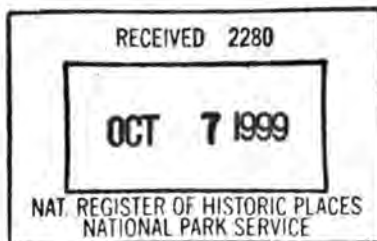


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Washington Square Historic District (1999 Boundary Increase)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 140-160 Andover Street not for publication

city or town Lowell vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 01852

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith B. McDonough
Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

9/22/99
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register
☐ removed from the
National Register
☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Edson H. Beall

Date of Action

11-12-99

Washington Sq. Boundary Increase

Name of Property

Middlesex, MA

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

4

building

sites

structures

objects

4

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1982 NRDIS

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

DOMESTIC/Multiple dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling

DOMESTIC/signle dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation granite, brick

walls weatherboard, shingles

roof asphalt

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Washington Square Historic District (NR 1982), as extended by this boundary increase, includes 76 residential buildings (both single and multi-family dwellings) located in the Belvidere neighborhood of the City of Lowell. Houses in this district are set close together on small lots, averaging c. 5,000 square feet. The district's boundaries roughly follow the 1832 subdivision of the Nesmith Brothers, deviating only where major intrusions exist at the fringes. A few of the parcels just outside the original subdivision boundaries have been included because the development of these lots parallels that within the district in terms of style, period of significance and historical associations. A small park is located at the center of the district, designed as part of the 1832 subdivision.

Most houses in the district date from the 1840s and 1850s. The remaining lots were developed, with a few exceptions, from the period 1860-1900. Only nine buildings post-date the period of significance (1800-1899). The earliest structures were designed in the Federal and Greek Revival styles but the most widely represented style is Italianate (nearly half of the buildings in the district exhibit this style). There are later examples of the Second Empire, Queen Anne and Stick styles. The district is almost exclusively wood-frame construction, with many structures exhibiting high degree of high-style ornamentation. Most houses are two or three stories in height. Nearly all are now multi-family dwellings; many of those that were built for single families have been converted for multi-family use. Despite a fair amount of alteration, the district retains a high degree of integrity. Alterations typically include new siding, window and door replacement and the construction of additions, most of which are off the rear of the main block.

1999 Boundary Extension

The four properties being added to the district through this boundary increase, 140-160 Andover Street, are typical in form and style of houses in the remainder of the district. They were built between 1860 and 1895 and like many of the houses constructed here in the second half of the nineteenth century, were first built as multi-family dwellings.

140-142 Andover Street is a Second Empire style double house with a mansard roof, three-story main block and two-story rear ell. Two entries are centered on the façade, sheltered by a porch with square posts and paired brackets. The identical entries have arched transoms and original wood paneled and glazed doors. The building's symmetrical design features a bay window with paneled aprons, paired brackets, and segmentally arched window heads. The main block has high style detailing, including paired brackets at the cornice, round and segmentally arched window hoods, fish scale pattern slate roof shingles, and dormers with broken and segmental pediments.

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148-150 Andover Street is an Italianate style double house with a front gable roof. It has an irregular footprint with a 2 ½ story main block and asymmetrical one and two-story rear ells. Two entries are centered on the façade and sheltered by a porch with a spindle frieze, square posts with fan brackets, paired brackets at the cornice, and turned balusters on the railings. The identical entries have original wood paneled and glazed doors. Other notable architectural detailing of the main block includes paneled cornerboards, paired arched windows in the front gable, paired brackets at the cornice, and window hoods.

154 Andover Street is a double house containing residential flats. It was designed with elements of the Queen Anne and Craftsman styles. Enclosed by a flat roof, it has a rectangular footprint and a symmetrical façade composed of two central entries flanked by three-story rectangular bay windows with paneled aprons. A shed roof supported on oversized brackets shelters two entries on the façade. These identical entries have original Craftsman style wood paneled and glazed doors. Also of that style are windows with decorative upper sash. Another notable architectural feature is the deep eaves with large brackets at the façade.

160 Andover Street is also a double house with residential flats. The building exhibits detailing from the Italianate and Colonial Revival styles and is enclosed by a flat roof. It is roughly rectangular in plan, with a symmetrical façade composed of a single central entry flanked by three-story bay windows. A two-tiered porch with pilasters, dentils and simple balustrades shelters two entries on the façade. Second story windows of the façade have hoods with dentils. A deep cornice with prominent modillions defines the façade and sides of the roof. At the side elevations are broad three-story bay windows.

Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are recorded in the area of the boundary increase to the Washington Square Historic District, sites may be present. Five sites are recorded in the general area (within one mile) of the boundary increase. One site, 19-MD-47, located immediately north of the increase, is listed as a large village site and may extend into the nominated area. Local histories mention the site as the Contact Period village of the Wamesits located at the confluence of the Concord and Merrimack Rivers. The village was reportedly abandoned after an attack by Europeans during King Philips War. Other nearby sites include an additional large village site to the west on the south bank of the Merrimack River and several smaller campsites. Environmental characteristics of the area also indicate several locational criteria (slope, drainage, distance to wetlands) that are favorable indicators for most types of prehistoric sites. Prior to historic period residential development of the area, the nominated property was characterized by a well drained level to moderately sloping terrace within 1000 feet of the east bank of the Concord River near its confluence with the Merrimack River. Given the above information, a high potential was

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originally present for the recovery of prehistoric resources within the boundary increase to the Washington Square District. However, given the small size of the boundary increase, dense historic period residential construction on small lots, and the impacts associated with single and in some instances multiple stages of construction on each lot, a low potential exists for the recovery of significant prehistoric resources on the property. Any prehistoric resources that were originally present on the nominated property were probably destroyed or otherwise adversely impacted by historic period construction.

A moderate to high potential exists for the recovery of historic period resources in the area of the boundary increase to the Washington Square Historic District. Only a few farm buildings were reported in the Washington Square locale prior to the 1832 Nesmith purchase of the area. Before that date, the area was part of the 150 acre estate of Judge Edward Livermore. Further documentary research combined with archaeological survey and testing can determine if structural remains from farm buildings associated with the Livermore Estate exist in the boundary increase area. Similar research can also determine if structural remains survive from mid 19th century residential housing that existed prior to construction of the multi-family housing extant in the boundary increase area today. The present apartment house at 160 Andover Street was reported to replace an earlier two family house at that location. Occupational related features (trash pits, privies, wells) may also survive associated with earlier farm buildings and later residential housing in the boundary increase area.

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Washington Sq HD (Boundary Increase)

Name of Property

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☒ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Middlesex, MA

County and State

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance

1800-1899

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Wadsworth, Alexander (landscape)

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8. Statement of Significance

The four buildings at 140-160 Andover Street are consistent with the architectural and historical significance of the existing Washington Square Historic District. The properties are in keeping with the architectural styles, period of significance, and historical associations of the existing district and are therefore eligible for listing in the National Register under criteria A and C.

For the most part the district's boundaries mirror those of the 1832 Nesmith Brothers' subdivision. Alexander Wadsworth, a prominent Cambridge landscape architect, developed plans for the subdivision. At the time, the land was located in Tewksbury; it was subsequently annexed to Lowell in 1834. Developers of the subdivision were businessmen Thomas and John Nesmith who had purchased the 150-acre estate of Judge Edward Livermore. With the exception of a few farm buildings, the parcel was undeveloped until the Nesmith purchase. Wadsworth was retained to lay out the house lots and streets around a small park known as Washington Square. Very few of the lots were developed in the 1830s, but there was a great deal of activity in the 1840s and 50s, with nearly half of the district's houses being built.

Development grew rapidly immediately following the construction of John Nesmith's own house, a Greek Revival mansion just outside the eastern boundary of the subdivision in 1841 at 229 Andover Street. Development in the 1840s was the densest just west of Nesmith's house, along Andover Street. Lots facing the park, near the corner of Nesmith and Chestnut Streets, were also among the earliest to be developed, as were several at the north end of Willow Street. In the 1850s most of the remaining lots along Nesmith Street were occupied, as were scattered lots along Willow and East Merrimack Streets.

By the end of the 1850s, over half of the Nesmith lots had been built upon. Among the early residents of the district were many prominent citizens, including mill owners and agents and prosperous merchants. In the last half of the 19th century the population of the district became more diversified and density increased as a growing number of multi-family dwellings were erected.

Construction of fine high-style residences within the Nesmith subdivision spurred similar growth and development immediately outside its boundaries, primarily west and north near Andover, High and East Merrimack Streets. As was the case within the subdivision, after 1850 most of the buildings were constructed for two or more families. Many were built on speculation, being sold shortly after construction or retained as rental property. There was a distinct decline in the pace of development by 1860, with only a few additional houses built, filling in additional lots on East Merrimack, Chestnut and Willow Streets. This gradual filling in of remaining lots continued through the end of the century, by which time virtually every lot in the subdivision and on adjacent streets was occupied by a house.

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The two-family houses at **140-142 and 148-150 Andover Street** stand on land just outside the Nesmith subdivision. The land on which they stand was owned by Stephen Brown at the time the Nesmith plan was laid out. The brothers had previously purchased a portion of Brown's land for inclusion in their subdivision. **140-142 Andover Street** was built c. 1872 by Henry H. Dearborn who operated a banking and brokerage firm in Lowell. Dearborn, who owned a great deal of real estate in Lowell and surrounding communities, retained the Andover Street property until 1881 when it was purchased by Ferdinand Rodliff, paymaster at the Hamilton Manufacturing Co. The first known owner/occupant was Joseph Swan, a mill overseer, who purchased the eastern half (#142) in 1881. The house at **148-150 Andover Street** was built by Alden Richardson in 1862. Richardson sold the western half (#148) in that same year to George Choate and the eastern half (#150) in 1868 to Olive M. Bancroft. Although little is known about the earliest occupants of this house, the early 20th century residents included a master mechanic (Christian Pihl) and a carpenter (Donald MacFayden).

The buildings at 154 and 160 Andover Street represent the last major building type constructed in the district during the period of significance, the multi-unit apartment. Real estate had become so valuable here toward the end of the 19th century that some of the earlier single and two-family houses were removed to make way for small apartment houses such as these. Of the nine buildings in the district that post-date 1900, at least seven were constructed to replace 19th century houses. 154 Andover Street was built c. 1890 on land formerly owned by Stephen Brown and purchased by the Nesmith brothers for inclusion in their subdivision. It was constructed by Daniel A. and Charles C. Swan, who were local boot and shoe manufacturers. The earliest occupants of the house included several widows, a number of mill workers, and a plumber. Similarly, the apartment house at 160 Andover Street (c.1885) replaced an earlier two-family house on the site. Built by the Reed family, the building holds six units. Early 20th century occupants included a clerk, carpenter, widow, and mill worker.

Archaeological Significance

Historic archaeological resources identified above have the potential to provide detailed information on the social, cultural, and economic patterns that characterized the settlement of Lowell and one of the first subdivisions in the city. Structural remains associated with early farm buildings and the Livermore Estate can provide information on early patterns of agricultural and residential land use that predates patterns of industrial and residential land use that began after the Nesmith Purchase of 1832. Similar remains associated with mid-19th century residential housing can also contribute important information on patterns of residential housing in the area and the evolution of multi-family housing in the district. Detailed analysis of occupational related features in the area can also contribute important information on early agricultural production in the area and, the lives of the district's inhabitants in the 19th century. These studies can provide valuable information relating to the lives of mill workers and tradesmen who characterized the occupants of the multi-family housing in the boundary increase area.

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9. BIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Middlesex North Registry of Deeds.

City Directories of Lowell (various years).

Building Permit Records Cards – Lowell Building Inspection Department

City Atlas of Lowell, Massachusetts (Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins, 1879)

Atlas of the City of Lowell, Massachusetts (L.J. Richards & Co. - 1896, 1906, 1924)

Property Atlas of the City of Lowell (Philadelphia: Franklin Survey Company, 1936)

Plan of the City of Lowell (Lowell: G.W. Boynton, 1845)

Plan of the Town of Lowell and Belvidere Village (Boston: Benjamin Mather, 1832)

Plan of a Part of an Estate in Belvidere Village Belonging to Thomas and John Nesmith
(Boston : Alexander Wadsworth, May, 1832)

National Register of Historic Places nomination for Washington Square HD (1981)

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WashingtonSqBoundaryIncrease
Name of Property

Middlesex,MA
County, State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property c. two acres

UTM References See continuation sheet.

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19 311740 4723600
Zone Easting Northing

2. 19 311640 4723280
Zone Easting Northing

3. 19 311370 4723660
Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Christine Beard, Consultant with Betsy Friedberg, NR director, MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date September 1999

street & number 220 Morrissey Blvd. telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Chestnut Square Housing Associates, GP [The Caleb Foundation]

street & number 400 Humphrey Street telephone

city or town Swampscott state MA zip code 01907

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the Washington Square Historic District, including the boundary increase, are delineated on the attached assessor's map. The 1999 boundary extension includes properties at 140-142, 148-150, 154, and 160 Andover Street.

Boundary Justification

District boundaries roughly follow the 1832 subdivision plan, which provided the groundwork for development in the area. Deviations occur only where major intrusions exist at the fringes of the subdivision. A few parcels just outside the original boundaries have been included as development of these lots are in keeping with the architectural styles, periods of significance and historical associations of the subdivision.

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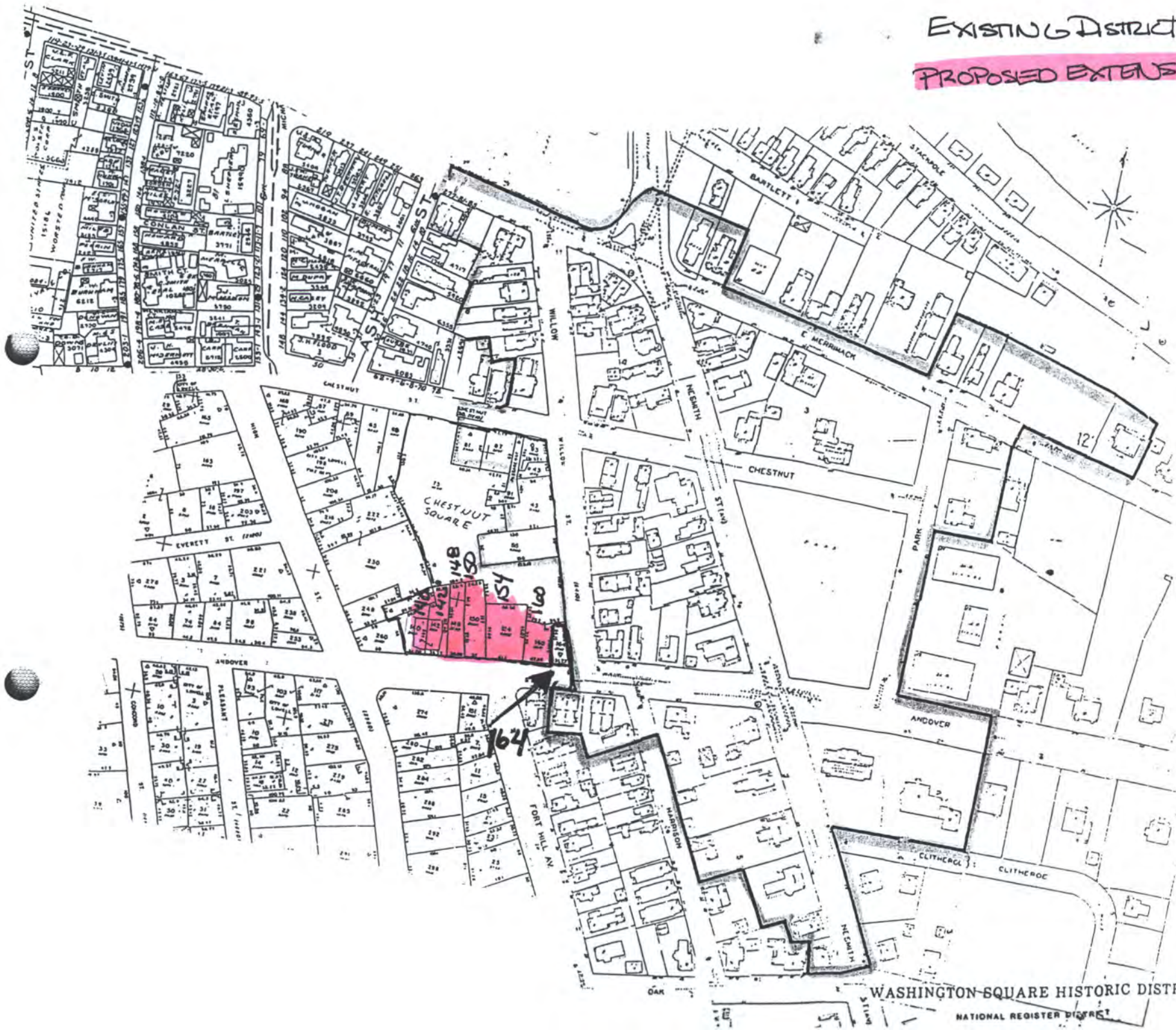
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Lowell, Massachusetts

- 1 = map #
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- = photo #
- boundary extension



EXISTING DISTRICT

PROPOSED EXTENSION



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Washington Square Historic District (Boundary Increase)
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 10/07/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/21/99
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/06/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/21/99
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99001307

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 11/12/99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in the
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



140-160 Andover Street (4 bldgs. from left)
Washington Square Historic District (Boundary Increase)
Lowell, MA

Photo By: Christine Beard

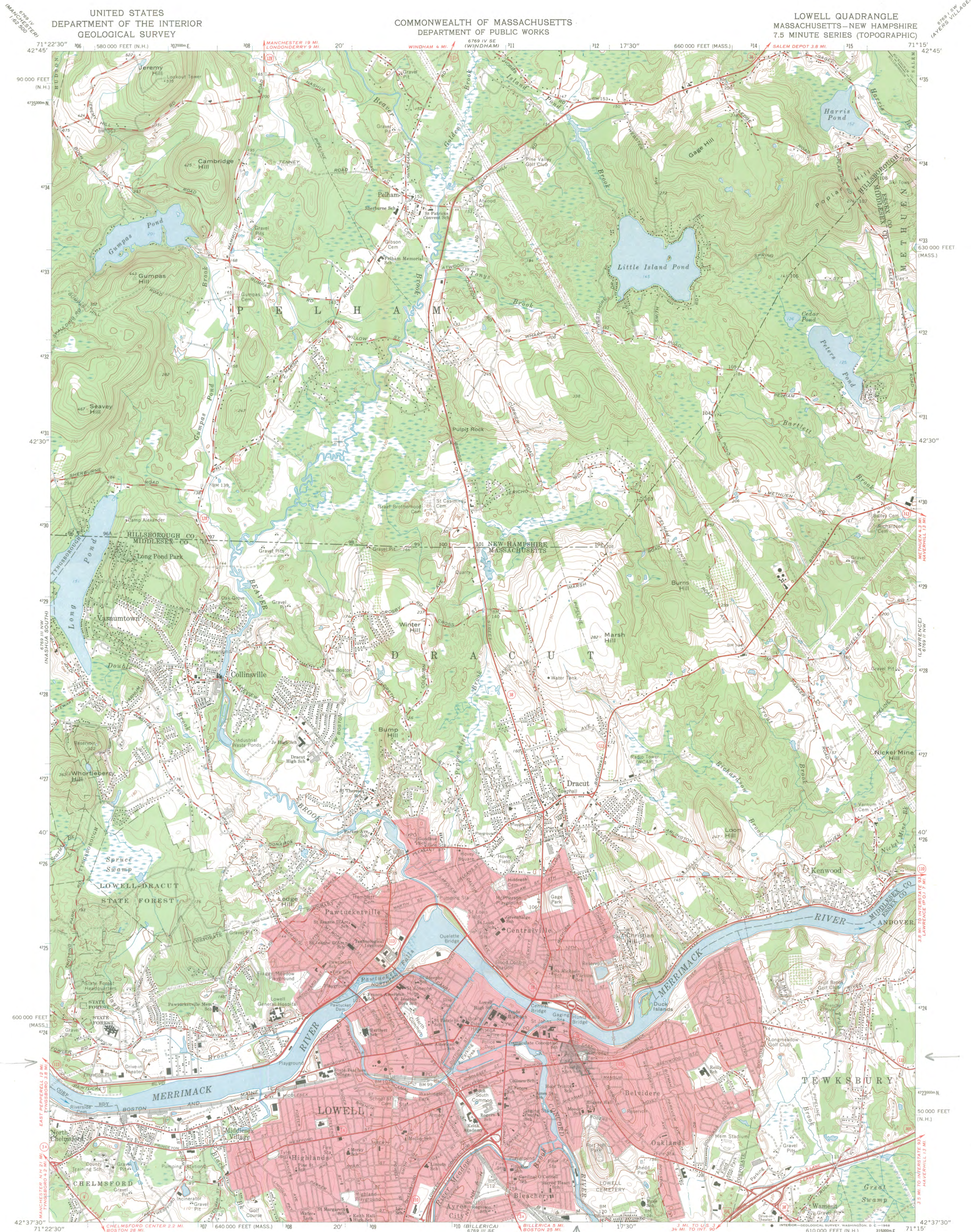
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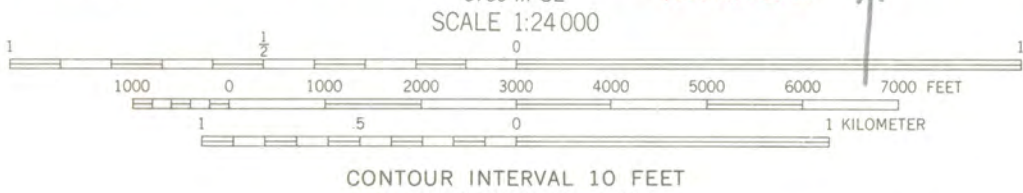
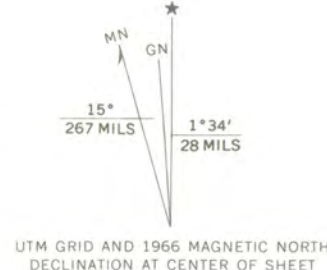
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route ——— State Route ———



LOWELL, MASS.—N. H.
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

August 10, 1999



Ms. Carol Shull
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service, Cultural Resources
Mail stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

As owner of the following properties, I recognize that they will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts State Review Board at its meeting on September 8, 1999. The properties are:

140-160 Andover Street, Lowell, MA
Washington Square Historic District

As owner, I am aware of both the incentives and disincentives of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 and the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and other consequences of National Register listing and hereby waive the right of the 60 day commenting period for certified local government communities in responding directly to the Massachusetts Historical Commission on nominations.

Should I wish to respond to the nomination after consideration by the Massachusetts State Review Board and prior to its listing in the National Register of Historic Places, I understand that I will forward my comments directly to your attention.

Thank you.


Debra Nutter, Associate Director
Caleb Chestnut Square Corporation, GP
Chestnut Square Housing Associates, LP

Cc: Judith B. McDonough, State Historic Preservation Officer, Massachusetts Historical Commission
Stephen Stowell, Lowell Historical Commission



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

September 20, 1999

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Washington Square Historic District, Lowell (Middlesex Co.), Mass.
BOUNDARY INCREASE

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of properties in the Certified Local Government community of Lowell were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 60 to 90 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

We request an expedited review of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Chestnut Square Housing Association, Bill Brauner
Debra Grossman, Lowell Historical Commission
Christine Beard, Preservation Consultant
Hon. Irene Donahue, Mayor, City of Lowell
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