthouse was constructed next door. In 1889 the lower floor was remodelled to accomodate the Registry of Deeds and in 1910 it was again adapted for use as county offices. Today the building is used by the County Engineers and County Commissioners. The architect, Richard Bond, was one of the most progressive young architects in the area, and, along with men like Solomon Willard and Alexander Parris, popularized granite as a building stone of great durability and impressive appearance.

The Superior Courthouse (Clerk of Courts Building) also serves as a reminder of Salem's judicial past. The interior is embellished with a number of oil portraits of distinguished members of the bar. Over the bench in the front courtroom hangs a fine full-length portrait of Chief Justice Lemuel Shaw painted by William M. Hunt and considered a masterpiece of that distinguished artist. Among the other things preserved in the building are the manuscripts of testimony from the famous witch trials.

The Registry of Deeds and Probate Court Building contains records of wills and deeds dating from 1640, and is a fitting complement to the other two county buildings.

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#7:

The Old Granite Courthouse is two stories high and is three bays wide and six bays deep. The building has a ridge roof with the gable end facing the street. The entablature is devoid of ornamentation.

The Superior Courthouse is a two story building with a hip roof. The facade is three bays wide and the central entrance is located in the projecting pavilion. Above the broad archway of the entrance, the second floor opening is divided into four parts by three columns and above are interlaced brownstone arches. On the third floor, in the gable of the projection, the window is divided into two parts by a single column and above is an arch in which is written 1861-1891 (representing the two periods of construction on the building). Three ridge roof dormers project from either side of the roof and this main section of the courthouse extends back six bays to another three-bay section where it meets a rear ridge roof section perpendicularly. At this juncture on the east side of the building (next to the Granite Courthouse) is a tower. Also contributing to the assymetrical and picturesque quality of the building is the placement of two turrets on the northeast and northwest corners of the building. Another section of the building projects one bay and has a chimney which runs from the street to just above the gable. The overall massing of the building is complex, but provides a pleasing contrast to the symmetry and regularity of its classical neighbors.

The projecting portico of the Registry of Deeds and Probate Building, with its six two-story columns, is quite the opposite of the in antis treatment of the more modest and severe Granite Courthouse. On either side are five bay wings with windows of eight-over-eight sash. Between the first and second floor windows are blank panels. Although the largest of the three courthouses, this building continues the scale of its two neighbors and does not overwhelm them.

#8:

Architecturally the Essex County Court Buildings are significant because they form a record of the development of styles of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In contrast to the well-known Federal residences of the era of Salem's maritime prosperity and the other fine nineteenth century residential streets in the city, these monumental court buildings form a distinct unit, representing a more regional history. As one crosses the North River in approaching the center of Salem, the three buildings are the most prominent aspect of the view. Each building contrasts with its neighbor in style and in materials, but the streetscape presented by the three together provides a cohesiveness of scale and rhythm.

NAME OF PROPERTY Essex County Court Bldgs. Complex STATE Mass.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: Please provide a more detailed description of each of the 3 buildings - # of bays, alterations, types of openings, etc.

8 Statement of Significance: Please prepare a more detailed statement of significance on each of these three buildings and of the complex as a whole. The architectural importance of the complex is not really addressed in this section.

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: _____

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Other: _____

MAR 16 1976

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Ward Jandl on the National Register staff, telephone 202/533-5983.

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Charles A. King
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 3.12.76

INT:2105-74

Property Essex County Court Buildings Complex

State Mass.

Working Number 11.14.75.2052

TECHNICAL

Photos 5
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
11.19.75

HISTORIAN

Return then accept
W.P. Luce
1/6/76

*Inadequate description, inadequate
Statement of significance*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

RETURN
HW Jandl
12/31/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Return
Cole
1/30/76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry _____

Send-back 3.12.76
Re-submit 4.29.76

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State Mass. Working Number

TECHNICAL
Photos 5
Maps 1

CONTROL
OK pl
4.29.76

I don't think we use "complex" anymore.
"Buildings" should be appropriate category.

HISTORIAN
Accept
E. Smith
5-11-76

Shouldn't this be a district?
Why only 1 address? I think the information
is adequate now.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
Accept
Soldham
5/4/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

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Accept
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5-12-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept
5.13.76

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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Ronald A. Barnes DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Essex County Engineering Department
32 Federal Street, Salem 01940

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Looking down Federal Street west from Washington Street.

Left to right: Registry of Deeds and Probate Building, Superior Courthouse,
Old Granite Courthouse

PHOTO NO 1 25

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View looking north across Federal Street at front (southern)
and eastern side of the Old Granite Courthouse.

PHOTO NO 2 of 5

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Title:

Loc. A

Essex Co., Maine
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View looking north across Federal Street at the front and western side of the Superior Courthouse.

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Superior Courthouse
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View looking south across Bridge Street at the north elevation
of the Superior Courthouse.

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Title

Loc.

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PHOTO NO 5 *af5*

Title: View looking northwest across Federal Street at front facade of the
Registry of Deeds and Probate Building.

Loc. *View*
front facade of Registry of Deeds &
Probate Bldg.
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3 MAP REFERENCE

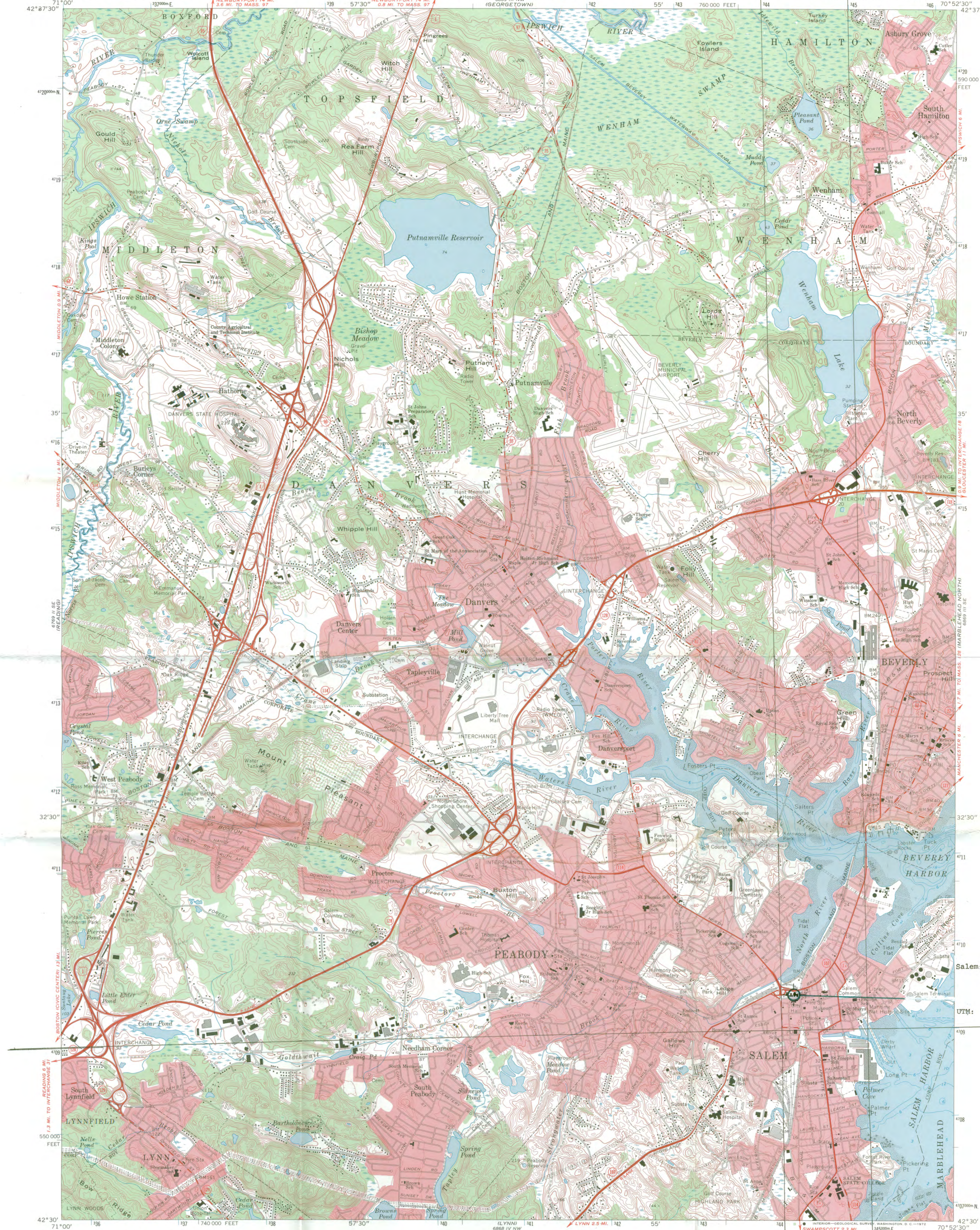
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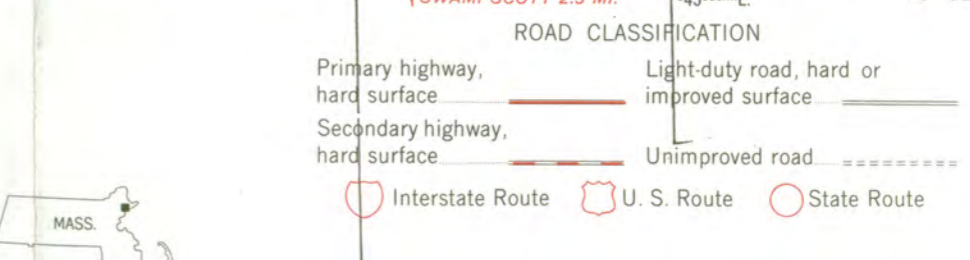
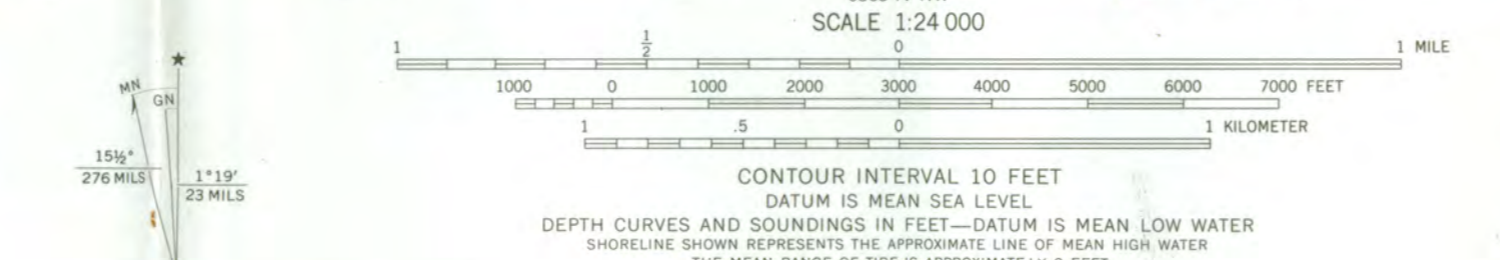
4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1938. Topography by planimetric surveys 1942
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 240 and
241 (1970). 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
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



Salem: Old Granite Courthouse
Superior Courthouse
Registry of Deeds and
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UTM: 19/344140/4709400



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 17 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Essex County Court Buildings Complex	Salem Essex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Michael J. Harrington

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

cc: Regional Director,
North Atlantic Region

PR:MMott:cam:5/18/76

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **Essex County Court Buildings** 2 OTHER NAMES: _____ 3 date of entry: **5-17-76** 4 county code: **009**

5 LOCATION street & number **32 Federal St.** city / town **Salem** vicinity of _____ state **MA** county **Essex** 6 NPS REGION: **North Atlantic**

7 OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name) 8 ADMINISTRATOR: _____

9 EXISTING SURVEYS HABS NAER NHL 10 FUNDED? YES NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT **6th** 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL if state who prepared form? _____

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NAME _____ 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NAME _____ 15 ACREAGE **2.05** LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated

17 features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONMENT SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-8

18 ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE YES NO 20 SAVED? YES NO 21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

22 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 AGRICULTURE-3 ARCHITECTURE-4 ART-5 ENGINEERING-11 ENTERTAINMENT-26 COMMUNICATIONS-7 CONSERVATION-8 ECONOMICS-9 EDUCATION-10 EXPLORATION-12 HEALTH-27 INDUSTRY-13 INVENTION-14 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 LAW-16 LITERATURE-17 MILITARY-18 MUSIC-19 PHILOSOPHY-20 POLITICS/GOVT.-21 RELIGION-22 SCIENCE-23 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25 RECREATION-28 SETTLEMENT-29 URBAN PLANNING-31 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

23 CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

24 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **GOVERNMENTAL** CURRENTLY: **DITTO** 25 dates of initial construction: **1831-1909** major alterations: _____ historic events: _____ 26 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

27 architectural style(s): **GREEK REVIVAL, RICHARDSONIAN ROMANESQUE, NEO-CLASSICAL REVIVAL** *SEE REVERSE 28 architect: **SEE REVERSE** 29 master builder: _____ 30 engineer: _____

31 landscape architect/garden designer: _____ 32 interior decorator: _____ 33 artist: _____ 34 artisan: _____ 35 builder/contractor: _____

36 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: _____ EVENTS: _____ INSTITUTIONAL: _____

37 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP **COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX** INCLUDING: THE GREEK REVIVAL MASONRY, 2-STORY TEMPLE-FORM OLD GRANITE COURTHOUSE WITH DISTYLE PORTICO, ^{OUT} _{IN} ANTIS; THE RICHARDSONIAN ROMANESQUE BRICK, 2 1/2-STORY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE WITH PROMINENT SIDE TOWER AND CORNER TURRETS; AND THE NEO-CLASSICAL REVIVAL REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND PROBATE BUILDING WITH MASSIVE GRANITE HEXASTYLE PORTICO. FINE EXAMPLE OF THE PROGRESSION OF LATE 19TH C. STYLES INTO THE MONUMENTAL NEO-CLASSICAL REVIVAL; IMPORTANT COMPLEX REFLECTING THE GROWTH OF 19TH SALEM.

* (21) ARCHITECTS:

RICHARD BOND - OLD GRANITE COURTHOUSE (1839)

ENOCH FULLER - SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE (1862) - REMODELED (1889) WHEELWRIGHT AND NORTHEAST

CLARENCE H. BLACKALL - REGISTRY OF DEEDS / PROBATE BLDG. (1909)

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19 ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown 20 ADAPTIVE USE YES NO 21 SAVED? YES NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO

22 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-5 ENGINEERING-11 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 EXPLORATION-12 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY) ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25

23 CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

24 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **GOVERNMENTAL** CURRENTLY: **DITTO** 25 dates of initial construction: **1831--1909** major alterations: historic events: 26 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

27 architectural style(s): **GREEK REVIVAL, RICHARDSONIAN ROMANESQUE, NEO-CLASSICAL REVIVAL** *SEE REVERSE 28 architect: **MM** 29 master builder: 30 engineer:

31 landscape architect / garden designer: 32 interior decorator: 33 artist: 34 artisan: 35 builder/contractor:

36 NAMES give role & date

County governmental complex including the Greek Revival masonry, 2-story temple-form Old Granite Courthouse with distyle portico in antis; the Richardsonian Romanesque brick, 2½-story ~~SM~~ Superior Courthouse with prominent side tower and corner turrets; and the Neo-Classical Revival Registry of Deeds and Probate Building with massive granite hesastyle portico. Fine example of the progression of late 19th C. styles into the monumental Neo-Classical Revival; illustrates the growth and changing needs of the Essex County courts from the 19th to early 20th C.

VAL MASONRY, 2-STORY TEMPLE-FORM
 <, 2 1/2-STORY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE
 * DEEDS AND PROBATE BUILDING
 .. STYLES INTO THE MONUMENTAL

7/20/76
 8:23

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION	a. NUMBER none	3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	a. NUMBER OSRC-FY77-708
1. TYPE OF ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> PREAPPLICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION (Mark appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.) <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION		b. DATE 19 78 7 21	b. DATE Year month day 19 78 7 21	b. DATE Year month day ASSIGNED 19 77 2 25	
4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT		5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 216001242			
a. Applicant Name : State of New Jersey b. Organization Unit : Dept. of Environmental Protection c. Street/P.O. Box : Box 1390 d. City : Trenton e. State : New Jersey h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Deputy Commissioner Betty Wilson (609) 292-2885		6. PROGRAM (From Federal Catalog) a. NUMBER : 115-9104 b. TITLE : Historic Preservation			
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT		8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT			
Essex County Court House: This proposal is to clear the bronze statues and doorways. The match is County budget appropriations.		A-State B-Interstate C-Substate D-City E-City F-School District G-Special Purpose District H-Community Action Agency I-Higher Educational Institution J-Indian Tribe K-Other (Specify): Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A			
10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.)		11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING		12. TYPE OF APPLICATION	
Essex County		3,000,000		A-New B-Renewal C-Revision D-Continuation E-Augmentation Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A	
13. PROPOSED FUNDING		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:		15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 12e)	
a. FEDERAL \$ 3,000 .00 b. APPLICANT 3,000 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 6,000 .00		a. APPLICANT 4th b. PROJECT 10th 16. PROJECT START DATE 19 78 8 1 17. PROJECT DURATION 12 Months 18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY 19 78 7 21		A-Increase Dollars B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation F-Other (Specify): Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code)		19. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		21. REMARKS ADDED	
Dept. of the Interior, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Washington, D.C. 20240		34-77-00123-00		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No response attached	
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT		a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE		b. SIGNATURE	
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-15 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached:		Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Betty Wilson		Betty Wilson	
23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE		24. AGENCY NAME		25. APPLICATION RECEIVED	
		Department of the Interior		Year month day 1978-08-16	
26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT		27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE		28. FEDERAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION	
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service		Grants Administration Division			
29. ADDRESS		30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION		31. ACTION TAKEN	
Washington, D. C. 20243		34-8B05		<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	
32. FUNDING		33. ACTION DATE		34. STARTING DATE	
a. FEDERAL \$ 3,000.00 b. APPLICANT 3,000.00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 6,000.00		Year month day 19 78 12 22		Year month day 19 78 12 01	
		35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number)		36. ENDING DATE	
		Stephen D. Newman 202-343-4941		Year month day 19 79 11 30	
38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION		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.		b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.)	
				Same as #35	

SECTION I - APPLICANT/RECIPIENT DATA

SECTION II - CERTIFICATION

SECTION III - FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 5/4/76
 Reviewer INITIALS: SO
 (NR) DOE MAY 17 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: *Essex County Court Buildings* ~~County~~
 OTHER NAMES: *Old Granite Courthouse (Engineers Office)*
Superior Courthouse (Clerk of Courts Building) Registry of Deeds and Probate Bldg.

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: *32 Federal Street*
 CITY, TOWN: *Salem* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: *6th*
 STATE: *MA 025* VICINITY OF: COUNTY: *Essex* code: *009*

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline): FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
 NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4	- unknown - 5	- unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7	- not applicable - 8	Not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	- EXCELLENT	- DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	- RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	- MOVED
	- FAIR	- UNEXPOSED	- Reconstructed	- Unknown
		- Unexcavated	- Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- *Courthouse Govt, county*
 now- *Courthouse Govt, county*

SIGNIFICANCE:

- | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> settlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | | <input type="checkbox"/> socio/cultural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | <input type="checkbox"/> urban & commun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | planning |

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

Greek Revival with Egyptian Revival elements

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Romanesque Revival & Neo-Classical Revival

architect/m.builder: Richard Bond - Old Granite Courthouse
Enoch Fuller - Superior Courthouse

landscape/garden designer: Whelwright and Northend - Superior Courthouse 1889 renovation

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan: Clarence H. Blackall

Registry of Deeds.

builder/contractor:

Old Granite Courthouse
Samuel S Standley and
Henry Russell, Jr.
Woodbury and Highton
contractors for
Registry of Deeds

ETHNIC GROUP: _____

NAMES: personal

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): Old Granite Courthouse 1841
DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1889 Superior Cthse. Superior Courthouse 1862
1889, 1910 Old Granite Courthouse Registry of Deeds & Probate Bldg 1909
HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1841 to present

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre)

2.1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Old Court-house, Granite, 2 stories, ~~gabled~~ rectangular, gabled roof, distyle portico in antis, entablature and pediment, center entrance with shouldered architrave; lower floor remodeled 1889, remodeled again 1910.

Superior Courthouse, brick with brownstone trim, 2 1/2 stories, modified rectangle, hipped and gabled roof sections, gabled dormers, projecting 2 1/2 story entrance section with round concentric arched entrance, square tower at side; rear corners, ^{each} with rounded turrets about 1st story; enlarged and altered to present Romanesque Revival appearance, 1889.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences) Registry of Deeds & Probate Bldg, masonry (granite?)
2 stories, modified rectangle, gabled and low pitched roof sections,
denticulated cornice, projecting hexastyle Ionic pedimented portico,
pilasters articulate front bays.

These buildings illustrate the growth and changing needs of the Salem and Essex county courts; architecturally the buildings form a record of the development of monumental styles of monumental public buildings in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.