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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Pleasant Street Historic District

AND/OR COMMON  
Same

**2 LOCATION**

irregular pattern along Pleasant St.

STREET & NUMBER multiple NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Belmont VICINITY OF 8th

STATE Massachusetts CODE 025 COUNTY Middlesex CODE 017

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME multiple (see attached list)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds (south district)

STREET & NUMBER 208 Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN Cambridge

STATE Massachusetts

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1975  
\_FEDERAL  STATE \_COUNTY \_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Boston

STATE Massachusetts

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR  
 DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pleasant Street Historic District is located seven miles northwest of Boston on Pleasant Street (Route 60) in Belmont. Most of the district runs parallel to the Belmont Center business district and is one of the few approaches to the town not affected by commercial development. It is an unusually well-preserved example of a nineteenth century residential neighborhood which includes interesting representations of Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Second Empire and Queen Anne styles. The buildings on the west side of Pleasant Street are set back on the hillside, overlooking the city of Boston. Stone walls and shade trees contribute to the landscape.

<sup>60</sup>  
~~Sixty-eight~~ buildings and two monuments are included in the district. Of these, there are sixty-five residential properties, two public buildings, and one church. The twenty-four intrusions are twentieth century residential properties whose landscaping and setting fit in with the area. With the exception of the Town Hall and Old Library, all of the properties are included in a local historic district.

The Belmont Town Hall (#50) was designed in 1881 by Henry W. Hartwell, a well-known Boston architect whose firm merged with Williams C. Richardson before completion of the building. Set on a prominent sloping corner lot, the three story red brick structure is asymmetrical in form. The wide arched entrance, which faces south, is flanked on the left by a one story turret with a conical roof. A larger, though similar turret is located on the east end of the building. Tall, decorative chimneys and conical roofed cupolas top the polychromatic slate roof. Projecting second story gables on the west and south elevations complete the irregular form. Relief decoration, crenelations on the roof ridges and varied window shapes contribute to the overall 'picturesque' effect.

To the north of the Town Hall is the Old Library (#51). Designed in 1902 by the Boston architect William R. Emerson, the Classical Revival two story building was constructed of red brick with granite trim. A semi-circular portico supported by four Ionic columns extends from the center of the facade. Fenestration consists of full-length round-arched windows on the first story and a palladian window over the entrance on the second. Granite moldings top each window and dentilled cornices between the stories and beneath the roof are also of granite.

Across Pleasant Street lies the William Flaggs Homer House (#21), one of the focal points of the district. Built in 1853 as a summer mansion, the house is a superb example of an Italianate/Second Empire building, set back on the hill. Copper beech trees and a sloping lawn add significantly to its prominent setting. The house was built of brick and covered with stucco, originally scored to suggest masonry. Italianate details include paired, round-arched windows in a projecting pavilion, bracketed cornice, round-arched portico to the left of the pavilion and an octagonal cupola. A mansard roof and semi-circular hooded dormers are elements of the Second Empire period. Hand-carved relief ornaments decorate the bay window and entrance portico.

See 24 - Aug 10, 1974

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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 DATE _____
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PLEASANT STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS 02178  
 APRIL, 1978



1. *delete* Mr. & Mrs. John A. Dunn, Jr. intrusion  
6 Stella Road
2. "Capt. Stephen Frost House" circa 1763  
Mr. & Mrs. Guensey Frost  
467 Pleasant Street
3. "The George V. Fletcher House" 1868  
Mrs. Samuel W. Garfin  
483 Pleasant Street
4. " J. Varnum Fletcher Stable" (converted) 1856-1858  
Mrs. Margaret v. Freeman  
505 Pleasant Street
5. Mr. & Mrs John T. Dunlop *delete* intrusion  
509 Pleasant Street
6. " J. Varnum Fletcher House" 1856-1858  
Mrs. Rosalie R. Richardson  
519 Pleasant Street
7. "James Munroe Hale House" 1857  
Mrs. Dwight Mac Afee  
529 Pleasant Street
8. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Urner *delete* intrusion  
533 Pleasant Street
9. Mr. Emil R. Weretelnyk *delete* intrusion  
537 Pleasant Street
10. Robert J. Marinick *delete* intrusion  
740 Beacon Street  
Newton Centre, Ma., 02159  
543 Pleasant Street
11. Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Coughlan *delete* intrusion  
4 Clifton Street
12. Mrs. Helen S. Connors intrusion  
53 Hill Road Apt. 302 Mail Address *delete*  
Belmont, Ma., 02178  
561 Pleasant Street
13. "Edwin Locke House" 1841  
Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Aguilar  
~~575 Pleasant Street~~ changed to #5 Somerset Street
14. Mrs. Mary R. Minasian intrusion  
585 Pleasant Street

10. A. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Mazza  
15 Clifton Street Partial Lot
15. "The Isaac Locke Sr. House" 1815  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Angelo  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Santangelo  
593 Pleasant Street
16. Mr. & Mrs. Stuart E. Wolf intrusion  
601 Pleasant Street
17. "George Augustus Locke House" 1842  
Mr. & Mrs. Stuart E. Wolf  
605 Pleasant Street
18. "Capt. James Homer House" circa 1860-1865  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred L. Glimp  
613 Pleasant Street
19. "Wellington Homestead" circa 1808  
Mr. & Mrs. William Harby  
631 Pleasant Street
20. "Wellington Cottage" circa 1850  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gunness  
641 Pleasant Street
21. "William Flagg Homer House" circa 1853  
Belmont Women's Club  
661 Pleasant Street
22. Triangular lot at corner of Pleasant and Concord Avenue  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter F. Voner  
23 Centre Avenue
23. "The J. Cushing Burr House" circa 1858  
Mrs. Gertrude E. Johnson  
701 Pleasant Street
24. "Orchard Hill School Stable" (converted) 1847  
Mr. Christopher Ripman  
711 Pleasant Street
25. "Orchard Hill Family Boarding School" 1847  
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Callanan  
721 Pleasant Street
26. "School Building of the Orchard Hill School" 1847  
Mrs. Ruben A. Brower  
One Hay Road
27. "Abby Morton Diaz House" 1886  
~~Mrs. Edith S. Jenneberg~~ Mr. and Mrs. David L. Fishman  
34 Centre Avenue
28. "The Emerson Parks House" circa 1823  
Mrs. Walter Voner  
480 Concord Avenue  
Mail Address: 23 Centre Avenue





44. ~~Mr. & Mrs. Lester Adler~~  
Mr. and Mrs. Danilo V. Missio  
20 Somerset Street intrusion
45. "James Otis Simonds House"  
Dr. & Mrs. J. Gordon Scannell  
37 Somerset Street circa 1892
46. "Edwin Locke Farmhouse"  
Mr. & Mrs. N. Preston Breed  
25 Somerset Street circa 1855
47. Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth R. Butler  
722 Pleasant Street intrusion
48. "James Brown House"  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Elvins  
710 Pleasant Street 1851
49. "Brown House"  
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Hamilton  
560 Concord Avenue  
Lexington, Ma,  
692 Pleasant Street 1851
50. Belmont Town Hall  
455 Concord Avenue 1881-1882
51. "Former Belmont Library"  
School Dept., Town of Belmont  
644 Pleasant Street 1902
52. "Thomas Blake House"  
Mrs. Marcus O'Day  
642 Pleasant Street 1875
53. "Thomas Blake House Stable"  
Mrs. Marcus O'Day  
642 Pleasant Street 1875
54. "Eleazer Bartlett Homer House"  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Ewing Davies  
634 Pleasant Street 1887
55. "Part of Javan K. Moore's Subdivision"  
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Reid  
628 Pleasant Street 1877
56. "Part of Javan K. Moore's Subdivision"  
Miss Barbara Jack  
624 Pleasant Street 1877
57. "Part of Javan K. Moore's Subdivision"  
Mrs. Merton A. McDonald  
618 Pleasant Street 1877
58. Dr. & Mrs. Herbert E. Daitch  
604 Pleasant Street intrusion



59. Mr. & Mrs. Dante Gozzi  
600 Pleasant Street intrusion
60. Mr. & Mrs Chester A. Sherman  
596 Pleasant Street intrusion
61. "Alexander House"  
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Millett, Jr.  
592 Pleasant Street 1850
62. "Widow Perry Cottage"  
7 Alexander Avenue  
Misses Stone 1830
63. Plymouth Congregational Church  
Pleasant Street intrusion
64. "The James Perry House"  
Mrs. Harry H. Baldwin  
568 Pleasant Street 1828
65. "Edward W. Brown House"  
Parsonage - Plymouth Congregational Church  
560 Pleasant Street circa 1891
66. "Sargent House"  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric M. Anderson  
548 Pleasant Street 1898
67. "Charles Grant Winn House"  
Mr. & Mrs Alfred Bellows  
536 Pleasant Street circa 1841
68. Mrs. Florence S. Dowe  
530 Pleasant Street intrusion
69. "Charles Wellington Winn House"  
Mr. & Mrs Herbert Block  
524 Pleasant Street 1875
70. Mr. & Mrs. William P. Covel  
3 Roberts Road Mail Address  
Billerica, Ma., 01821  
6 Winn Street intrusion
71. "George P. Walcott House"  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Whitlow  
500 Pleasant Street 1871
72. Mr. & Mrs. Louis A. Lord  
496 Pleasant Street intrusion
73. "The Joseph Yates House"  
~~Mr. & Mrs. Christopher W. B. Coe~~ Mrs. Joan Gradison Coe  
490 Pleasant Street 1846
74. Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd R. Allen *delete*  
480 Pleasant Street intrusion
- 24A. Mrs. Thomas E. Reed  
707 Pleasant Street intrusion



59. Mr. & Mrs. Lante Gossi  
600 Pleasant Street  
invasion

60. Mr. & Mrs. Chester A. Sherman  
596 Pleasant Street  
invasion

61. "Alexander House"  
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Millett, Jr.  
592 Pleasant Street  
1890

62. "Widow Perry Cottage"  
Y Alexander Avenue  
Massa Stone  
1830

63. Plymouth Congregational Church  
Pleasant Street  
invasion

64. "The James Perry House"  
Mrs. Harry H. Baldwin  
588 Pleasant Street  
1823

65. "Edward W. Brown House"  
Parsonage - Plymouth Congregational Church  
580 Pleasant Street  
circa 1891

66. "Parment House"  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric L. Anderson  
578 Pleasant Street  
1898

67. "Charles Grant Winn House"  
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Bellows  
536 Pleasant Street  
circa 1841

68. Mrs. Florence B. Dowe  
530 Pleasant Street  
invasion

69. "Charles Wellington Winn House"  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Block  
524 Pleasant Street  
1875

70. Mr. & Mrs. William P. Covel  
3 Roberts Road  
Billerica, Ms., 0151  
Mail Address  
invasion

71. "George P. Walcott House"  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Whitlow  
500 Pleasant Street  
1871

72. Mr. & Mrs. Louis A. Ford  
496 Pleasant Street  
invasion

73. "The Joseph Yates House"  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher W. H. Coe  
490 Pleasant Street  
1846

74. Mr. & Mrs. Roger B. Allen  
480 Pleasant Street  
invasion

75. Mr. & Mrs. E. Ford  
474 Pleasant Street  
invasion

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The Wellington Homestead (#19), built in 1808, was originally a brick Federal style house. During the popularity of the Greek Revival period, the roof was rotated so that the gable end faced the street. At the same time, the house was doubled in depth. The five bay facade is now clapboarded, although the remaining three sides have remained brick. There is an enclosed vestibule and a diamond-shaped window in the gable on the facade.

Across the street is the Thomas Blake House (#52-53). Built in 1875, the house is well sited on a tight corner lot. The two and a half story building is L-shaped in form. The right half of the facade has a heavily bracketed cornice and eaves. Bay windows with dentiled cornices appear on the first and second stories. The left half of the facade features a Colonial Revival veranda that wraps around the north side of the house. An iron-crested cupola tops the building.

Diagonally to the north from the Thomas Blake House is the Captain James Homer House (#18). It is a two story three bay mansard roofed house built in 1875. The entrance, which is in the right bay, is accented by a portico with decorative braces. Full length shuttered windows on the first floor are capped with projecting lintels. Second story dormers are pedimented. The south elevation has a central, projecting pavilion with a mansard roof and bay window. The house is clapboarded, and the roof is slate in a scallop pattern. Like the other houses on the west side of Pleasant Street, it is set high above the street with an extensive sloping lawn.

Also on the west side of Pleasant Street is the two and a half story Isaac Locke House (#15). It was constructed c. 1800 in three or four stages as a farmhouse. The five bay clapboarded facade has a full porch which was added in the late nineteenth century. Side elevations are clapboarded; the rear elevation is constructed of brick. Across the street is the Alexander House (#61), a two and a half story structure built in 1850. The house sits gable-end to the street. The off-center doorway has a pointed arch lintel and recessed door. Wide corner posts and projecting eaves highlight the exterior. The west elevation has a three bay porch. An octagonal cupola sits between the two chimneys. The house is sheathed with flush horizontal boarding.

The Albert Higgins House (#43) is a fine Italianate house built in 1850. Two and one half stories high, it features a bracketed hood over the center entrance, projecting window hoods on the three bay facade and west elevation, two story bracketed bay windows: on the east elevation, round-arched windows in the gables and a dormer. Behind the house is a stable capped with a cupola and weather vane.

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Constructed in 1841, the Edwin Locke House (#13) is a two and a half story, four bay Greek Revival structure. The clapboarded house has corner pilasters, a heavy entablature and full cornice on the pedimented gable. A one story porch with fluted columns runs along the length of the facade. A pedimented door opens onto Somerset Street. Attached to the rear elevation is a barn.

The Joseph Yates House (#73) is a two and a half story building constructed in 1846. The flat roofed, enclosed entrance portico, is supported by square Doric columns, and has oval windows in the sites. There are wide corner boards and a deep entablature. The south elevation has a columned porch.

The Captain Stephen Frost House (#2), built c. 1763, is the oldest building in the district. It is a two and a half story, 5 bay, central chimney, center entrance house. Weathered shingles cover the clapboards. Window sash is 6/9, and there is a small entrance portico. Although the barn is gone, a stone wall and open space reflect the original setting.

# 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
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pleasant Street Historic District is significant for its variety of well-preserved 18th and 19th century architectural styles, its character as a wealthy mid-late 19th century neighborhood and its association with a number of prominent people including Winslow Homer, Roscoe Pound and David Mack. Many well-known literary figures were guests of Pleasant Street residents, as were General Lafayette and Elizabeth Peabody.

Pleasant Street is the original "path which goeth from ye mill (now Arlington Center) to 'atertowne.'" Later known as the "King's Way," the area was originally part of Cambridge. The town of Belmont was incorporated in 1859.

Early settlers farmed in the area, supplying both the Continental Army during the Revolution and Faneuil Hall market with produce. With the advent of rail transportation, wealthy Boston merchants were attracted to the area for both summer and year-round residences.

The William Flagg Homer House (#21) was built by the uncle of Winslow Homer, famous American artist. Winslow Homer, who lived in the district both before and after the Civil War, painted several masterpieces here, including one of his Croquet Scenes (1966). The background for Making Havelocks for the Front was his uncle's front parlor. A recently discovered sketch of Homer's was found on a plaster wall of the Widow Parkes Cottage (#30), rented by his father.

The Captain James Homer House (#18) was built by William Flagg Homer's brother. It is believed that Winslow Homer acquired his love for the sea following a voyage with his uncle. The house was subsequently sold to Arthur Parker Stone, Judge of the Third District Court of Middlesex, owner for 50 years.

The Joseph Yates House (#73) was the home of Roscoe Pound from 1910 until 1928. Pound was a renowned figure in American legal education and Dean of the Harvard Law School from 1910 to 1936.

Captain Stephen Frost left his farmhouse (#2) on April 19, 1775 to join the minutemen. A monument in his memory has been erected in front of the house. A descendant of Stephen Frost still occupies the house.

For 149 years the Wellington Homestead (#19) was inhabited by members of the Wellington family. Colonel Jeduthan Wellington fought with General Lafayette during the Revolution. His tavern was on the site of the Town Hall, and it was there Lafayette visited his friend in 1824. Wellington's grandson, Joseph Oliver and his great-grandson Joseph Jr. were

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

*see continuation sheet sent with 7/9-10-79*

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 UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the southerly boundary of the district, run northwest along the westerly lot line of #26, north along rear lot lines of #26,27,30 and 36, east along lot line of #36, northeast along rear lot lines of #37,38,39,40,41,42,43 and 45, south along rear lot lines of #45 and 13, east along rear lot lines of #12,11 and 10A, north along west lot line of #8, east along rear lot line of #5 and south along east lot lines of #5 and

(cont.)

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Elizabeth T. Durfee, Inventory Coordinator, with Camilla French, Belmont Historical Commission  
 ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE October 25, 1978  
 STREET & NUMBER 294 Washington Street TELEPHONE (617) 727-8470  
 CITY OR TOWN Belmont 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 *Patricia Westruski* DATE 11/21/78

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE

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 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Sarah T. Bridges* for DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION DATE 6-12-79  
 ATTEST: *Bruce Van Orman* KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 6/11/79  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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instrumental in the incorporation of Belmont as a town (1859) and were both Representatives to the Massachusetts Legislature. The Wellington land once stretched through what is now Belmont Center; their market gardens were famous for many years.

The Thomas Blake House and Stable (#52-53) was the home of the son of George Fordyce Blake, inventor of the water meter and the Blake steam pump, known and adapted in innumerable ways throughout the world. Thomas Blake participated in the growth of his father's multi-million dollar enterprise.

Centrally located on a large tract of land, the Isaac Locke House (#15) originally had acres of market gardens and orchards associated with it. Locke's father, Samuel Jr., served in the Revolution. Supplies were continually obtained for the provincial army from the productive Locke farm. As the population of Boston and the vicinity increased, the Locke farm benefited from greater demand for produce. After the construction of Quincy Market in Boston, Isaac Locke and his sons moved their business from Faneuil Hall to the newer building where they prospered as Isaac Locke and Co.

Isaac's son Edwin built the Edwin Locke House (#13). Educated at Groton Academy, he carried on his father's produce business. While Belmont was still part of West Cambridge, Locke served on the Board of Assessors and School Committee. Following Belmont's incorporation, he was on the first Board of Assessors, and later, on the Belmont School Committee.

The builder of the Alexander House (#61), Dr. John Locke Alexander served as postmaster at the Wellington Hill Post Office from 1855-59. He was also on the West Cambridge School Committee. In 1880 Locke wrote the section on Belmont's history for Drake's History of Middlesex County.

Albert Higgins, owner of the Albert Higgins House (#43), was a housewright whose fine details are seen in many of Belmont's elegant mid-19th century houses. He also built the first Town Hall/ Schoolhouse, The Waverly Schoolhouse (now a fire station) and was responsible for numerous alterations and repairs to other town buildings. He was closely involved in the petition to incorporate Belmont. In 1855 Higgins sold his house to Joseph Cartland, an uncle of the poet John Greenleaf Whittier. Both Higgins and Cartland were active in the abolition movement. In 1870 Otis Simonds bought the house. He conducted a successful wholesale beef business in Faneuil Hall for 40 years and was an original incorporator of the Belmont Savings Bank.

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The Joseph Yates House (#73) was the home of Joseph Yates and his wife, the daughter of Charles Wellington. Yates ran an express business between Belmont and Boston in the 1860's and later established a paper stock business in Boston. He was also an active participant in forming the new town of Belmont.

The Orchard Hill Boarding School for Young Ladies (#25) was founded by David Mack, Belmont's first librarian and a scholar of note. Visitors at his home included Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, William Lloyd Garrison and Elizabeth Peabody, who initiated the kindergarten movement in the United States.

The James Perry House (#64) was the home of James Brown, founder of Little Brown Publishing Company.

Numbers 3, 4, 6 and 7 were all tied into the Fletcher family. The J. Varnum Fletcher House (#6) and Stable (#4) were the first to be built in 1856. Fletcher was a state senator, one of Belmont's first selectmen, and owner of a wholesale beef business in Faneuil Hall. His son George built his house (#3) on the other side of the stables. He carried on his father's business and was an active member of the Boston Food and Produce Exchange. J. Varnum Fletcher gave the James Munroe Hale House (#7) to his daughter, Frances Ann, upon her marriage to James Hale.

Other successful Faneuil Hall merchants were Charles Grant Winn and his son Charles Wellington Winn (#67 and 69). Greenhouse farming allowed the Winns and other Belmont farmers to grow year round crops. The Winn farm of 20 acres later lent its name to a Belmont brook, a school and a street.

The builder of the Abby Morton Diaz House (#27) was a writer of children's books and a member of the Women's Suffragette League. Diaz was one of the first women associated with the Socialists and Nationalists in Edward Bellamy's movement.

The Old Library (#51) was donated to the town by Henry Underwood whose family was responsible for the Underwood food industry and who lived in Belmont. It is presently used for the school department's administrative offices.

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east along rear lot line of #3 and 2, south along east lot line of #2,  
east to north corner lot lot of #1, south along the center of Stella Street,  
west along the center of Pleasant Street, south along east lot line of #74,  
west along rear lot lines of #74,73,72,71,70,69,68,67,66,65,64,63,62,60,59,  
58,57,56,55,54,53-53,51 and 50, northwest along the center of Concord  
Avenue to #49, south along east lot line of #49, southwest along rear lot lines  
of #49,48, and 47 and northwest to the starting point.

See Ltr. Apr. 10-79

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the southerly boundary of the district, the boundary runs northwest along the westerly lot line of #26, north along rear lot lines of #26,27,30 and 36, east along north lot line of #36 and 21, east and northeast along rear lot lines of #21,20,19 and 18, northwest along southwest lot line of #41, north along east side of Wellington Lane and west lot line of #45, south along east lot lines of #45 and 13, east along north side of Pleasant Street, northwest along west lot line of #7, east along rear lot lines of #7,6,4,3 and 2, southeast along east lot line of #2, southwest along north side of Pleasant Street, south along east lot line of #73, west along rear lot lines of #73,72,71,70,69,68,67,66,65,64,63,62,60,59,58,57,56,55,54,53,52,51 and 50, northwest along the center of Concord Avenue to #49, south along east lot line of #49 southwest along rear lot lines of #49 and 48, north west to the north curblines of Pleasant Street and south to the starting point.

Boundary Justification

The boundary lines of the Pleasant Street Historic District follow the the lot lines or street curblines along Pleasant Street, extending up several side streets. Properties contiguous to the district boundaries are mid-twentieth century structures that do not relate architecturally or visually to properties within the district. With the exception of scattered twentieth century residential intrusions, the buildings within the district are eighteenth or nineteenth structures of exceptional architectural significance.

Property Pleasant Street Historic District

State Mass.

Working Number 12.12.78.4743

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 13  
Maps 3

**CONTROL**

*pl*  
OK 12.13.78

Predominantly 19th C houses. Some beautiful buildings. call.  
Associations w/ locally prominent persons, Winslow Homer, David Mack, &  
Rosal Pound. See attached questions. See boundary change  
ph phone call 7 4.5.79

**HISTORIAN**

Orelup  
2-28-79  
Accept

- 19th century (mostly) residential area with  
Italianate / Neo Empire houses - the boundary  
All significant <sup>perhaps</sup> several intrusions are  
included that could be excluded - call

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Braham  
3.10.79

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

BOUNDARIES REVISED TO ENCLOSE INTRUSIONS.  
(DISTRICT IS ALSO A LOCAL DISTRICT). MAP REVISED BY  
Orelup.

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept 6/12/79  
Mark Joubert  
[Signature]

**BRANCH CHIEF**

With revised maps & boundaries.

**KEEPER**

Accept  
Bridges for Herrington  
6-12-79

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry \_\_\_\_\_

7-3-79

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Pleasant Street Historic District  
Belmont, MA

Camilla L. French, 1977

Belmont Historical Society

Photo #1

Belmont Town Hall (#50)

(looking northeast)

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Belmont, MA  
Camilla French, 1977  
Belmont Historical Society JUN 12 1979  
Photo #2  
William Flagg Homer House (#21, looking  
west)

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*er House*  
*Street*  
*#21*



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Camilla L. French, 1978  
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Photo #3  
Captain James Homer House (#18, looking  
west)

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#18  
Capt James Homer House  
1013 Pleasant St  
Belmont  
Point View Looking NW



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Belmont Historical Society

Photo # 4

Isaac Locke House (#15, looking north)

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Front View looking South



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Belmont, MA

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Belmont Historical Society

Photo #5

Wellington Homestead (#19, looking  
northwest)

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For  
Front view looking north



# 52

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Thomas Blake House  
Pleasant Street Historic District

Belmont, MA

Camilla L. French, 1977

Belmont Historical Society

Photo #6

Thomas Blake House (#52-53, looking  
east)

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Belmont, MA  
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Photo #7  
Alexander House (#61, looking  
southeast)

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61  
592 Pleasant St  
Belmont  
Alexander House  
front view looking SE



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Photo #8

Albert Higgins House (#43, looking  
west)

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Front view Looking South



FORM No. 13  
Pleasant Street Historic District  
Belmont, MA

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Belmont Historical Society JUN 12 1979

Photo #9

Edwin Locke House (#13, looking  
northwest)

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BELMONT

ELEVATION

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Pleasant Street Historic District  
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Photo #10  
Joseph Yates House (#73, looking  
southeast)

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Joseph Yates House

490 Pleasant Street

Belmont, Mass 02178

Front View Looking Southeast



Pleasant Street Historic District  
Belmont, MA  
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Belmont Historical Society JUN 12 1979  
Photo #11  
Captain Stephen Frost House, (#2,  
looking northwest)

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Front view - Looking North



*The Widow Parks Cottage*  
Pleasant Street Historic District  
Belmont, MA

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Photo #12

Widow Parks Cottage (#30, looking north)

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*Front view looking Northeast*

Form No 30



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Belmont, MA

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Belmont Historical Society

Photo #13

James W. Brown House (#65, left) and

Edwin Locke House (#13, right).

Looking southwest down Pleasant St.

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Pleasant Street Historic District  
12-27-78

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CLASSICS

524 Pleasant St.  
Belmont MA 02178  
February 2, 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Pension Building  
440 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Attn: NOM

Re: H32 - NR

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

We were very much interested in your letter of January 24th, 1979 with regard to the inclusion of the "Pleasant Street Historical District" in the official list of historical buildings which constitutes the National Register of Historical Places.

Quite apart from our personal interest in this matter, we<sup>d</sup> like to point out that we have been members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation since 1967 and, therefore, are committed to the aims which you and the National Register pursue. We have applauded, from the beginning, the efforts of certain fellow citizens to protect this area of Pleasant Street, because it abounds in houses which should be preserved and are worthy of the protection which they would receive once listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

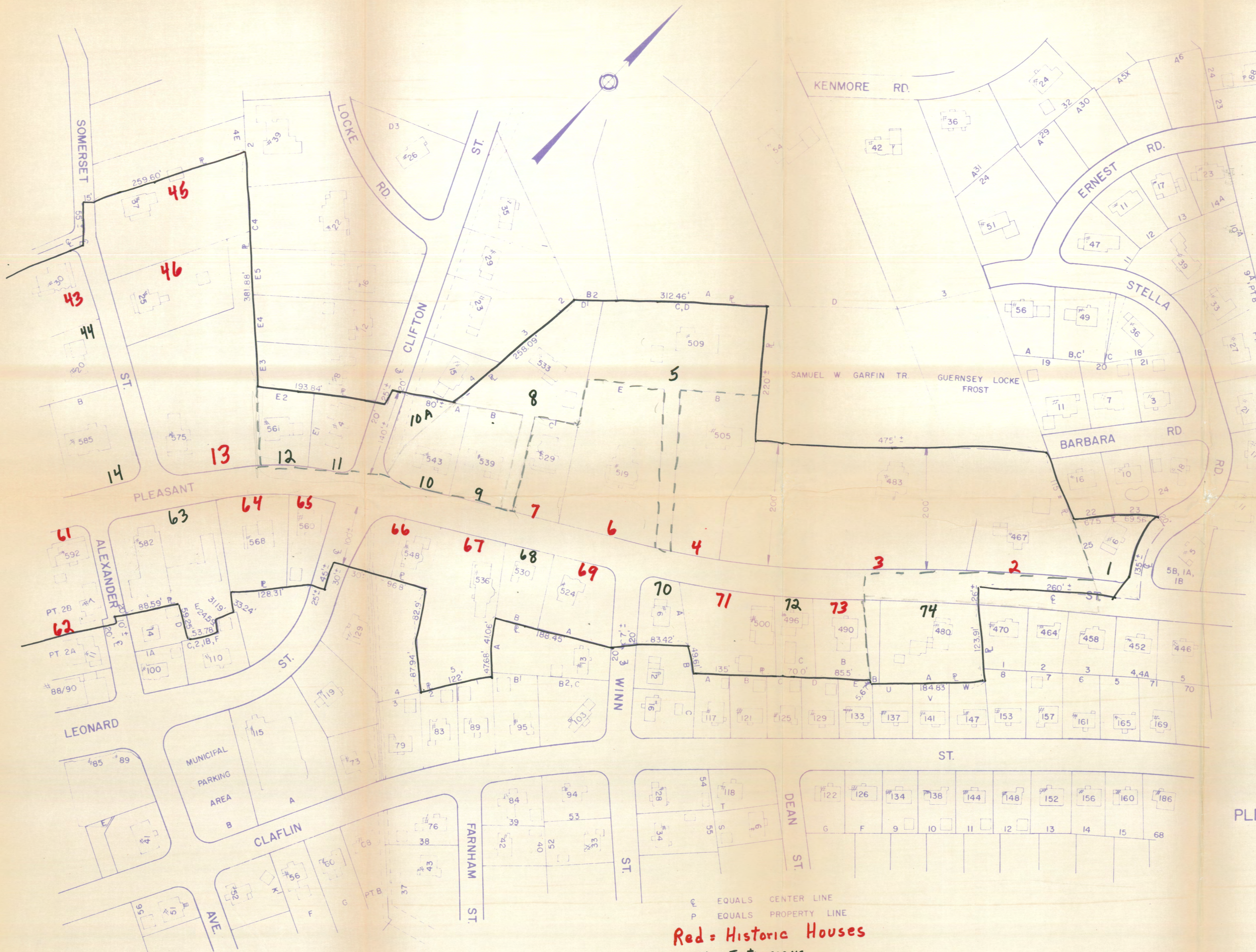
Our house was built in 1875 by a member of the firm of Ware and Van Brunt, the builders of Memorial Hall at Harvard University, and in fact it is contemporary with that building, now so sadly mutilated, after it lost its tower. It might be of interest in this connection that Mrs. Bloch, while planting a small tree on our property, found a coin of King George II dated in 1720.

May we conclude, then, that we enthusiastically endorse the nomination of the Pleasant Street Historical District for listing in the National Register of Historical Places, including our home, the "Charles Wellington Winn House".

Sincerely,

*Herbert Bloch* *Ellen C. Bloch*

Herbert Bloch  
Pope Professor of the Latin  
Language and Literature



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DATE: MAY 7, 1975

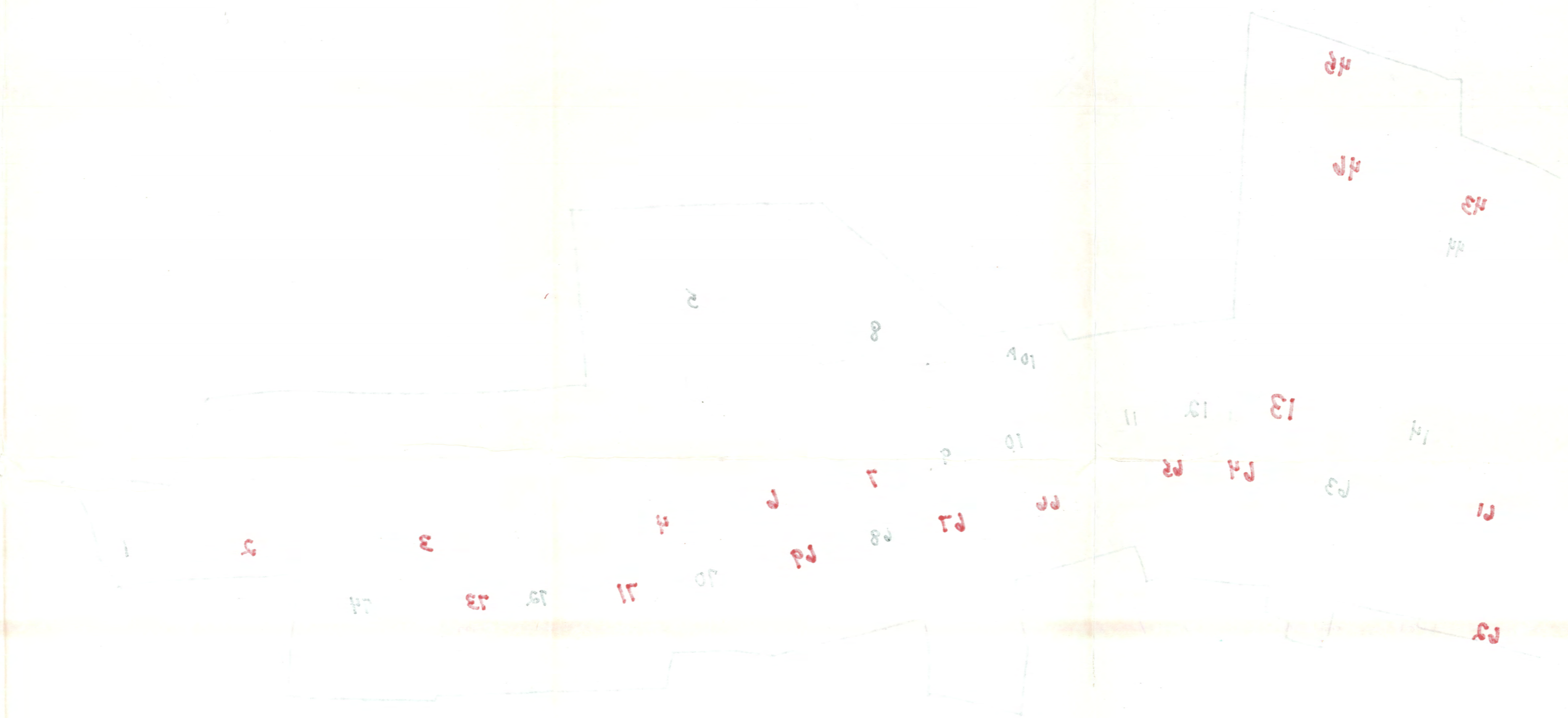
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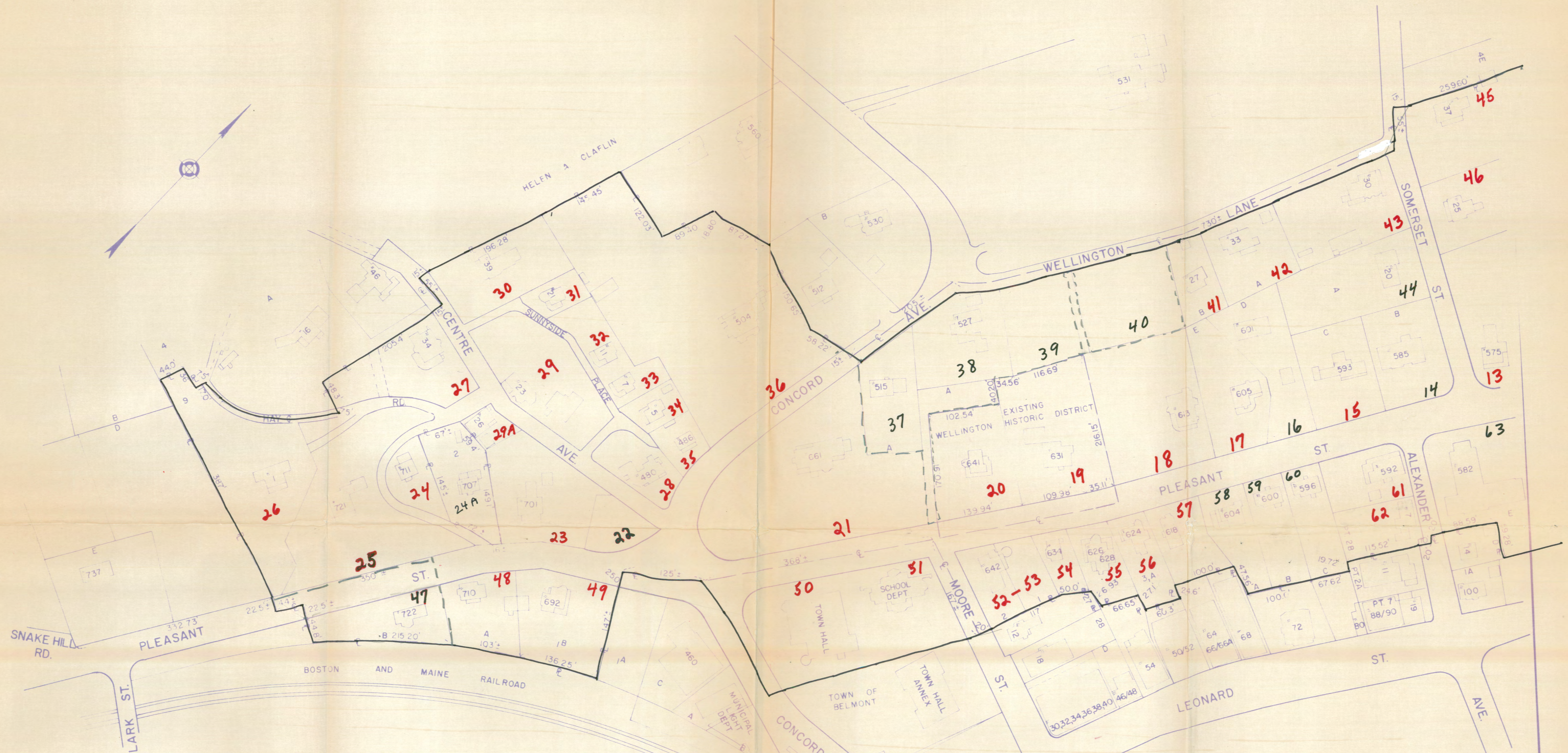
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PLAN SHOWING  
**PLEASANT STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**BELMONT, MASS.**  
SCALE: 1 INCH = 80 FEET - MAY 6, 1975  
*William D. Little*  
TOWN ENGINEER

⊕ EQUALS CENTER LINE  
⊔ EQUALS PROPERTY LINE  
**Red = Historic Houses**  
**Black = Intrusions**  
--- = Revised Boundary

Red = Historic Houses  
Black = Intrusions





NOTE LOT 2, 707 PLEASANT ST IS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM HISTORIC DISTRICT

⌒ EQUALS PROPERTY LINE  
⌒ EQUALS CENTER LINE

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*Richard S. Settle*  
TOWN ENGINEER

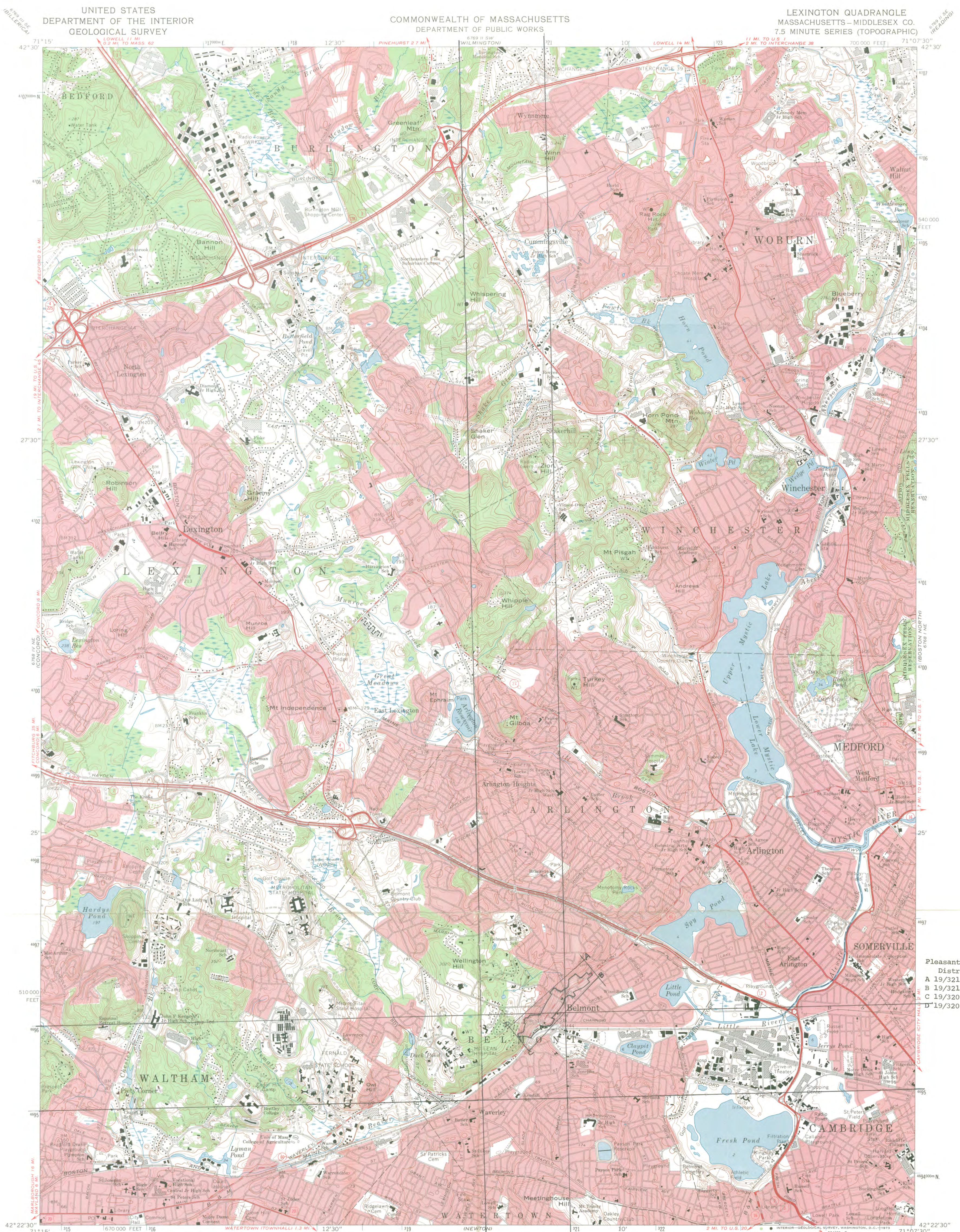
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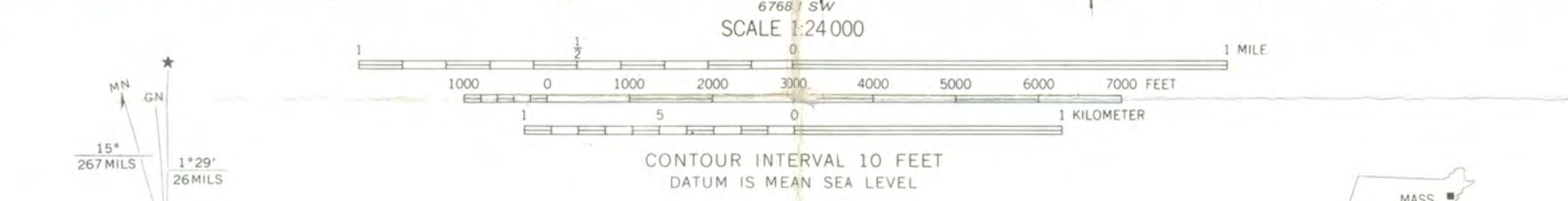


Red = Historic Houses  
 Black = Divisions



Pleasant Street Historic District, Belmont, MA  
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buildings are shown



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P.S. To avoid any further mistake, may I call to your attention that our names are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bloch (incorrectly spelled in your letter "Block").

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE RECEIVED: FEB 03 1975

FILE NO: 100-11-11

PROPERTY OWNER: HERBERT BLOCH

ADDRESS: 100-11-11

CITY: NEW YORK

STATE: NY

ZIP: 10011

HERBERT BLOCH  
CORRASSABLE  
BOND  
U.S.A.  
FANTON'S

To avoid any further mistakes, may I call to your attention that our names are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bloch (incorrectly spelled in your letter "Block").

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Pleasant Street Historic  
District 12-27-78

490 Pleasant St.  
Belmont MA 02178  
February 9, 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Pension Building  
440 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20243

ATTN: NOM  
  
H32-NR

Dear Dr. Murtagh,

I am very interested in your letter of January 24, 1979 concerning the pending listing of my property, located in an historic district, in the National Register of Historic Places.

However, the manner in which you have addressed your material would need an important change, should the property listing become a reality. The "Joseph Yates House" has been owned since October 1957 solely by (Mrs.) Joan Gradison Coe. In no manner has Mr. Christopher W.B. Coe played a role as owner of this property.

Therefore, to avoid any further mistake, I call to your attention the need to make this important change of names in your records so that the name of Joan Gradison Coe be published in the National Register of Historic Places.

Changed  
2-14-79  
JG

Sincerely yours,

*Joan Gradison Coe*

Joan Gradison Coe

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DATE RECD FEB 13 1979

*1/2-16-79*

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SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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Mrs. Rosalie Richardson  
519 Pleasant Street • Belmont, Mass. 02178

Pleasant Street Historic District  
12-27-78

Feb. 11, 1979

Dr. William J. Muntagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Dept. of Interior  
440 G. St. N.W.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. Muntagh: As the  
owner of the:

"J. Varnum Fletcher House  
Mrs. Rosalie R. Richardson  
519 Pleasant St  
Belmont, Ma. 02178

which is in The Pleasant Street  
Historic District, I was most  
delighted to get your letter  
concerning National Register listing  
of this area. I hope very much  
that you will favorably consider  
this listing.

My husband and I bought the  
property in 1944 when we work  
moved us to this area. It had  
been vacant since the crash of  
1929 and was in deplorable condition.  
I have loved the house ever since.

② It is beautifully constructed and responded so quickly to be cared for. I consider it an important piece of property to be maintained as it is - as an historic building.

Now that I am a widow and a senior citizen, I have been concerned with its fate when I am no longer here to love it. If it is a part of a listed historic district then I can feel comfortable that it can continue its sturdy existence and be of lasting joy.

Sincerely

Rosalie R. Richardson

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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*2-16-79* (DATE)

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STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ (STATUS)

INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_ (INFORMATION)

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# FIELD REPORT

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OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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PROJECT: PLEASANT HILLS HISTORIC DISTRICT

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CONTACT: ELIZABETH DURFEE

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ADDRESS: NA SHPO PHONE:

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REPORT: OREHP DATE: 4.5.79

- ① We agreed to remove bldgs. 1, 5, 8, 74, 37, 38, 39, 40  
I will adjust owner's list + <sup>9, 10, 10A, 11, 12</sup> statement  
w/ # giving # of buildings. E.D. will  
send acreage, description & justification.
-

NAME OF PROPERTY PLEASANT ST. H. D. STATE MA

Date Information Requested/Date Put in "Hold" Drawer: 4.5.79

Date to Be Pulled from "Hold" Drawer: 5.5.79 EXTENDED TO 6/10  
(30 Days from Date Requested)

Information Requested From: ELIZABETH DUFFEE  
for -  
PER CONVERSATION  
WITH JENKINS.

Information Requested/Reason Nomination Is Being Held:

BOUNDARY, ACREAGE, UTM ADJUSTMENTS.

CH SHE WOULD LIKE TO RE-REVIEW BOUNDARIES.

BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN REVISED & OKAYED BY  
STATE & MAC DOUGAL

ORELUP / BRABHAM  
Reviewer



**MASSACHUSETTS  
HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Office of the Secretary of State**

294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
02108  
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY  
Secretary of State

April 10, 1979

Ms. Margaret Orelup  
Registration Branch  
National Register  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Margaret:

Enclosed is a revised verbal boundary description for the Pleasant Street Historic District, Belmont, Massachusetts. In keeping with the boundary changes, you will notice I also cut out property #47 in the south corner of the district. I agree that this creates a tighter district. Below the boundary description you will find a boundary justification. In addition, I amended the acreage to 35 acres, and, in item #7, paragraph 2, changed the number of buildings in the district from 68 to 62, the number of residential properties from 65 to 59, and the number of intrusions from 24 to 13. I have rewritten the last sentence in that paragraph to read, "with the exception of the Town Hall, Old Library, and #24A, all of the properties are included within the bounds of a local historic district." (A copy of this revised page is enclosed.)

I hope the nomination is now in order for listing, but let me know if you have any more problems.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth T. Durfee*  
rs

Elizabeth T. Durfee  
Inventory Coordinator  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure

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BROADER BOND

**THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pleasant Street Historic District	Belmont Middlesex County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul G. Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR Byers/bjr 6/13/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Pleasant Street Historic District  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry:  
 ④ county code: 17

⑤ LOCATION street & number city / town vicinity of state county  
 irregular pattern along Pleasant St. Belmont MA Middlesex  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: NE

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

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 8 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL  
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME  NO  
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME  NO  
 ⑮ ACREAGE  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  
 ENVIRONS  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-6  NOT APPLICABLE-9

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

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  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  
 INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25  
 ㉒ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉓ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:  
 ㉔ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:  
 ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉖ architectural style(s): ㉗ architect: ㉘ master builder: ㉙ engineer:

㉚ landscape architect / garden designer: ㉛ interior decorator: ㉜ artist: ㉝ artisan: ㉞ builder/contractor:

㉟ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP