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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Dwight-Henderson House

AND/OR COMMON

William Cullen Bryant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Great Barrington

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Berkshire

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input 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 920 Inc, c/o Mr. Peter Avratin

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Great Barrington

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01230

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Town Hall, Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Great Barrington

STATE

Massachusetts 01230

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
Historic American Buildings SurveyDATE 1974
1937 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Massachusetts Historical Commission
National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

Boston
Washington, DC

STATE Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1892, 1966

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dwight-Henderson House is located on Great Barrington's Main Street just south of the principal commercial district. The white clapboard saltbox house, built in 1759, is distinct from the other 19th century buildings in the area.

The Dwight-Henderson House was originally built on the slope of a hill, and the facade included a high stone foundation which made three stories on the front, and with the shed style rear roof slope, one story in the rear. In 1892 a local businessman, Mr. Caleb Ticknor, bought the house and land to construct the Berkshire Inn on the site. Recognizing the value of the house, Mr. Ticknor did not have it razed, but moved it to a site behind the inn. After fire destroyed the Berkshire Inn in 1966, the house was moved to its present location. Although moved twice, the Dwight-Henderson House has always been within 200 feet of its original location. Its present site is compatible with the building and is similar to its former location. As a result of its second move, the high stone foundation was removed, creating a two-story facade.

The facade of the Dwight-Henderson House has a five-bay arrangement, with a central doorway. Fenestration on the side elevations is irregular, with four windows each on the first and second floors and one window in the attic story. The multi-paned, double hung sash windows include twelve over twelve and three over three lights.

The exterior wall fabric is clapboards with beaded ends and scarfed joints. Other features include a water table, pegged window frames, and two interior chimneys at either end of the house. The panelled double doorway on the front facade displays a distinct Georgian element. Flanking the entrance are fluted pilasters, surmounted by a moulded entablature. The iron railing on the raised concrete entrance porch is a recent addition.

The Dwight-Henderson House is now part of the Berkshire Motor Inn and is used as motel rooms and office space. Although the interior has been adapted for such use, a period ambience has been maintained by the intact paneling, wainscoting and fireplaces.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1759

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Daniel Allen, carpenter

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dwight-Henderson House is significant as the home of Brigadier General Joseph Dwight and as the scene of the marriage of the poet William Cullen Bryant. The house is also the oldest intact building in Great Barrington.

The house was constructed by local carpenter Daniel Allen in 1759 for General Joseph Dwight, a prominent figure in legal, political and military affairs in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. Dwight was a lawyer, a Colonel in the Militia, Speaker of the Colonial Massachusetts House of Representatives, participated in the siege of Louisbourg in 1745, and commanded a regiment that served in the French and Indian War. In 1751 he married Mrs. Abigail Sergeant, widow of Stockbridge missionary Reverend John Sergeant. From 1753 to 1761 he was one of the judges for the Courts for Hampshire County, and at the incorporation of Berkshire County he was appointed judge of both the County and Probate Courts. In the act for incorporating the Town of Great Barrington in 1761, General Dwight was authorized to issue his warrant for convening the first town meeting of its inhabitants. He was chosen moderator at that meeting and also one of the Selectmen of the town.

After Dwight died in 1765, his wife and son, Colonel Elijah Dwight, continued to use the house as their residence. In 1777 the house became directly connected with the American Revolution. General John Burgoyne, who had been captured at Saratoga, and was being marched with his troops to Boston for parole to England, spent several nights in the house as the guest of the Dwight family.

In 1810 Deacon Allen Henderson, a Great Barrington tanner, purchased the house. Under his ownership, William Cullen Bryant, the American poet, met and courted Frances Fairchild, Deacon Henderson's sister-in-law, and was married to her in the southeast front parlor of the house on January 11, 1821. While in Great Barrington, during the years 1816-1825, Bryant practiced law, was town clerk, and was inspired to write many of his poems about nature, including "Monument Mountain" and the "Green River."

Property

Dwight-Henderson House

State

Mass.

Working Number

11.5.75.1983

Berkshire

TECHNICAL

Photos /

Maps /

CONTROL

OK ^{pl}
11.5.75

HISTORIAN

Severely altered and an historic photo would have been helpful. Never more than 200 feet from original location. I share Ward's concern but I would be inclined to accept.

Conference
E. Smith
12-12-75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Twice moved and facade severely altered from 3 stories to 2. At the same time this is the oldest extant bldg. in town.

CONF.
J. and
12/8/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

CONF. ACCEPT

1/28/76

BRANCH CHIEF

accept
Young
2-5-76

Accept Conf.
Cale

1/28/76

KEEPER

Accept
Rettig (for Murtagh)
3-21-76

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered **MAR 26 1976**

Federal Register Entry 52-4-76

Re-submit

INT:2106-74



DWIGHT HENDERSON HOUSE
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

Form No. 10-301a
(Rev. 10-7*)

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AND/OR COMMON

William Cullen Bryant House

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Great Barrington

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Berkshire

STATE MA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Paul W. Ivory

DATE OF PHOTO November 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT Great Barrington Historical Commission

4 IDENTIFICATION

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

PHOTO NO 1

Dwight-Henderson House showing north and west sides

NPS Number

Title: 2

Loc. 1

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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

1 NAME

HISTORIC Dwight-Henderson House

AND/OR COMMON

William Cullen Bryant House

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Great Barrington VICINITY OF COUNTY Berkshire STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

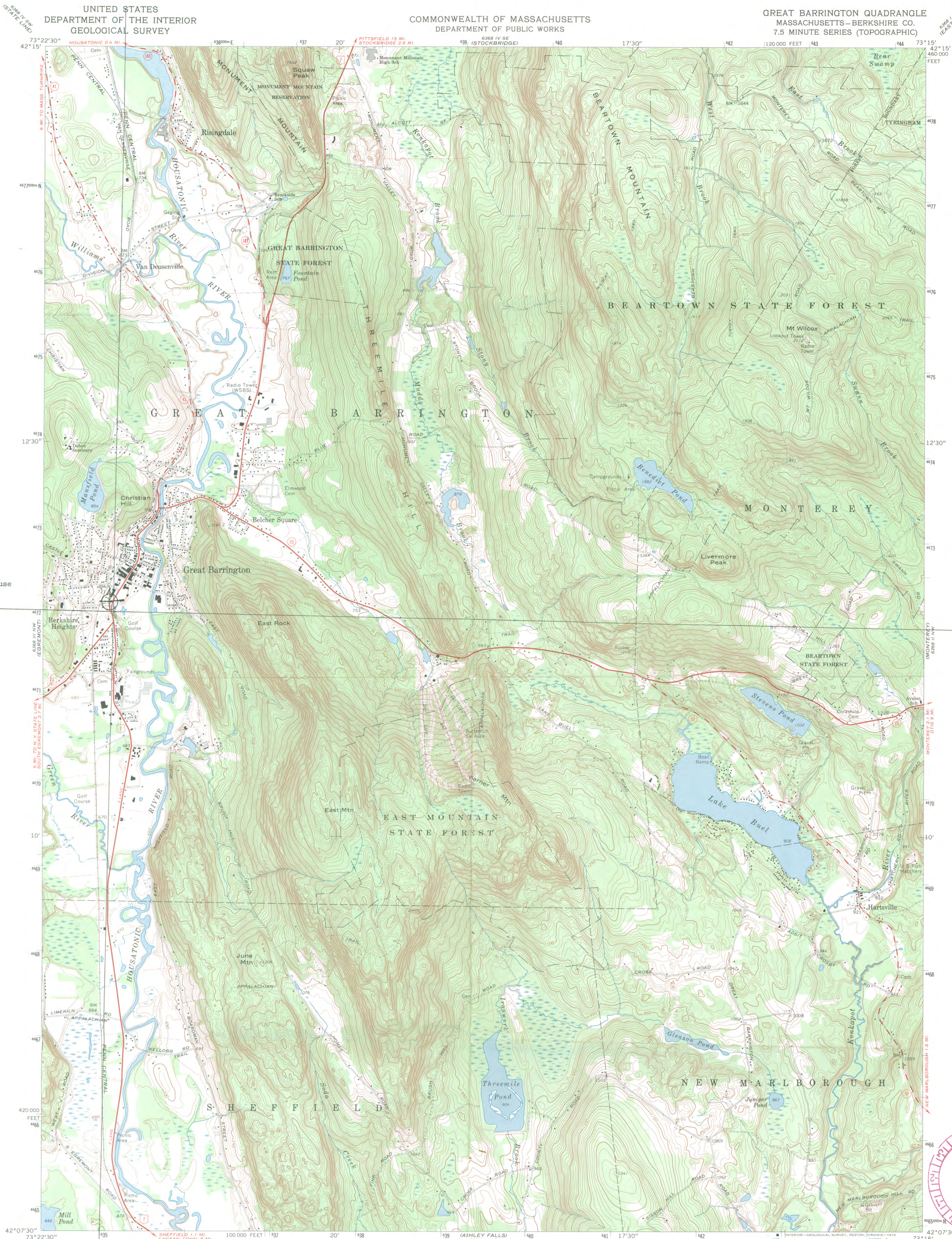
SOURCE USGS, Great Barrington Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24000 DATE 1973

4 REQUIREMENTS

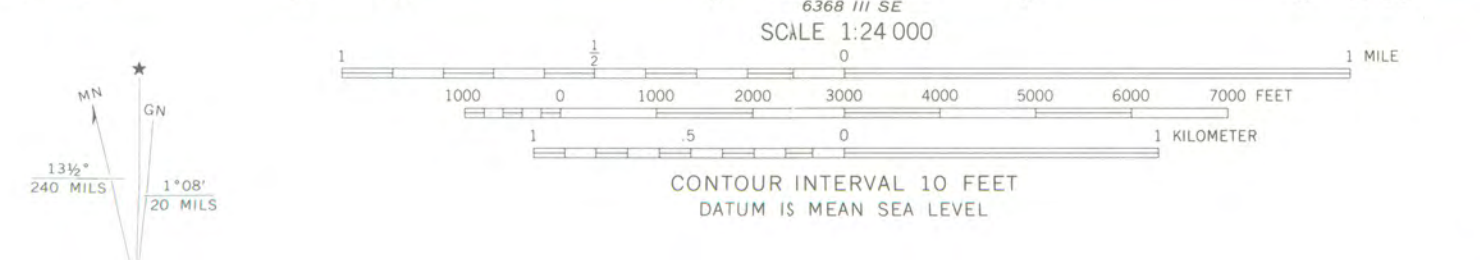
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



Great Barrington
Dwight-Henderson House
UTM Reference:
18/634960/4672120

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, US&GS, Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
and Massachusetts Harbor and Land Commission
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1942. Field checked 1946. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1973
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 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route



GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.
N4207.5-W7315.7.5
1973
AMS 6368 III NE-SERIES V814





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street
~~100 State Street~~ Boston, Massachusetts 02108

727-8470

Paul Guzzi

Secretary of the Commonwealth

27 October 1975



Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find three National Register nominations for the following properties:

1. Great Barrington, Dwight-Henderson House
2. Newton, Dr. Henry Jacob Bigelow House
3. Somerville, Bow Street Historic District

These properties have been voted eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (the State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Reed Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW/mw

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAR 26 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dwight-Henderson House	Great Barrington Berkshire County
Bow Street Historic District	Somerville Middlesex County
Lee Lower Main Street Historic District	Lee Berkshire County
Haydenville Historic District	Haydenville, Town of Williamsburg Hampshire County
Brockton City Hall	Brockton Plymouth County
Bryant-Cushing House	Norwell Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Silvio O. Conte
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Hon. James A. Burke

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02103

Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

PR MOTT:djb 4/5/76

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Dwight-Henderson House
 2 OTHER NAMES: Bryant, William Cullen, House - *slc.*
 3 date of entry: 3-26-76
 4 county code: 003

5 LOCATION street & number: Main St.
 city / town: Great Barrington
 vicinity of: _____
 state: MA
 county: Berkshire
 6 NPS REGION: North Atlantic

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

9 EXISTING SURVEYS: NABS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED? YES NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 1st
 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME: _____
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME: _____
 15 ACREAGE: 0.50
 if state who prepared form? SHPO
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION:
 excellent ruins altered original site
 good unexposed unaltered moved 1892/1966
 fair unexcavated reconstructed unknown excavated
 17 Features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
 NOT INTACT-0 NOT INTACT-0 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-4 UNKNOWN-5 UNKNOWN-6
 NOT APPLICABLE-7 NOT APPLICABLE-8 NOT APPLICABLE-9
 EXTERIOR: _____
 ENVIRONMENT: _____

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

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

23 functions:
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: HOUSE
 CURRENTLY: HOTEL/OFFICE SPACE
 24 dates of initial construction: 1759
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

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

30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan: DAN'L. ALLEN,
 34 builder/contractor: CARPENTER

35 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: general Joseph Dwight - original owner of house - regimental commander in French & Indian War, lawyer.
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: Frame, clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, rectangular, gabled roof with rear saltbox extension, interior chimneys, front center paneled entrance with architrave, elaborate window architraves; some period interior details retained in 1966 adaptation; moved, 1892 and 1966. Georgian Saltbox. Built as home of Brigadier General Joseph Dwight, lawyer and regimental commander in French & Indian war; oldest intact structure in town.