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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 Temple Building

and/or common same

## 2. Location

street & number 149 Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Marlborough N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Massachusetts code 025 county Middlesex code 017

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>apts.</u>

## 4. Owner of Property

name Franco and Lina D'Annunzio

street & number 11 Meadow Drive

city, town Sudbury N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

street & number 208 Cambridge Street

city, town Cambridge state Massachusetts 02141

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #107 has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street

city, town Boston state MA

## 7. Description

Temple Building, Main Street, Marlborough

### Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

### Check one

unaltered

altered

### Check one

original site

moved date N/A

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Temple Building is a four story masonry commercial structure located on Main Street in the center of Marlborough, across from the City Hall. Its west elevation is adjoined to the Warren Block, a four-story brick commercial structure erected a decade later (NR-eligible). To the east is a small parking lot; a steep rocky ledge rises behind the building. Although Marlborough's Main Street was lined with similar three to four story brick blocks in the late 19th century, demolitions, loss from fire or extensive remodelings have left the Temple and Warren Blocks the sole intact buildings representative of the period.

The Temple Building was erected in 1879-1880. Its three-bay red brick facade is divided into storefronts on the first story, offices and residential units on the second and third floors, and additional living quarters in the mansard roof.

The first story storefronts are broken into three bays separated by brick piers with rough-faced granite caps and bases. Each of the outer two bays is traditionally arranged with a centrally recessed entrance flanked by plate-glass display windows. The wood doors, transoms and lower window panels have been replaced with aluminum, although the original lines of the storefronts have been retained. The center bay has been less altered. Two recessed entrances are separated by a two-pane display window. The left entrance, which is largely intact, has a simple wood paneled door surround and a plain wood transom. The door is an early 20th century replacement. The right entrance has been remodeled with aluminum.

The three upper stories of the facade are unaltered and represent the finest example of Queen Anne commercial architecture in the city. Second story windows are grouped within each bay and share a common granite lintel and sill. Binding the fenestration together above each lintel is a segmental brick arch with infill of basketweave patterned brick and a centrally placed rosette. Third story fenestration is capped with smooth granite dripstones; outer bay windows are paired. Extending across this story at the sill and lintel level is an angled brick course.

The fourth story is distinguished by a slate mansard roof and a highly ornate central facade gable. A stone plate in the center of the gable is inscribed with the name of the building. The mansard roof contains two shed domers on either side of the gable. Three chimneys are visible at the roof line; terra-cotta flue pipes rise above stepped brick caps. The mansard roof is the building's only element of Second Empire design.

An iron fire escape that extends across the central bay of the upper three floors is currently being removed. It was erected in the early-mid 20th century.

The east elevation is a plain brick wall pierced by two over two segmental arched windows that rest on granite sills. An aluminum display window and a replacement wood door toward the rear are recent alterations. The rear elevation, which abuts a steep rocky ledge along the lower portion, contains similar fenestration.

The interior of the building features an open central stairwell with turned balusters and massive newel posts. Interior architectural trim is limited to molded window casings and lower panels on the second floor and a third floor marble fireplace.

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Main Street, Marlborough

A major rehabilitation effort is currently underway on the Temple Building and the adjacent Warren Block. Following Secretary of Interior standards, the structures are being adapted to modern office and housing use. Remaining exterior architectural features on the Temple Building are being repaired and significant interior detail is being retained. At the rear of the building a new addition will complement the original building in materials, scale and fenestration.

## 8. Significance

Temple Building, Main Street, Marlborough

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1879-80 **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Temple Building possesses integrity of location, design, workmanship, feeling and association. The building is associated with Marlborough's major industry of the period, and it embodies distinctive characteristics of the type and method of construction typical of late 19th century commercial structures in New England. Built by a prominent local citizen, it meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Temple Building's significance is derived from its survival as one of only a few late 19th century commercial blocks extant in downtown Marlborough. By 1920, Marlborough's Main Street was characterized by an unbroken line of two to four story masonry blocks erected during the city's height of prosperity. The city's growth, like many of New England's industrial centers, can be directly attributed to the arrival of the railroad which came to Marlborough in the 1830's. Railroad access to Boston brought an immediate boost to the cottage production of shoes, begun in 1835, quickly consolidating and mechanizing the process into an industry of considerable importance. In 1860 the city's boot and shoe industry peaked sales of \$10 million. The manufacture of related products, particularly boxes, further added to the community's capital growth. In 1927 Marlborough ranked fourth in New England in shoe production and was recognized as the largest producer of footwear per capita in the nation.

The Temple Building was erected by Hiram Temple (1823-1901), a local entrepreneur who had been in the shoemaking business since the age of eleven. Temple opened one of the city's first shoe factories in the 1840's soon after the railroad spurred the industrialization of the business. After a brief period in business in Ashland (MA), he returned in 1853 to settle permanently in Marlborough, becoming a leading shoe and boot manufacturer. His enterprises extended to Boston where he operated a wholesale shoe business and to Natick where he owned additional factories. Temple had extensive real estate holdings in Marlborough and was active in local politics and business affairs.

The Temple Building was built for retail use on the first floor and hotel rooms above; the hotel, one of seven in the city in 1887, has been known variously as the Temple Hotel and later as the Worcester Hotel. During its first forty years, the ground floor space were occupied by a bank, stationery store, barber shop, boot shop and offices.

The Temple Building and the adjacent Warren Block today represent the most extensive and intact portion of Marlborough's late 19th century commercial district.

Note: Little research material relating to the city of Marlborough and specific buildings is available due to major fires in both the city hall and library. Accordingly, this nomination draws heavily upon general histories and architectural significance.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Bigelow, Ella, Historical Reminiscence of Marlborough, 1910  
Biographical Review Containing Life Sketches of Leading Citizens of Middlesex County, MA  
Boston: Biographical Review Publishing Co., 1898, vol. XXCII  
City Maps, atlases and directories

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Marlborough

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UMT References

A 

1	9	2	9	0	0	5	0	4	6	9	1	2	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

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E 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property includes the entire lot occupied by 149 Main Street. From the southwest corner, the lot extends north eighty feet along the party wall of the Warren Block, east sixty-six feet, south eighty feet and west sixty-six feet to the starting point.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director and Elizabeth Durfee Hengen, Preservation Consultant for Marlborough Community Development Authority

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date October, 1982

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617 : 727-8470

city or town Boston 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 Wesbucki* date 2/3/83

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Melores Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 3/10/83

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Temple Building  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 8 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.17.84  
Date Due: 3/10/83 - 3/25/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 3/10/83  
 RETURN  
Entered in the National Register  REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS 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

Site \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3500



WARREN BLOCK

formal house, inc. RENTALS & SALES

formal house, inc. RENTALS & SALES

PREP  
RENTAL  
OUTFIT

55 City Hall Music

ALLIANCE  
MUSIC

TEMPLE BUILDING

149 Main St., Marlborough, MA  
Photograph by Elizabeth Durfee Hengen  
April 1982

Negative filed at 45 Cabot St.,  
Winchester, MA

Photo #1: View looking northwest at  
facade and east elevation

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formal house, inc.

RENTALS  
&  
SALES

TEMPLE BUILDING

149 Main St., Marlborough, MA

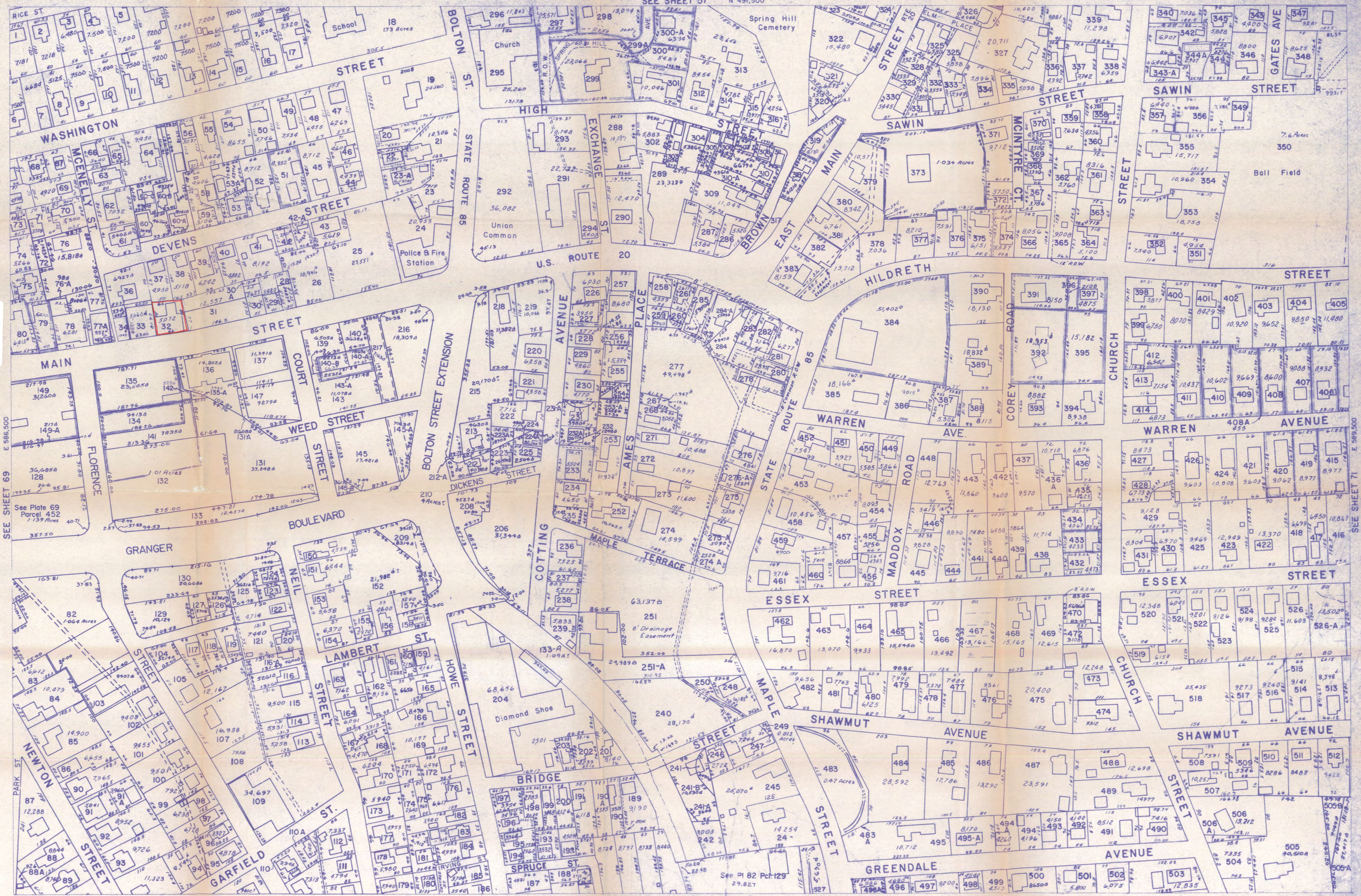
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Winchester, MA

Photo #2: View looking north at  
facade

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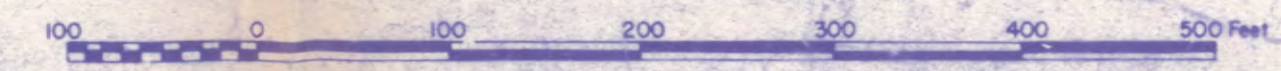


TEMPLE BUILDING  
149 Main Street  
Marlborough, MA

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MOORE SURVEY & MAPPING CORPORATION

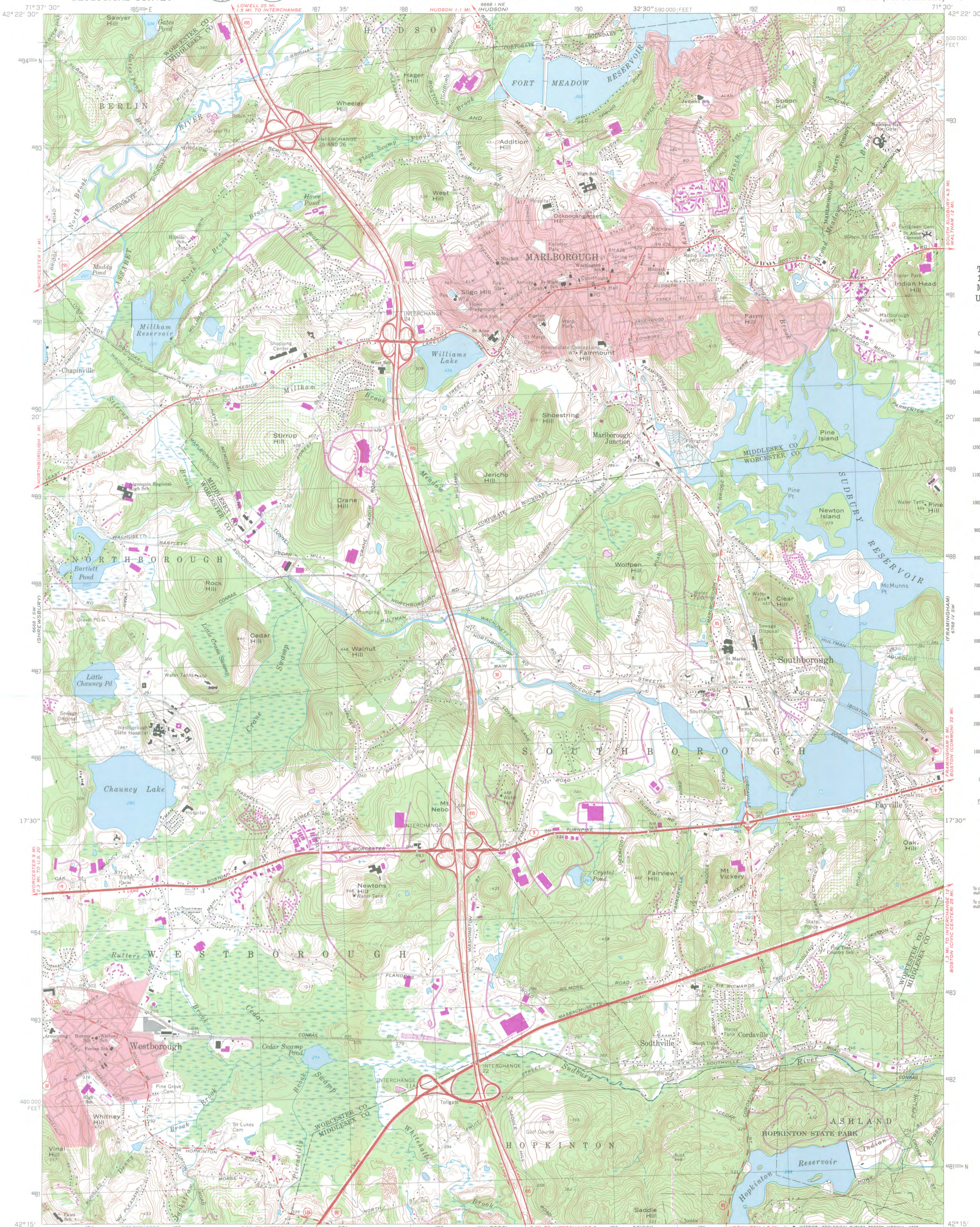
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MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS  
ASSESSORS MAP

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Temple Building  
149 Main Street  
Marlborough, MA  
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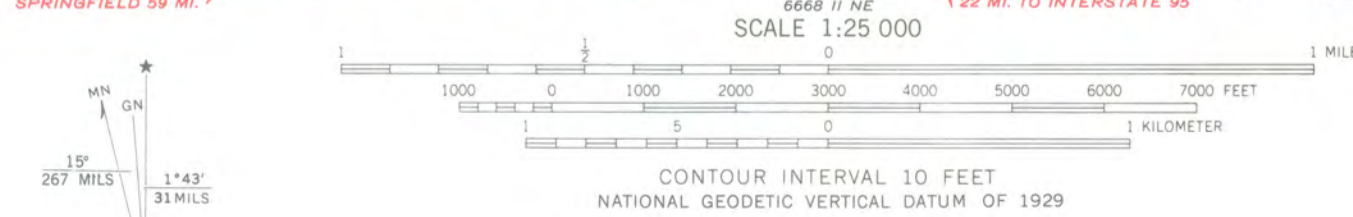


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To convert feet to meters  
multiply by 3048

To convert meters to feet  
multiply by 3.2808

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zone 19  
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface  
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface  
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface  
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route

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MARLBOROUGH, MASS.  
(FORMERLY MARLBORO)  
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1969  
PHOTOREVISED 1979  
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JAN 10 1983  
January 3, 1983

Ms. Candace Jenkins  
Mass. Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Ms. Jenkins;

I have received notification of the submission of my property,  
The Temple and Warren Blocks in Marlborough, and fully support their  
nomination to the National Register.

Thank you for the Commission's and your efforts in making this  
possible.

Sincerely,

Franco D'Annunzio



**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

February 4, 1983

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Acton - Acton Center Historic District (local)  
Cheshire - Hall's Tavern (local)  
Essex - David Burnham House (national)  
Framingham - Concord Square Historic District (local)  
Framingham - Paul Gibbs House (local)  
Gardner - Garbose Building (local)  
Hopkinton - Hopkinton Supply Co. Building (local)  
Marlborough - Temple Block (local)  
Marlborough - Warren Block (local)  
North Adams - Church Street Historic District (local)  
Weymouth - Fogg Building (local)  
Winchester - Philemon Wright - Asa Locke Farm (local)

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

*Candace Jenkins*

Candace Jenkins  
Registration Director

CJ/lk

