

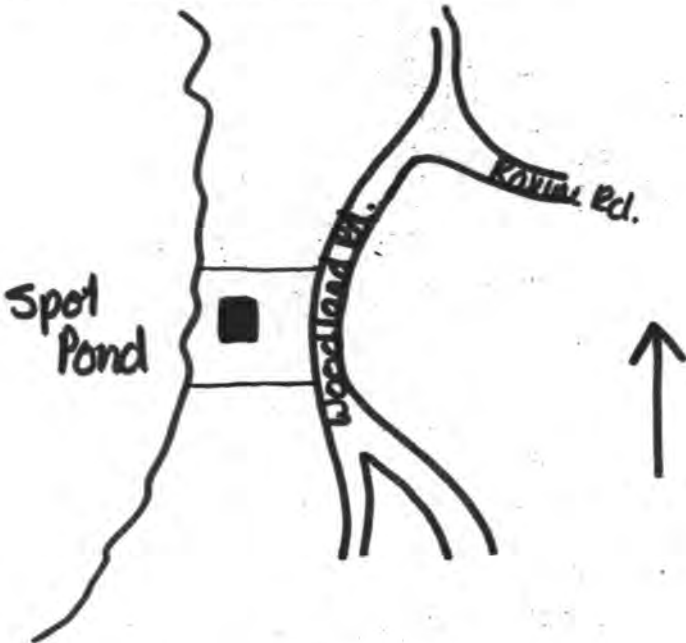
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



Town Stoneham Roll 10:14A
 Address 4 Woodland Road
 Historic Name John Bottume Residence
 Use: Original residential
 Present M.D.C. Supervisors' House
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public Metropolitan District Comm.
 20 Somerset St., Boston
 Original owner John Bottume

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1858
 Source map research, town history
 Style Italianate
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric granite ashlar
 Outbuildings none
 Major alterations (with dates) none
 Moved no Date n/a
 Approx. acreage over one acre
 Setting Rural setting overlooking Spot Pond; currently within M.D.C. Reservation

Recorded by Carole Zellie (ed. Candace Jenkins, MHC)
 Organization Landscape Research
 Date May 1979

No assessor's map available.

Boston North Quad 1:25,000
 UTM: 29 328010 4702080

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The John Bottume House is one of two remaining fine Italianate residences constructed on the shore of Spot Pond in the mid-nineteenth century. Although this example is somewhat more modest than the highly picturesque Lang House (#1), it continues the T-shaped plan, uncoursed granite ashlar construction, bracketted roof line with full raking cornice at the gable ends and round arch windows. Importantly, the Bottume house retains some of its original setting, since it is on the grounds of the Metropolitan District Commission reservoir. It is still separated from Woodland Road by a fine curving granite wall with entrance posts, and faces out directly to Spot Pond.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The John Bottume House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship and is significant as the only one of Stoneham's romantically inspired mid-nineteenth century residences to retain its original setting. It meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

John Bottume was a "commercial merchant": his son J. Frank was an attorney. In the late 'fifties, Bottume built this handsome mansion of granite, similar to the William Bailey Lang House (#1) a quarter of a mile to the east. The nearby Lang and Bottume properties are the only extant of a half dozen fine houses built for Boston businessmen at mid-century. These men were not involved in Stoneham's business life, or political affairs, but used Spot Pond as a retreat from Boston.

This property was acquired by the Middlesex Fells Reservation in 1894, as were most of the surrounding areas and buildings.

Boundary Description: At present the boundaries are arbitrarily defined as running 25 feet on either side of the house from Woodland Road to Spot Pond (see sketch map). This amount of land preserves a sense of the house's original rural setting without impacting the entire acreage currently owned by MDC as part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1882, 1874 Map of Stoneham
Town Histories
1882, 1869 Business Directories

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

- | | | Date/Signature |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Lang, William Bailey, House | Substantive Review
Determined Eligible
Keeper | <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Attest _____ |
| 2. Martin-Maxwell Estate | Substantive Review
Determined Eligible
Keeper | <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Attest _____ |
| 3. Sweetser, Warren, House | Substantive Review
Determined Eligible
Keeper | <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Attest _____ |
| 4. Almshouse | Entered in the
National Register | <u>for</u> <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 5. Beard, Padilla, House | Entered in the
National Register | <u>for</u> <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 6. Boston and Main
Railroad Depot | Entered in the
National Register | <u>for</u> <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 7. Bottume, John, House | Entered in the
National Register | <u>for</u> <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 8. Brown, C. H., Cottage | Entered in the
National Register | <u>for</u> <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 9. Bryant, William, Octagon
House | Entered in the
National Register | <u>for</u> <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 10. Buck, Charles, House | Entered in the
National Register | <u>for</u> <u>Mark Bruce</u> 4/13/84 |
| | | Attest _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bottume, John, House (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

FEB 28 1984

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Bottum, John, House
Stoughton, MA

9260

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295