

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic NORTHFIELD MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

and/or common SAME

2. Location

street & number Full length of Main Street from Millers Brook to Pauchaug Brook not for publication

city, town Northfield vicinity of congressional district first

state Massachusetts code 025 county Franklin code 011

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
☒ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture	☒ museum
☐ building(s)	☐ private	☐ unoccupied	☒ commercial	☐ park
☐ structure	☒ both	☐ work in progress	☒ educational	☒ private residence
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment	☒ religious
☐ object	☐ in process	☒ yes: restricted	☒ government	☐ scientific
	☐ being considered	☐ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial	☒ transportation
		☐ no	☐ military	☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 425 Main Street

city, town Greenfield state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1974-1978 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state MA 02108

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

Northfield, Massachusetts, founded in 1672, is located on both the east and the west sides of the Connecticut River at the New Hampshire state line. The Northfield Main Street Historic District, about 350 acres, lies on the east side of the river and roughly parallel to it. Contained in the district are the two mile long Northfield Main Street and the 135 structures, largely residential, which are ranged along the street in a linear pattern with deep setbacks. Main Street (Routes 10 and 63) runs in an approximately northeast/southwest direction along the summit of a slight natural rise, as it has since the late seventeenth century when it was first laid out as Town Street with deep house lots on either side for its entire length. On the east side of Main Street cultivated fields sweep away from the large building lots toward forested hills and mountains. On the west side, similar fields meet the Connecticut River. Two streams cross Main Street on their way to the river: Mill Brook to the north and Millers Brook to the south. Settlers from Northampton in the early 1670's found well watered fields already cleared and long under cultivation by the local Indians.

The buildings within the Northfield Main Street Historic District represent a variety of styles ranging from the mid-eighteenth century to the present. Included are several fine examples of Second Period, Federal, Greek Revival, and later nineteenth century design such as Shingle Style and Richardsonian Romanesque. Many of the Federal and Greek Revival houses were built by the Stearns family who settled in Northfield in about 1799 and whose complete account and day books survive.

Rudolphus Dickinson, a Northfield resident, described Main Street in 1811:

On either side of the street at convenient distances, stand the buildings composing the village -- a congregational meeting house, a spacious school house - two stories, 58 dwelling houses (2 of three stories, 40 of two stories, and 16 of one story), three stores.

Forty seven of these buildings stand today, including twelve eighteenth century houses. Ten of the one and two story dwellings standing in 1811 have, however, been replaced by twentieth century structures.

Three houses were moved to Main Street in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century when the land on which they were sited east of Main Street near Mill Brook was purchased for a summer estate in 1890 by a Mr. Schell (M31, M94, M40)

Northfield's Main Street today retains much of its nineteenth century appearance. Public buildings, business blocks and residences exist side by side in a harmony that is due in large part to the fact that most of the twentieth century buildings follow similar setbacks and are compatible in scale, texture and color to earlier structures. Building lots along Main Street are also generously planted with maples, elms, and flowering shrubs which contribute to the nineteenth century character of the streetscape. A linear green space separates sidewalks from Main Street itself. Between the buildings on each side of the street are vistas of the fields and hills beyond.

Alterations to Main Street buildings, such as the addition of porches in the nineteenth century, are expressive in the majority of cases of the evolution of taste and are therefore integral to the historic fabric of a street. To a lesser extent, the addition or removal of architectural detail appears to have been occasioned by the state of the

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economy in this farming town.

There are few intrusions into the overall fabric and scale of Northfield's Main Street. These include three gasoline stations, a garage, a fire station and two new structures which house the post office and a bank, respectively. Two low, one story, shingled houses also differ in scale and fabric from most other Main Street structures but excellent maintenance and landscaping go far to minimize their obtrusiveness.

103 Main Street (#M99, photo #20) The Belding-Spencer house, built between 1740 and 1763 on a house lot granted in 1714 to Jonathan Belding, is among the earliest buildings still standing on Northfield Main Street. A two story plus attic frame structure with a center entrance, was one room deep until a one and one half story lean to was added on the back, or north side. Topped by a shallow pitched roof, ridge parallel to the street, the house is clapboard sheathed and has simple corner boards and boxed cornices. The house's only real ornamentation is its later, nineteenth century door frame with sidelights and heavy entablature. Window surrounds are extremely simple. The central chimney which would have been original to the house has been removed to make room for a center hall.

73 Main Street (#M112, photo #15) The Pomeroy-Goodspeed house, built c 1765, is another example of Second period frame dwelling which is very plain except for a rather elaborate pedimented Georgian doorway. The only other embellishment is in the projecting first floor window caps. The house, which faces Main Street, also has the high hipped roof characteristic of Georgian buildings.

116 Main Street (#M41, photo #24) Built ca. 1785, the Dickinson-Prescott house combines Georgian, Federal, and later nineteenth century decorative detail. Noteworthy is its high style Federal doorway with leaded glass side and fan lights and pilastered frame. Georgian details include quoins and first floor window caps as well as the high hipped roof. The front porch and side oriel was added during the nineteenth century, perhaps ca. 1860.

178 Main Street (#M62, photo #30) The Federal style Lyman-Hayes house, built ca. 1824, is one of the few brick structures on Main Street. Five bays with a center entrance, it has a pitched roof, ridge parallel to the street. Decorative elements on this building include a recessed side and fan lighted doorway, granite window sills, and flush lintels, a corbelled wood cornice, and a fan light set into the gable. A frame ell at the back of the house was probably added later in the nineteenth century.

66 Main Street (#M24, photo #12) Built in 1828 by Sameul S. Stearns with the help of his brother Calvin, the two story plus attic Stearns-Field house represents an early attempt by the Stearns family of builders to construct a frame dwelling in the transitional Federal-Greek Revival style with a side hall plan. The proportion of the build-

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ing's portico are Ionic rather than Doric though the detail in the entablature is a simplification of both. The entrance door combines rather misunderstood and much simplified Federal and Greek Revival elements with a perhaps unique result. The door surround may in fact not be original. An oval blind window pierces the facade gable above the portico.

4 Main Street (#M4, photo #3) Built by George Stearns in 1846, the Greek Revival style Callender-Rogers house is set gable end to street on a man made rise. Two stories plus attic in height, it has a side hall plan. The building's broad pedimented facade gable is notable for being supported by only three basically doric columns rather than the more usual four or five. The pilastered entrance doorway on this house shows an understanding of Greek Revival form and detail that was missing on the earlier Stearns-Field house of 1828, (#M24).

Numbers 5, 33, and 34 Main Street (#M134, photo #4; #M126, photo #5; #M13, photo #10) were all built by the Stearns family during the mid 1840's. They show the broad gable, doric portico and Greek Revival door and window detailing ofent used by these builders.

89 Main Street (#M97, photo #18) Built ca. 1846, the Hall-Tosi house combines elements of Greek and Gothic Revival style. A one and one half story wood frame structure with an ell, set gable end to street on a man made rise, the house has two recessed corner entry porches, one of which shelters the house's main door. The form of the house, its two doric porches and deep gable are Greek Revival. Windows on the main house, including dormers and a palladian type window in the gable, are topped by blind lancets. A delicate arcade of pointed wooden arches on the ell continues the Gothic motif of the main house. The gable and porch enclosed exterior walls are set off by flush boarding while all the other walls surfaces are clapboard sheathed.

Main Street (#M95, photo #25) Northfield's Dickinson Memorial Library, built in 1897 of local granite, was designed by Fitchburg architect H.M. Francis in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. A central pavillion with a deeply recessed Syrian-arched entrance dominates the building's main facade and extends the entire height of the building. On the second story above the entrance, and rising up into the pavillion gable, are three mullioned windows capped by round arches supported on compound piers.

201 Main Street (#M76, photo #34) Built after 1871, the Towner-Fitt-Powell house has the wrap around porch, gables, corner tower and generally varied massing characteristic of the Shingle style.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☒ prehistoric	☒ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☒ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☒ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☒ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☒ education	☐ military	☒ social/
☒ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☒ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☒ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Northfield Main Street Historic District possesses substantial integrity of the location, setting, materials and workmanship of its late eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth century architecture. Economic, social and historical factors have combined to protect much of the historic streetscape.

Main Street has important historical associations as the center of the town of Northfield since the late seventeenth century when it was called Town Street. The street has also long been associated with and influenced by the educational, social and religious institutions founded in Northfield during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These have included the Northfield Academy of Useful Knowledge, 1829, and the Northfield Seminary, founded by the Reverend Dwight L. Moody in 1879. The latter, known subsequently as the Northfield School for Girls, is just outside of the district boundary. Rev. Moody also founded the Northfield Conferences, summer religious conferences which have achieved both national and international recognition. The American Youth Hostel organization was founded in Northfield in 1934 with headquarters originally at 88 Main Street.

Founded in 1672, Northfield was first settled as a frontier farming community in 1673. The English name Northfield was chosen because it was then the northern most settlement on the Connecticut River. Previously prehistoric peoples had occupied the area for many thousands of years. Archaeological evidence exists for late Archaic and Woodland period settlement on the rich alluvial meadows and fertile plains. Abandoned after its destruction in 1675, Northfield was again settled in 1685. A substantial fort was built on a lot (it is not clear exactly which one) near the mid-point of the street. During the following year a second fort was built on a height of land south of Mill Brook "for the protection of the mill and as a resort for the families located at this end of the street." Northfield was nonetheless abandoned again in 1690 and permanent settlement was not effected until 1714. The fort constructed in 1686 was rebuilt in 1722 and its stone foundation was still in place as late as 1825. A stone marker dedicated in 1897 now indicates its location.

During the first and second settlements "the Main Street of the village constituted the town." This remained the case as late as the 1760's. While Main Street (still Town Street in 1723) developed into a thriving center for local trade, as well as the residential street of the town, grain crops, wool, and flax, were raised successfully in the surrounding fields.

By 1818 the population of Northfield was put at 1,850 and the dwelling houses numbered 200. Fifty-eight of these were on Main Street. Several of the houses built on Main Street both before and after this date were constructed by the Stearns family and their apprentices. (#M5, #M134, #M12, #M127, #M126, #M14, #M24, #M33). The family's complete account and day books provide an invaluable resource from which to glean information on specific buildings and on the craftsmen who built and ornamented them. Calvin and Samuel Stearns, who came to Northfield in 1799, had both previously worked in Boston for about a year on Charles Bulfinch's

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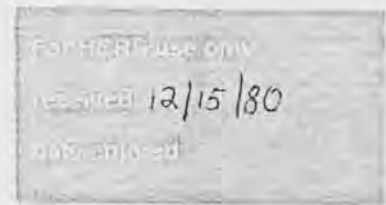
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India Wharf and with Peter Bonner. They also worked in Windsor and Springfield, Vermont and with Josiah Oaks in Brookfield, Massachusetts. Calvin was a builder of, among other things, elegant staircases. Together with Calvin's six sons, Calvin and Samuel Stearns introduced the Federal and Greek Revival styles to this Connecticut River Valley town. Carpenters who worked with the Stearns included Stephen Crowfoot, Hopine King, and later John Field and the Russell brothers. Harvey Field ornamented columns for them and one S. Norton was a skilled finisher. The fine craftsmanship of these nineteenth century builders and artisans still graces Northfield's Main Street today.

Five areas of prehistoric archaeological sensitivity have been identified in the area just west of the Northfield Main Street Historic District. Of uncertain cultural affiliation, these loci are found in elevated lands above the Great Meadow which borders the Connecticut River. As the Northfield Main Street Historic District is found in an environmental setting similar to that of the sensitive areas, there is a strong potential for the presence of prehistoric archaeological remains within the confines of the district.

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* Change Areas of Significance to:
Archaeology-prehistoric, Architecture

*Remove first paragraph and replace with the following:

The Northfield Main Street Historic District has been the ancient center of settlement and community activities, from prehistoric times through the early twentieth century. Economic, social, and historical factors have combined to protect much of the character of the streetscape. The area contains significant areas of prehistoric archaeological significance; has continued as the focal point for residential, commercial, and institutional activities for the town for over 250 years; and retains a highly distinctive architecture from the early 19th century, constructed by a noted local family of designer/builders. It thus meets criteria A, C, and D of the National Register of Historic Places.

*Remove fifth paragraph ("By 1818...") and replace with the following:

The Main Street Historic District is most remarkable for its early nineteenth century development, for which the creative Stearns family is largely responsible. By 1818, the population of Northfield was put at 1,850 and the dwelling houses numbered 200. Fifty-eight of these were on Main Street. A significant number of the Main Street houses built in the first decades of this century were constructed by the Stearns family and their apprentices. Their highly localized and imaginative designs provide the most distinctive feature of the streetscape. In addition, the family's complete account and day books survive and provide an invaluable resource from which to glean information on specific buildings and on the craftsmen who built and ornamented them.

Calvin and Samuel Stearns, who came to Northfield in 1799, had both previously worked in Boston for about a year on Charles Bulfinch's India Wharf and with Peter Bonner. They also worked in Windsor and Springfield, Vermont, and with Josiah Oaks in Brookfield, Massachusetts. Together with Calvin's six sons, Calvin and Samuel Stearns introduced the Federal and Greek Revival styles to this Connecticut River Valley Town. The names and specialties of several members of the firm are known today. Calvin Stearns was a builder of, among other things, elegant staircases; Harvey Field ornamented columns, and one S. Norton was a skilled finisher. Carpenters who worked with the Stearns included Stephen Crowfoot, Hopine King, and later John Field, and the Russell brothers.

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10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 350+ or-

Quadrangle name Northfield

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	8	7	0	8	8	8	0	4	7	3	1	5	7	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

1	8	7	0	8	1	6	0	4	7	2	8	6	8	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

1	8	7	0	7	9	8	0	4	7	2	8	7	2	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

The south intersection of routes 10 and 63 is the southern boundary of the district. It extends both sides of Main Street along the nearly level southern two-thirds of Main Street and the more varied and rolling terrain north of Mill Brook to Moody Street in East Northfield.

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Anne Booth, Consultant with
Rosa S. Johnstone Northfield Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date June 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston, state MA 02108

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Peter R. Weslowski 8/19/80

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Artist:

date

Chief of Registration

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10. Geographical Data con't.

which is the northern boundary of the district.

Thence easterly approximately 300 feet to the westerly side line of routes 10 and 63.

Thence southerly approximately 500 feet along said side line to a point located approximately 50 feet south of the south of the south wall of the so-called Revell Hall.

(It is the intent of this to exclude from the parcel a brick residence, Revell Hall and Holton Hall, all being part of the Northfield School Complex.)

Thence westerly approximately 300 feet along a line located 50 feet south and parallel to the south wall of the so-called Revell Hall to a point located 350 feet left of the base line of route 10 and 63.

Thence southerly approximately 4200 feet along a line located 350 feet of and parallel to the aforesaid base line to the center line of the channel of Millers Brook as it existed December 31, 1978.

Thence easterly to the place of beginning, all containing approximately 165.75 acres.

Please also refer to the attached maps. The district includes only those buildings buildings fronting on Main Street and their acreage.

NOTE: A proposal is under consideration for the Northfield Campus of the Northfield Mount Hermon School to be set off as a separate historical unit. It was the sense of the Historic District Study Committee that both the Moody Birthplace and the Moody Homestead are as much a part of the community as they are a part of the campus and that they rightfully belong as a part of the Main Street Historic District. It is for the same reason that the district moves around Revell Hall, Holton Hall and the school residence located north of East Northfield Road, but does include the so-called Coyne residence located directly north of East Northfield Road in the district.

MAIN STREET
NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Northfield Historic Records:

Inventory No.	Owner	Mail or St. Address
*1.	Mr. Carroll Miller (c.1850)	Millers Falls Rd.
*2.	M/M Alvin Scott (c.1930's)	Millers Falls Rd.
*3.	M/M Dwight Stearns (c.1951)	Millers Falls Rd.
4.	M/M Richard Vielmetti (c.1930)	2 Main St.
5.	M/M Berton Rogers (c.1846)	4 Main St.
6.	M/M Raymond Parenteau (before 1858)	8 Main St.
7.	M/M Francis Reed (c.1927)	12 Main St.
8.	Mrs. John Hogan (c.1970's)	16 Main St.
9.	M/M Stanley Powers (c.1927)	20 Main St.
10.	M/M Raymond Clark (c.1927)	24 Main St.
11.	Shanahan Fuel Co. (c.1921)	(Turners Falls, Mass.)
12.	M/M George Leonard (c.1816)	26 Main St.
13.	M/M Alson Monroe (c.1844)	30 Main St.
14.	M/M Douglas Baker (c.1843)	34 Main St.
15.	Mr. Harry Erickson (c.1928)	36 Main St.
16.	M/M Dunham Shepard (c.1966)	38 Main St.
17.	M/M Stephen Bachinski (before 1820)	40 Main St.
18.	M/M Alfred Goodwin (c.1852)	42 Main St.
19.	M/M Lloyd Nicholson (c.1828)	46 Main St.
20.	Mrs. Lester White (c.1940-50)	48 Main St.
21.	Col. & Mrs. Claude Shepard, Jr. (c.1783)	50 Main St.
22.	M/M David Mroczek (c.1927)	56 Main St.
23.	Northfield Pharmacy Inc. (c.1839-79)	60 Main St.
24.	M/M Horace Field (c.1828)	66 Main St.
25.	M/M Joseph Patenaude (before 1837)	68 Main St.
26.	M/M David Cook (c.1901)	70 Main St.
27.	Unitarian Church (c.1870)	
28.	Holloway, Arlene & Marvin (c.1848)	
29.	Miss Bernice Webster (c.1801)	76 Main St.
30.	A. R. Sandri Inc. (c.1970)	
31.	Catholic Parsonage (early 1900's)	78 Main St.
32.	St. Patrick Catholic Church (c.1886)	82 Main St.
33.	M/M Henri DeRomoe (c.1840)	84 Main St.
34.	Phyllis Derigon (c.1807)	88 Main St.
35.	Mr. Robert D. Abbott (c.1858)	92 Main St.
36.	Ms. Jane Abbott, Mr. Robert D., & Mrs. Dorothy Illig (c.1879)	92 Main St.
37.	N.M.H. School (Dr. Jones) (c.1811)	94 Main St.
38.	Mr. Wilbur Podlenski (c.1919)	96 Main St.
39.	Elementary School Complex (c.1941-42)	
40.	M/M Sant Fournier (early 1900's)	
41.	Mrs. Henry Prescott (c.1785)	116 Main St.
42.	M/M Luman Barber (c.1940-50)	118 Main St.
43.	M/M John O'Connell (1716;1759)	120 Main St.
44.	N.M.H.S. (c.1951)	124 Main St.
45.	Girl Scout Council (c.1951)	(Northampton, Mass.)
46.	N.M.H. (James Craig) (c.1928)	126 Main St.
47.	N.M.H. (c.1943)	130 Main St.
48.	M/M Jon McGowan (c.1793)	134 Main St.
49.	U.S. Post Office-Pilgrim Leasing (c.1970)	136 Main St., c/o Mackin Co. Greenfield, Mass.
50.	M/M Paul E. Olsen (before 1820)	138 Main St.

51.	Greenfield Cooperative Branch Bank (c.1974)	144 Main St.
52.	M/M Emery Whitney (before 1899)	146 Main St.
53.	M/M Bernard Neipp (c.1915)	148 Main St.
54.	Mr. Lewis Wood (late 1800's)	154 Main St.
55.	M/M Kenneth Miller (before 1935)	158 Main St.
56.	M/M Erwin Kilgore (c.1914)	160 Main St.
57.	M/M Rodman Spencer (c.1960-70's)	8 Chula Vista Lane
58.	M/M Vincent Gilmore (c.1853)	166 Main St.
59.	M/M Walter Asseng (c.1910)	168 Main St.
60.	Judith Thompson Flemister (after 1855)	174 Main St.
61.	M/M George Hayes (c.1870)	176 Main St.
62.	M/M George Hayes (c.before 1841)	178 Main St.
63.	Mrs. Natalie Tunison (c.1849)	180 Main St.
64.	Mr. Harold Briesmaster (c.1900)	186 Main St.
65.	Mrs. Evelyn True (before 1776)	188 Main St.
66.	Texaco Station, Druke's (c.1947)	190 Main St.
67.	Holloway & Turner (c.1910)	194 Main St.
68.	Mr. William Kopanou (c.1903)	198 Main St.
★69.	M/M Peter Coyne (c.1890)	204 Main St.
★70.	N.M.H. (Revell Hall) (c.1879)	
★71.	N.M.H. (Harris) (c.1900's)	212 Main St.
★72.	N.M.H. (c.1885)	256 Main St.
★73.	Ms. Louise Kingsbury (c.1855)	262 Main St.
★74.	N.M.H. (c.1800)	251 Main St.
★75.	N.M.H. (Moody Homestead) (c.1829)	
76.	Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr. (after 1871)	201 Main St.
77.	M/M Geoffrey Post (c.after 1863)	197 Main St.
78.	M/M Gerald Morse (c.1890)	187 Main St.
79.	Mrs. Marion Dean (c.1919)	185 Main St.
80.	M/M Harold Carroll (c.1828)	181 Main St.
81.	M/M Kenneth Walker (c.1890)	179 Main St.
82.	Mr. George Rockwood (c.1971)	179R Main St.
83.	Mr. Wm. Massey (c.1890)	179½ Main St.
84.	M/M Frederick Billiel (c.early 1970's)	177 Main St.
85.	M/M James Byron (c.1848)	175 Main St.
86.	M/M Harold Young (c.1846)	173 Main St.
87.	M/M John Thayer (c.1895)	169 Main St.
88.	Mrs. Katherine Holmes (c.early 1830's)	167 Main St.
89.	M/M Kimball Chambers (c.1850)	163 Main St.
90.	Miss Marion Holton (c.1882)	159 Main St.
91.	M/M William Hawley (before 1858)	155 Main St.
92.	M/M Charles Barrett (c.1788)	153 Main St.
93.	Trinitarian Cong. Church (c.1889)	
94.	M/M Guy Cote (before 1869)	117 Main St.
95.	Dickinson Mem. Library (c.1897)	
96.	M/M Norman Loring (c.1936)	111 Main St.
97.	M/M Michael DiBari (c.1835)	109 Main St.
98.	Spencer's Garage (c.1919)	105 Main St.
99.	Spencer's (mid.1700's, 1740 earliest, 1763 latest)	103 Main St.
100.	Podlensky (c.1807)	97 Main St.
101.	Gas Station (Podlensky) (c.1930)	
102.	Fire Station (c.1952-53)	
103.	Maxson Estate (c.1765; 1798)	91 Main St.
104.	M/M Antonio Tosi (c.1846)	89 Main St.
105.	Baptist Parsonage (Rev. Tallman) (c.1961)	87 Main St.
106.	Baptist Church (c.1961)	

107.	M/M Wallace Reddy (c.1828)	85 Main St.
108.	Miss Virginia Ballantyne (c.1920)	83 Main St.
109.	Telephone Building (N.E.Telephone) (c.1940)	
110.	Rua Bickford (Restaurant) (c.1940)	79 Main St.
111.	Philip Mann (c.1898)	75 Main St.
112.	Rev. Dahlman (c.1765)	73 Main St.
113.	Town Hall (c.1927)	
114.	Slate House (Demolished) (before 1871)	
115.	Mrs. Susie Hillock (before 1808)	65 Main St.
116.	M/M Corys Heselton (mid 1700's)	61 Main St.
117.	Northfield Grange (before 1891)	
118.	Mrs. George Pepperle (c.1820)	55 Main St.
119.	M/M Arthur Green (c.1855)	51 Main St.
120.	M/M Hubert Ash (c.1875)	47 Main St.
121.	M/M Caldor (c.1795)	45 Main St.
122.	A. R. Sandri Inc. (c.1955)	(Greenfield, Mass.)
123.	Mrs. Julia Repeta (c.1877)	39 Main St.
124.	Mr. Leon Dunnell (c.1822)	37 Main St.
125.	Mr. Niles Stone (mid 1900's)	35 Main St.
126.	M/M Ralph Flynn (c.1845)	33 Main St.
127.	Mrs. Peter Leyden, Jr. (c.1850)	31 Main St.
128.	M/M Seth Field (c.1784)	27 Main St.
129.	Mrs. Wanda McNamara (c.1795)	25 Main St.
130.	M/M James Morgan (c.late 1930-40's)	21 Main St.
131.	M/M William Messer (c.1960)	19 Main St.
132.	M/M Frederick Balk (c.1721-1771)	15 Main St.
133.	M/M Robert Kelley (c.1925)	9 Main St.
134.	Mrs. Stanley Bistrek (c.1847)	5 Main St.
*135.	M/M Calvin Tholson (c.1968)	1 Main St.
*136.	Doris Zachmann (c.1970)	Millers Falls Rd.

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Included in the Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but not included in the nomination for the National Register of Historic Places.

NAME OF PROPERTY Northfield Main Street Historic Dist STATE MA

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: _____

8 Statement of Significance: Please provide more information on the area of significance of prehistoric archeology - has any archeological work been done within the district? What were the findings? How were the nearby areas of archeological sensitivity identified? See addition to Sec. 8, continuation sheet #3

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: _____

Other: _____

Renotification/80 Amendments

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Patrick Andrews
on the National Register staff, telephone 202-343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Sally S Oldham

Date: 2.13.81
1/27/81

Property

Northfield Main Street Historic District

DUE 11/10/80

State

MA, Franklin

Working Number

9/10/80/2256

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Photos

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*need to renotify owners in accordance with 1980 amendments
Problems with the statement of significance (see return sheet)*

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Main Street Historical District
Northfield, Mass.

White - Field #M 128 - 1784

Field - McNamara #M129 - c. 1795

Morgan #M 130 - Mid 1900's

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Morgan - Shanahan #M 11 - 1937

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Mattoon - Leonard #M 12 - 1816

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Stearns - Leyden #M 127 - 1850

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Lane - Flynn #M 126 - 1845

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Stearns - Bentley #M 13 - 1843

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Sandri - Sunoco #M 122 - c. 1955

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Stearns - Field #M 24 - 1828

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Cook - Hillock #M 115 - before 1808
Wright - Heselton #M 116 - c.1795

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Streetscape- Northfield Center

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Pomeroy - Goodspeed #M 112 - c.1765

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Streetscape - Business Center

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St. Patrick Church #M 32 - 1886
Murdock - DeRomoet #M 33 - c.1840

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School of Useful Knowledge - Tosi
#M 97 - c.1846

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Hunt - Maxon #M 103 - c.1765; 1798

Fire Station #M 102 - c.1930's

Podlensky - Gulf Station #M 101-1940'

Blake - Podlensky #M 100 c.1807

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Belding - Spencer #M 99 - 1740; 1763
Blake - Podlensky #M 100 c.1807

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Mattoon - Podlensky #M 38 - 1850

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Dutton - Nims #M 97 - c.1835

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Barber #M 42 - 1940-1950

Evans - O'Connell #M 43 - 1716; 1759

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Dickenson - Prescott #M 41 - c.1785

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Dickinson Memorial Library #M 95
1897

Cote #M 94 - Before 1869

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Streetscape

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Barrett - McGowan #M 48 - c.1793

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Trinitarian Congregational Church
#M 93 - c.1889

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Streetscape - E. Northfield

Robbins - Asseng #M 59 - c.1910

Long - Holmes #M 88 - early 1830's

Phillips - Thayer #M 86 - c.1895

Alexander - Young #M 85 - c.1836

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Lyman - Hayes #M 62 - c.1824
Lyman - Briesmaster #M 63 - c.1849

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Streetscape - E. Northfield section

Colton - Carroll #M 80 - c.1828

- Walker #M 81 - c.1890

- Rockwell #M 82 - c.1930

- Billiel #M 84 - c.1960-1970

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Alexander - True #M 65 - c.1776

Thompson - Druke #M 66 - c. 1930's

- Holloway #M 67 - c.1900

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- Kopanou #M 68

Alexander - Coyne #M 69 - c. 1890

Revell Hall - Northfield Mt. Hermon

Offices - #M 70 - c. 1879

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Northfield, Mass.

Towner - Fitt - Powell #M 76
after 1871

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Main Street Historic District
Northfield, MA

Owners were originally notified of MHC's intent to nominate on 7/2/80. Numerous responses, both for and against were received.

The State Review Board considered the nomination on 8/13/80 and voted unanimously in favor.

The nomination was submitted to the National Register on 8/18/80; it was returned to MHC on 2/13/81.

Owner information was updated between 11/17/81 - 11/22/81 by the Northfield Historic Commission, and owners were renotified of MHC's intent to nominate on 12/18/81 through legal notice published in the Greenfield Recorder. This legal notice was supplemented by a news story published on 12/10/81. No responses were received.

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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

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1. Name

historic NORTHFIELD MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

and/or common SAME

2. Location

street & number Full length of Main Street from Millers Brook to 4/A not for publication

Pauchaug Brook
city, town Northfield

NA vicinity of congressional district first

state Massachusetts code 025 county Franklin code 011

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☒ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture ☒ museum
☐ building(s)	☐ private	☐ unoccupied	☒ commercial ☐ park
☐ structure	☒ both	☐ work in progress	☒ educational ☒ private residence
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment ☒ religious
☐ object	☒ in process	☒ yes: restricted	☐ government ☐ scientific
	☐ being considered	☐ yes: unrestricted	☒ industrial ☒ transportation
		☐ no	☐ military ☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple

street & number see attached list

city, town NA vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 425 Main Street

city, town Greenfield state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1974-1978 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state MA 02108

7. Description

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

Northfield, Massachusetts, founded in 1672, is located on both the east and the west sides of the Connecticut River at the New Hampshire state line. The Northfield Main Street Historic District, 124.88 acres, lies on the east side of the river and roughly parallel to it. Contained in the district are the two mile long Northfield Main Street and the 135 structures, largely residential, which are ranged along the street in a linear pattern with deep setbacks. Main Street (Routes 10 and 63) runs in an approximately northeast/southwest direction along the summit of a slight natural rise, as it has since the late seventeenth century when it was first laid out as Town Street with deep house lots on either side for its entire length. On the east side of Main Street cultivated fields sweep away from the large building lots toward forested hills and mountains. On the west side, similar fields meet the Connecticut River. Two streams cross Main Street on their way to the river: Mill Brook to the north and Millers Brook to the south. Settlers from Northampton in the early 1670's found well watered fields already cleared and long under cultivation by the local Indians.

The buildings within the Northfield Main Street Historic District represent a variety of styles ranging from the mid-eighteenth century to the present. Included are several fine examples of Second Period, Federal, Greek Revival, and later nineteenth century design such as Shingle Style and Richardsonian Romanesque. Many of the Federal and Greek Revival houses were built by the Stearns family who settled in Northfield in about 1799 and whose complete account and day books survive.

Rudolphus Dickinson, a Northfield resident, described Main Street in 1811:

On either side of the street at convenient distances, stand the buildings composing the village -- a congregational meeting house, a spacious school house - two stories, 58 dwelling houses (2 of three stories, 40 of two stories, and 16 of one story), three stores.

Forty seven of these buildings stand today, including twelve eighteenth century houses. Ten of the one and two story dwellings standing in 1811 have, however, been replaced by twentieth century structures.

Three houses were moved to Main Street in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century when the land on which they were sited east of Main Street near Mill Brook was purchased for a summer estate in 1890 by a Mr. Schell (M31, M94, M40)

Northfield's Main Street today retains much of its nineteenth century appearance. Public buildings, business blocks and residences exist side by side in a harmony that is due in large part to the fact that most of the twentieth century buildings follow similar setbacks and are compatible in scale, texture and color to earlier structures. Building lots along Main Street are also generously planted with maples, elms, and flowering shrubs which contribute to the nineteenth century character of the streetscape. A linear green space separates sidewalks from Main Street itself. Between the buildings on each side of the street are vistas of the fields and hills beyond.

Alterations to Main Street buildings, such as the addition of porches in the nineteenth century, are expressive in the majority of cases of the evolution of taste and are therefore integral to the historic fabric of a street. To a lesser extent, the addition or removal of architectural detail appears to have been occasioned by the state of the

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economy in this farming town.

There are few intrusions into the overall fabric and scale of Northfield's Main Street. These include three gasoline stations, a garage, a fire station and two new structures which house the post office and a bank, respectively. Two low, one story, shingled houses also differ in scale and fabric from most other Main Street structures but excellent maintenance and landscaping go far to minimize their obtrusiveness.

103 Main Street (#M99, photo #20) The Belding-Spencer house, built between 1740 and 1763 on a house lot granted in 1714 to Jonathan Belding, is among the earliest buildings still standing on Northfield Main Street. A two story plus attic frame structure with a center entrance, was one room deep until a one and one half story lean to was added on the back, or north side. Topped by a shallow pitched roof, ridge parallel to the street, the house is clapboard sheathed and has simple corner boards and boxed cornices. The house's only real ornamentation is its later, nineteenth century door frame with side-lights and heavy entablature. Window surrounds are extremely simple. The central chimney which would have been original to the house has been removed to make room for a center hall.

73 Main Street (#M112, photo #15) The Pomeroy-Goodspeed house, built c 1765, is another example of Second period frame dwelling which is very plain except for a rather elaborate pedimented Georgian doorway. The only other embellishment is in the projecting first floor window caps. The house, which faces Main Street, also has the high hipped roof characteristic of Georgian buildings.

116 Main Street (#M41, photo #24) Built ca. 1785, the Dickinson-Prescott house combines Georgian, Federal, and later nineteenth century decorative detail. Noteworthy is its high style Federal doorway with leaded glass side and fan lights and pilastered frame. Georgian details include quoins and first floor window caps as well as the high hipped roof. The front porch and side oriel was added during the nineteenth century, perhaps ca. 1860.

178 Main Street (#M62, photo #30) The Federal style Lyman-Hayes house, built ca. 1824, is one of the few brick structures on Main Street. Five bays with a center entrance, it has a pitched roof, ridge parallel to the street. Decorative elements on this building include a recessed side and fan lighted doorway, granite window sills, and flush lintels, a corbelled wood cornice, and a fan light set into the gable. A frame ell at the back of the house was probably added later in the nineteenth century.

66 Main Street (#M24, photo #12) Built in 1828 by Sameul S. Stearns with the help of his brother Calvin, the two story plus attic Stearns-Field house represents an early attempt by the Stearns family of builders to construct a frame dwelling in the transitional Federal-Greek Revival style with a side hall plan. The proportion of the build-

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ing's portico are Ionic rather than Doric though the detail in the entablature is a simplification of both. The entrance door combines rather misunderstood and much simplified Federal and Greek Revival elements with a perhaps unique result. The door surround may in fact not be original. An oval blind window pierces the facade gable above the portico.

4 Main Street (#M4, photo #3) Built by George Stearns in 1846, the Greek Revival style Callender-Rogers house is set gable end to street on a man made rise. Two stories plus attic in height, it has a side hall plan. The building's broad pedimented facade gable is notable for being supported by only three basically doric columns rather than the more usual four or five. The pilastered entrance doorway on this house shows an understanding of Greek Revival form and detail that was missing on the earlier Stearns-Field house of 1828, (#M24).

Numbers 5, 33, and 34 Main Street (#M134, photo #4; #M126, photo #5; #M13, photo #10) were all built by the Stearns family during the mid 1840's. They show the broad gable, doric portico and Greek Revival door and window detailing ofent used by these builders.

89 Main Street (#M97, photo #18) Built ca. 1846, the Hall-Tosi house combines elements of Greek and Gothic Revival style. A one and one half story wood frame structure with an ell, set gable end to street on a man made rise, the house has two recessed corner entry porches, one of which shelters the house's main door. The form of the house, its two doric porches and deep gable are Greek Revival. Windows on the main house, including dormers and a palladian type window in the gable, are topped by blind lancets. A delicate arcade of pointed wooden arches on the ell continues the Gothic motif of the main house. The gable and porch enclosed exterior walls are set off by flush boarding while all the other walls surfaces are clapboard sheathed.

Main Street (#M95, photo #25) Northfield's Dickinson Memorial Library, built in 1897 of local granite, was designed by Fitchburg architect H.M. Francis in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. A central pavillion with a deeply recessed Syrian-arched entrance dominates the building's main facade and extends the entire height of the building. On the second story above the entrance, and rising up into the pavillion gable, are three mullioned windows capped by round arches supported on compound piers.

201 Main Street (#M76, photo #34) Built after 1871, the Towner-Fitt-Powell house has the wrap around porch, gables, corner tower and generally varied massing characteristic of the Shingle style.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☒ prehistoric	☒ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☒ religion
☐ 1400–1499	☒ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500–1599	☒ agriculture	☒ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☒ 1600–1699	☒ architecture	☒ education	☐ military	☒ social/
☒ 1700–1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800–1899	☒ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900–	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates N/A Builder/Architect Calvin and Samuel Stearns

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Northfield Main Street Historic District has been the ancient center of settlement and community activities, from prehistoric times through the early twentieth century. Economic, social, and historical factors have combined to protect much of the character of the streetscape. The area contains significant areas of prehistoric archaeological significance; has continued as the focal point for residential, commercial, and institutional activities for the town for over 250 years; and retains a highly distinctive architecture from the early 19th century, constructed by a noted local family of designer/builders. It thus meets criteria A, C, and D of the National Register of Historic Places.

Main Street has important historical associations as the center of the town of Northfield since the late seventeenth century when it was called Town Street. The street has also long been associated with and influenced by the educational, social and religious institutions founded in Northfield during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These have included the Northfield Academy of Useful Knowledge, 1829, and the Northfield Seminary, founded by the Reverend Dwight L. Moody in 1879. The latter, known subsequently as the Northfield School for Girls, is just outside of the district boundary. Rev. Moody also founded the Northfield Conferences, summer religious conferences which have achieved both national and international recognition. The American Youth Hostel organization was founded in Northfield in 1934 with headquarters originally at 88 Main Street.

Founded in 1672, Northfield was first settled as a frontier farming community in 1673. The English name Northfield was chosen because it was then the northernmost settlement on the Connecticut River. Previously prehistoric peoples had occupied the area for many thousands of years. Archaeological evidence exists for late Archaic and Woodland period settlement on the rich alluvial meadows and fertile plains. Abandoned after its destruction in 1675, Northfield was again settled in 1685. A substantial fort was built on a lot (it is not clear exactly which one) near the mid-point of the street. During the following year a second fort was built on a height of land south of Mill Brook "for the protection of the mill and as a resort for the families located at this end of the street." Northfield was nonetheless abandoned again in 1690 and permanent settlement was not affected until 1714. The fort constructed in 1686 was rebuilt in 1722 and its stone foundation was still in place as late as 1825. A stone marker dedicated in 1897 now indicates its location.

During the first and second settlements "the Main Street of the village constituted the town." This remained the case as late as the 1760's. While Main Street (still Town Street in 1723) developed into a thriving center for local trade, as well as the residential street of the town, grain crops, wool, and flax, were raised successfully in the surrounding fields.

The Main Street Historic District is most remarkable for its early nineteenth century development, for which the creative Stearns family is largely responsible.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 124.88

Quadrangle name Northfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

B 1 8 7 0 9 0 6 0 4 7 3 1 6 2 0
Zone Easting Northing

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D 1 8 7 0 7 9 8 0 4 7 2 8 7 2 0

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Verbal boundary description and justification

.. see attached

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

state code county code

N/A

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Anne Booth, Consultant with
Rosa S. Johnstone Northfield Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date June 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA 02108

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 national state X 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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By 1818, the population of Northfield was put at 1,850 and the dwelling houses numbered 200. Fifty-eight of these were on Main Street. A significant number of the Main Street houses built in the first decades of this century were constructed by the Stearns family and their apprentices. Their highly localized and imaginative designs provide the most distinctive feature of the streetscape. In addition, the family's complete account and day books survive and provide an invaluable resource from which to glean information on specific buildings and on the craftsmen who built and ornamented them.

Calvin and Samuel Stearns, who came to Northfield in 1799, had both previously worked in Boston for about a year on Charles Bulfinch's India Wharf and with Peter Banner. They also worked in Windsor and Springfield, Vermont and with Josiah Oaks in Brookfield, Vermont. Together with Calvin's six sons, Calvin and Samuel Stearns introduced the Federal and Greek Revival styles to this Connecticut River Valley Town. The names and specialties of several members of the firm are known today. Calvin Stearns was a builder of, among other things, elegant staircases; Harvey Field ornamented columns, and one S. Norton was skilled finisher. Carpenters who worked with the Stearns included Stephen Crowfoot, Hopni King, and later John Field, and the Russell brothers.

In 1976 the Anthropology Dept. of U. Mass., Amherst, sponsored a field school survey of the prehistoric sites in the town of Northfield, under the direction of Dr. Dina Dincauze. One prehistoric site was discovered during the survey which produced flakes and charcoal; given the broad nature of the survey effort, the site was not evaluated, so information on site size, chronology and significance is not available. Several other prehistoric sites are known from areas adjacent to the proposed Northfield Main Street Historic District. "Prehistoric archaeology" is checked on the NR form due to the site potential which has been demonstrated, even after a preliminary field survey in the area.

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Then westerly approximately 300 feet along the northerly side line of Moody Street to the westerly side line of Routes 10 and 63.

Thence southerly approximately 300 feet along the westerly side line of the Routes 10 and 63 to a point located 50 feet south of the south wall of the so-called Revell Hall.

Thence westerly along a line located 50 feet south of and parallel to the south wall of Revell Hall to a point located 250 feet left of the base line of Route 10 and 63.

Thence southerly along a line located 250 feet left of and parallel to the base line of Route 10 and 63 to the base line of Route 10.

Thence easterly along said base line of Route 10 to place of beginning.

MAIN STREET
NORTHFIELD, MASS. UPDATED 11/81

LIST OF OWNERS FOR MAIN STREET NATIONAL REGISTER DESIGNATION

Begin at south intersection of Route 10 and 63 on west side of Main St.
and continue north.

Nfld. Historical Comm. Inventory number	Owner	Street Address	Mail Address if different
4.	M/M Richard Vielmetti	2 Main St.	
5.	M/M Berton Rogers	4 Main St.	
6.	M/M Raymond Parenteau	8 Main St.	
7.	M/M Francis Reed	12 Main St.	
Lorita Lane			
8.	Mrs. John Hogan	16 Main St.	
9.	M/M Stanley Powers	20 Main St.	
10.	M/M Raymond Clark	24 Main St.	
11.	Mr. Francis Shanahan	Main St.	Birnam Rd, Nfld.
12.	M/M George Leonard	26 Main St.	
13.	M/M Alson Monroe	30 Main St.	
14.	M/M Douglas Baker	34 Main St.	
15.	M/M David Funkhouser	36 Main St.	
16.	M/M Dunham Shepard	38 Main St.	
17.	M/M Stephen Bachinski	40 Main St.	
18.	M/M Alfred Goodwin	42 Main St.	
19.	M/M Lloyd Nicholson	46 Main St.	
20.	M/M Edwin White	48 Main St.	8 James St., Gfld.
21.	M/M Claude Shepard Jr.	50 Main St.	
22.	Mr. David Mroczek	56 Main St.	
23.	Northfield Pharmacy Inc	60 Main St.	
24.	M/M Horace Field	66 Main St.	
25.	M/M Joseph Patenaude	68 Main St.	
26.	M/M David Cook	70 Main St.	
27.	Unitarian Church	Main St.	
Parker Avenue			
28.	M/M Marvin Holloway	74 Main St.	Glen Rd., Nfld.
29.	Miss Bernice Webster	76 Main St.	
30.	A.R. Sandri	Main St.	Chapman St., Gfld
31.	St. Patricks Parsonage	78 Main St.	
32.	St. Patrick Catholic Church	82 Main St.	
33.	M/M Henri DeRomort	84 Main St.	
#34.	Miss Phyllis Derigon -burned	88 Main St.	Highland Ave., Nfld
35.	Mr. Robert Abbott	90 Main St.	
36.	Miss Jane Abbott, Mr. Robert D. Abbott	92 Main St.	
37.	M/M M. Linkhertz	94 Main St.	
38.	Mr. Frank, Mr. Wilbur, Miss Helen Podlenski	96 Main St.	
39.	Town of Nfld, Elementary Sch.	Main St.	
40.	M/M Sant Fournier	112 Main St.	
41.	Mrs. Henry Prescott	116 Main St.	
42.	M/M Luman Barber	118 Main St.	
43.	M/M John O'Connell	120 Main St.	
44.	Nfld Mt. Hermon School	124 Main St.	
45.	Girl Scout Council	Main St.	241 Haydenville Rd. Leeds
46.	Nfld. Mt. Hermon School	126 Main St.	
47.	Nfld. Mt. Hermon School	130 Main St.	
48.	M/M Jon McGowan	134 Main St.	

List of owners for Main Street Northfield continued

Nfld Historical Comm. Inventory number	Owner	Street Address	Mail Address if different
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49.	Pilgrim Leasing	136 Main St.	Mackin Co., Gfld.
Glen Street			
Mill Brook			
Mill Street			
50.	Mrs. Paul Olsen	138 Main St.	
51.	Cooperative Branch Bank	144 Main St.	Federal St., Gfld.
52.	M/M Emery Whitney	146 Main St.	
53.	M/M Bernard Neipp	148 Main St.	
54.	Mr. Lewis Wood	154 Main St.	
55.	M/M Kenneth Miller	158 Main St.	
56.	M/M Erwin Kilgore	160 Main St.	
57.	M/M Rodman Spencer	Main St.	8Chula Vista Lane, Nfld.
58.	Joanne Gardner, Thomas Boisvert	166 Main St.	
#59	M/M Walter Asseng - burned	168 Main St.	
60.	Judith Flemister, Irene Thompson	174 Main St.	
61.	Mrs. George Hayes	176 Main St.	
62.	M/M Charles Coy	178 Main St.	
63.	Beverly Briesmaster, Harold Briesmaster, Ellen Helgason, Natalie Tunison	180 Main St.	
64.	Dorothy Gray, Lorraine Gray	186 Main St.	
65.	Mrs. Evelyn True	188 Main St.	
66.	Druke's Texaco Station	190 Main St.	
67.	Holloway and Turner	194 Main St.	
68.	Mr. William Kopanou	198 Main St.	
East Northfield Rd.			
69.	Mrs. Edna Coyne	204 Main St.	
	North Bound of National Register District		
	Diagonally cross Main St. to intersection of Main St. and Moody St, and return south on the east side of Main St.		
76.	Mr. Edward Powell, Jr.	201 Main St.	
77.	Mr. Geoffrey Post	197 Main St.	
78.	M/M Gerald Morse	187 Main St.	
79.	Mrs. Marion Dean	185 Main St.	
80.	M/M Harold Carroll	181 Main St.	
81.	M/M Kenneth Walker	179 Main St.	
82.	M/M Walter Sanieski	179rMain St.	
83.	Mr. Leslie Crochier	179rMain St.	
84.	M/M Frederick Billiel	177 Main St.	
85.	M/M James Byron	175 Main St.	
86.	Mrs. Harold Young	173 Main St.	
87.	M/M John Thayer	169 Main St.	
88.	Mrs. Katherine Holmes	167 Main St.	
89.	Kenneth Miller, Velma Miller, Kenneth Miller Jr.	163 Main St.	
Elm Ave.			
90.	Miss Marion Holton	159 Main St.	
91.	M/M James Williams	155 Main St.	
92.	M/M Charles Barrett	153 Main St.	
Holton St.			
93.	Trinitarian Cong. Church	Main St.	
94.	M/M Guy Cote	117 Main St.	
95.	Dickinson Memorial Library	Main St.	
Dickinson St.			

93A Northfield - Mt. Hermon
133A Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Parenteau

Most of owners for Main Street continued
 Nfld Historical Comm. Owner Street Address Mail Address
 Inventory number if different

96.	M/M Norman Loring	111 Main St.	
97.	M/M Michael DiBari	109 Main St.	
98.	Ross Spencer, Rodman Spencer	105 Main St.	
99.	Ross Spencer, Rodman Spencer	103 Main St.	
100.	Mr. Wilbur Podlensky	97 Main St.	
101.	Mr. Wilbur Podlensky	Main St.	
School St.			
102.	Town of Nfld.	Main St.	
103.	Maxson Estate	91 Main St.	Rt. 63, Amherst.
104.	M/M Antonio Tosi	89 Main St.	
105.	Baptist Parsonage	87 Main St.	
106.	Baptist Church	Main St.	
107.	M/M Wallace Reddy	85 Main St.	
108.	Miss Virginia Ballantyne	83 Main St.	
109.	New England Telephone	Main St.	Wilbranam Rd. Splfd.
110.	Rua Bickford	79 Main St.	
111.	M/M Philip Mann	75 Main St.	
Warwick Avenue			
112.	M/M Stanley Dahlman	73 Main St.	Main St., Winchester,
113.	Town of Northfield	Main St.	
#114	Slate House-demolished		
115.	Mrs. Susie Hillock	65 Main St.	
116.	M/M Corys Heselton	61 Main St.	
117.	Northfield Grange	Main St.	
118.	Mrs. George Pfefferle	55 Main St.	
119.	M/M Arthur Green	51 Main St.	
120.	M/M Hubert Ash	47 Main St.	
121.	M/M William Calder	45 Main St.	
122.	A.R. Sandri Inc.	Main St.	Chapman St., Gfld.
123.	Mrs. Julia Repeta	39 Main St.	
124.	Mr. Leon Dunnell	37 Main St.	
125.	Mr. Niles Stone	35 Main St.	
126.	M/M Ralph Flynn	33 Main St.	
127.	Mrs. Peter Leyden, Jr.	31 Main St.	
128.	M/M Seth Field	27 Main St.	
Maple Street			
129.	Mrs. Wanda McNamara	25 Main St.	
130.	M/M James Morgan	21 Main St.	
131.	M/M William Messer	19 Main St.	
132.	M/M Frederick Balk	15 Main St.	
133.	M/M William McGee	9 Main St.	
134.	M/M Thadd Bistrek	5 Main St.	

The south bound of the Northfield Main Street National Register District is the south intersection of Routes 10 and 63.

This is mainly an historic/architectural district, and even though prehistoric and historic archeology are checked as areas of significance, they are not adequately justified. Although U-Mass, Amherst did a survey in Northfield there is ~~not~~ no evidence at all that any prehistoric sites are located in the proposed district - some sites are apparently adjacent to the district. None of these sites have been mapped nor has their significance been established nor even addressed. Although historic archeology has been checked it is not mentioned again anywhere else. While this ^{district} may represent a valid significant resource under other criteria, it does not meet criterion D. with existing documentation.

Return, or list with the clear understanding that D is not applicable in this case.

CA Ebright, archeologist, 4/14/82

Defer to historian/architectural historian concerning significance in other areas.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Northfield Main Street Hist. Dist.
 State, County: MA, Franklin
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 9-10-80/2256
 Fed. Reg. Date: _____
 Date Due: 5/2/82
 Action: ACCEPT
RETURN 4/29/82
REJECT

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

photos ☒
 maps ☒

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The district appears to be eligible - architecturally significant - it has a variety of problems and has to be returned (see below)

Recom. / Criteria return
 Reviewer Patrick Andrews
 Discipline Historian
 Date 4/23/82
☒ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- On original submission numerous areas of significance were checked but were not justified - in a statement of additional info. all areas of signif. but architecture & archeology were dropped. When resubmitted, this additional info. was omitted and the original form with numerous areas checked was resubmitted. Please redo the nomination form to omit previously dropped areas of significance and integrate the new info. pertaining to significance. Note that a review by N.R. archeologists shows that significance under criteria "D" is not supported in this documentation - please either justify archeology or omit it on resubmission.
- ☐ 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

Acres 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 _____

Title _____ date _____

Please have SHPO sign and date the form

13. Other

- ☒ Maps There are two different maps - please return just the map showing the correct boundary
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Patrick Andrews

Signed Bruce Mac Angel

Date 9/29/62

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Northfield

Photo # 1 OF 34

Main Street Historical District
Northfield, Mass.

Aerial View of Center Northfield

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Photo # 2 OF 34

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Northfield, Mass.

Streetscape - Introduction to
Main Street

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Main Street Historical District
Northfield, Mass.

Callender-Rogers #M4 - 1846

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Northfield, Mass.

Wright-Bistrek #M 134 - 1847

5 MAIN ST

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NORTHFIELD QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS-NEW HAMPSHIRE-VERMONT
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Northfield Main Street
Historic District
Northfield, MA

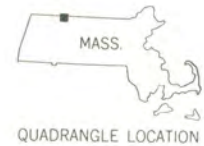
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10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts, mainland zone,
New Hampshire, and Vermont coordinate systems
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

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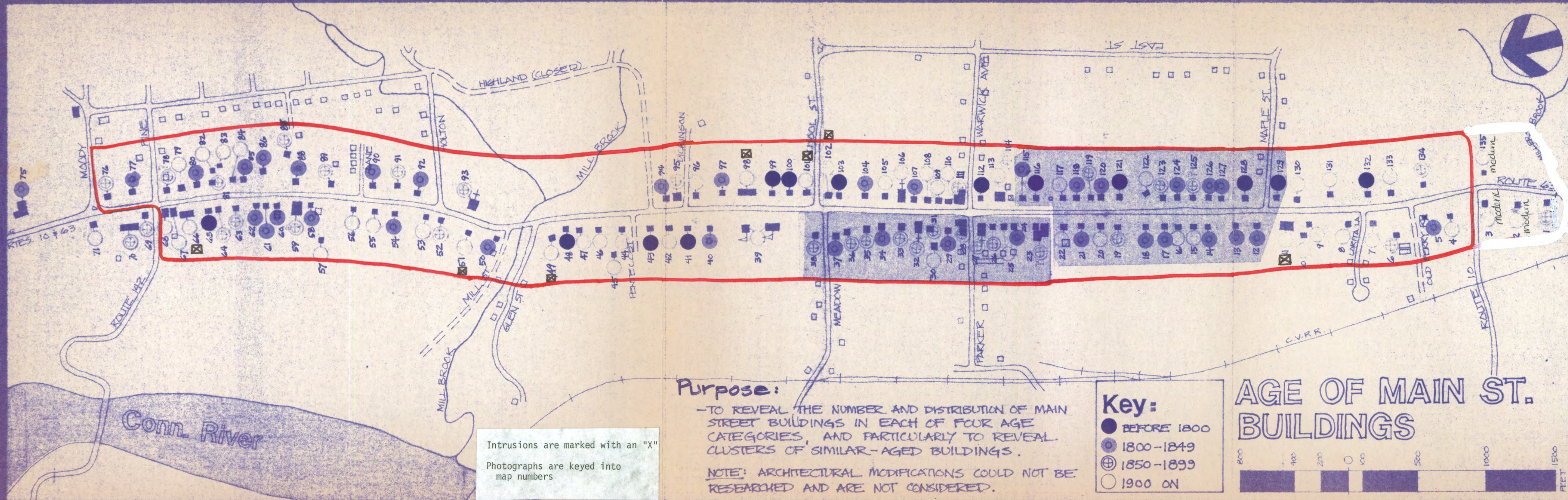
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NORTHFIELD, MASS.—N. H.—VT.
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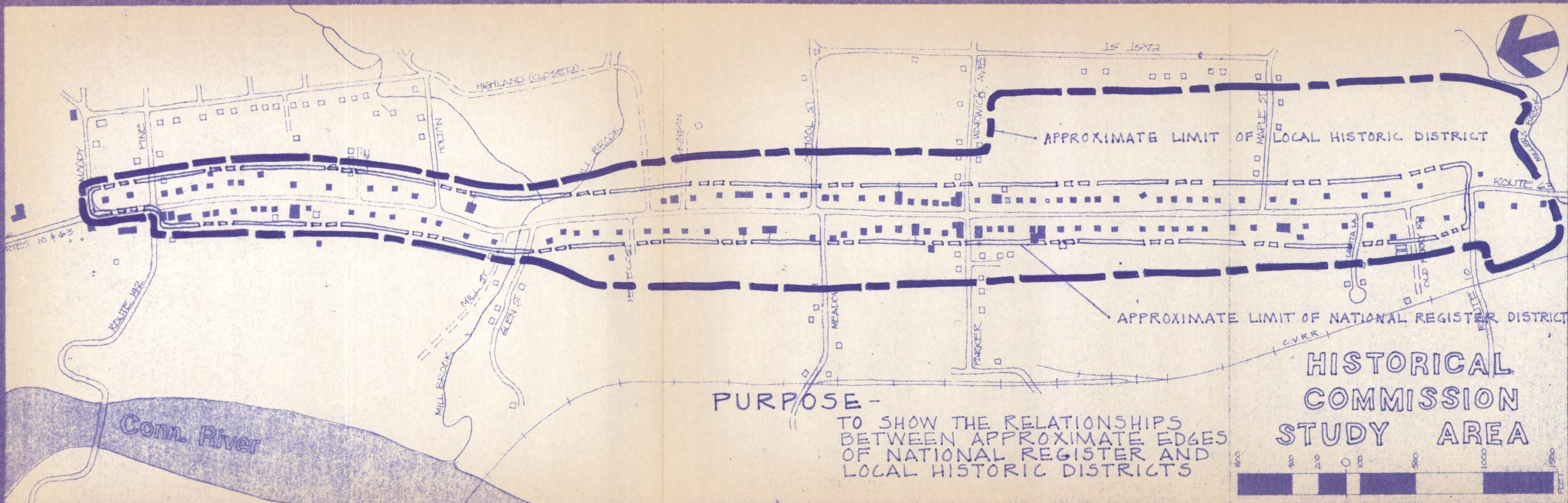




Main Street Northfield, Mass.

Conway School of Landscape Design May 1977
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PURPOSE -
TO SHOW THE RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN APPROXIMATE EDGES
OF NATIONAL REGISTER AND
LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Main Street Northfield, Mass.

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Renotification/80 Amendments

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic NORTHFIELD MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

and/or common SAME

2. Location

street & number Full length of Main Street from Millers Brook to NA not for publication

city, town Pauchaug Brook
Northfield NA vicinity of congressional district first

state Massachusetts code 025 county Franklin code 011

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☒ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture
☐ building(s)	☐ private	☐ unoccupied	☒ commercial
☐ structure	☒ both	☐ work in progress	☒ educational
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment
☐ object	<u>NA</u> in process	☒ yes: restricted	☒ government
	☐ being considered	☐ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial
		☐ no	☒ transportation
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple

street & number see attached list

city, town NA vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 425 Main Street

city, town Greenfield state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1974-1978 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state MA 02108

7. Description

Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date NA

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Northfield, Massachusetts, founded in 1672, is located on both the east and the west sides of the Connecticut River at the New Hampshire state line. The Northfield Main Street Historic District, 124.88 acres, lies on the east side of the river and roughly parallel to it. Contained in the district are the two mile long Northfield Main Street and the 135 structures, largely residential, which are ranged along the street in a linear pattern with deep setbacks. Main Street (Routes 10 and 63) runs in an approximately northeast/southwest direction along the summit of a slight natural rise, as it has since the late seventeenth century when it was first laid out as Town Street with deep house lots on either side for its entire length. On the east side of Main Street cultivated fields sweep away from the large building lots toward forested hills and mountains. On the west side, similar fields meet the Connecticut River. Two streams cross Main Street on their way to the river: Mill Brook to the north and Millers Brook to the south. Settlers from Northampton in the early 1670's found well watered fields already cleared and long under cultivation by the local Indians.

The buildings within the Northfield Main Street Historic District represent a variety of styles ranging from the mid-eighteenth century to the present. Included are several fine examples of Second Period, Federal, Greek Revival, and later nineteenth century design such as Shingle Style and Richardsonian Romanesque. Many of the Federal and Greek Revival houses were built by the Stearns family who settled in Northfield in about 1799 and whose complete account and day books survive.

Rudolphus Dickinson, a Northfield resident, described Main Street in 1811:

On either side of the street at convenient distances, stand the buildings composing the village -- a congregational meeting house, a spacious school house - two stories, 58 dwelling houses (2 of three stories, 40 of two stories, and 16 of one story), three stores.

Forty seven of these buildings stand today, including twelve eighteenth century houses. Ten of the one and two story dwellings standing in 1811 have, however, been replaced by twentieth century structures.

Three houses were moved to Main Street in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century when the land on which they were sited east of Main Street near Mill Brook was purchased for a summer estate in 1890 by a Mr. Schell (M31, M94, M40)

Northfield's Main Street today retains much of its nineteenth century appearance. Public buildings, business blocks and residences exist side by side in a harmony that is due in large part to the fact that most of the twentieth century buildings follow similar setbacks and are compatible in scale, texture and color to earlier structures. Building lots along Main Street are also generously planted with maples, elms, and flowering shrubs which contribute to the nineteenth century character of the streetscape. A linear green space separates sidewalks from Main Street itself. Between the buildings on each side of the street are vistas of the fields and hills beyond.

Alterations to Main Street buildings, such as the addition of porches in the nineteenth century, are expressive in the majority of cases of the evolution of taste and are therefore integral to the historic fabric of a street. To a lesser extent, the addition or removal of architectural detail appears to have been occasioned by the state of the

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economy in this farming town.

There are few intrusions into the overall fabric and scale of Northfield's Main Street. These include three gasoline stations, a garage, a fire station and two new structures which house the post office and a bank, respectively. Two low, one story, shingled houses also differ in scale and fabric from most other Main Street structures but excellent maintenance and landscaping go far to minimize their obtrusiveness.

103 Main Street (#M99, photo #20) The Belding-Spencer house, built between 1740 and 1763 on a house lot granted in 1714 to Jonathan Belding, is among the earliest buildings still standing on Northfield Main Street. A two story plus attic frame structure with a center entrance, was one room deep until a one and one half story lean to was added on the back, or north side. Topped by a shallow pitched roof, ridge parallel to the street, the house is clapboard sheathed and has simple corner boards and boxed cornices. The house's only real ornamentation is its later, nineteenth century door frame with sidelights and heavy entablature. Window surrounds are extremely simple. The central chimney which would have been original to the house has been removed to make room for a center hall.

73 Main Street (#M112, photo #15) The Pomeroy-Goodspeed house, built c1765, is another example of Second period frame dwelling which is very plain except for a rather elaborate pedimented Georgian doorway. The only other embellishment is in the projecting first floor window caps. The house, which faces Main Street, also has the high hipped roof characteristic of Georgian buildings.

116 Main Street (#M41, photo #24) Built ca. 1785, the Dickinson-Prescott house combines Georgian, Federal, and later nineteenth century decorative detail. Noteworthy is its high style Federal doorway with leaded glass side and fan lights and pilastered frame. Georgian details include quoins and first floor window caps as well as the high hipped roof. The front porch and side oriel was added during the nineteenth century, perhaps ca. 1860.

178 Main Street (#M62, photo #30) The Federal style Lyman-Hayes house, built ca. 1824, is one of the few brick structures on Main Street. Five bays with a center entrance, it has a pitched roof, ridge parallel to the street. Decorative elements on this building include a recessed side and fan lighted doorway, granite window sills, and flush lintels, a corbelled wood cornice, and a fan light set into the gable. A frame ell at the back of the house was probably added later in the nineteenth century.

66 Main Street (#M24, photo #12) Built in 1828 by Sameul S. Stearns with the help of his brother Calvin, the two story plus attic Stearns-Field house represents an early attempt by the Stearns family of builders to construct a frame dwelling in the transitional Federal-Greek Revival style with a side hall plan. The proportion of the build-

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ing's portico are Ionic rather than Doric though the detail in the entablature is a simplification of both. The entrance door combines rather misunderstood and much simplified Federal and Greek Revival elements with a perhaps unique result. The door surround may in fact not be original. An oval blind window pierces the facade gable above the portico.

4 Main Street (#M4, photo #3) Built by George Stearns in 1846, the Greek Revival style Callender-Rogers house is set gable end to street on a man made rise. Two stories plus attic in height, it has a side hall plan. The building's broad pedimented facade gable is notable for being supported by only three basically doric columns rather than the more usual four or five. The pilastered entrance doorway on this house shows an understanding of Greek Revival form and detail that was missing on the earlier Stearns-Field house of 1828, (#M24).

Numbers 5, 33, and 34 Main Street (#M134, photo #4; #M126, photo #5; #M13, photo #10) were all built by the Stearns family during the mid 1840's. They show the broad gable, doric portico and Greek Revival door and window detailing ofent used by these builders.

89 Main Street (#M97, photo #18) Built ca. 1846, the Hall-Tosi house combines elements of Greek and Gothic Revival style. A one and one half story wood frame structure with an ell, set gable end to street on a man made rise, the house has two recessed corner entry porches, one of which shelters the house's main door. The form of the house, its two doric porches and deep gable are Greek Revival. Windows on the main house, including dormers and a palladian type window in the gable, are topped by blind lancets. A delicate arcade of pointed wooden arches on the ell continues the Gothic motif of the main house. The gable and porch enclosed exterior walls are set off by flush boarding while all the other wall surfaces are clapboard sheathed.

Main Street (#M95, photo #25) Northfield's Dickinson Memorial Library, built in 1897 of local granite, was designed by Fitchburg architect H.M. Francis in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. A central pavillion with a deeply recessed Syrian-arched entrance dominates the building's main facade and extends the entire height of the building. On the second story above the entrance, and rising up into the pavillion gable, are three mullioned windows capped by round arches supported on compound piers.

201 Main Street (#M76, photo #34) Built after 1871, the Towner-Fitt-Powell house has the wrap around porch, gables, corner tower and generally varied massing characteristic of the Shingle style.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☒ prehistoric	☒ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☒ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☒ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☒ social/
☒ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates N/A Builder/Architect Calvin and Samuel Stearns

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Northfield Main Street Historic District has been the ancient center of settlement and community activities, from prehistoric times through the early twentieth century. Economic, social, and historical factors have combined to protect much of the character of the streetscape. The area contains significant areas of prehistoric archaeological significance; has continued as the focal point for residential, commercial, and institutional activities for the town for over 250 years; and retains a highly distinctive architecture from the early 19th century, constructed by a noted local family of designer/builders. It thus meets criteria A&C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Main Street has important historical associations as the center of the town of Northfield since the late seventeenth century when it was called Town Street. The street has also long been associated with and influenced by the educational, social and religious institutions founded in Northfield during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These have included the Northfield Academy of Useful Knowledge, 1829, and the Northfield Seminary, founded by the Reverend Dwight L. Moody in 1879. The latter, known subsequently as the Northfield School for Girls, is just outside of the district boundary. Rev. Moody also founded the Northfield Conferences, summer religious conferences which have achieved both national and international recognition. The American Youth Hostel organization was founded in Northfield in 1934 with headquarters originally at 88 Main Street.

Founded in 1672, Northfield was first settled as a frontier farming community in 1673. The English name Northfield was chosen because it was then the northernmost settlement on the Connecticut River. Previously prehistoric peoples had occupied the area for many thousands of years. Archaeological evidence exists for late Archaic and Woodland period settlement on the rich alluvial meadows and fertile plains. Abandoned after its destruction in 1675, Northfield was again settled in 1685. A substantial fort was built on a lot (it is not clear exactly which one) near the mid-point of the street. During the following year a second fort was built on a height of land south of Mill Brook "for the protection of the mill and as a resort for the families located at this end of the street." Northfield was nonetheless abandoned again in 1690 and permanent settlement was not affected until 1714. The fort constructed in 1686 was rebuilt in 1722 and its stone foundation was still in place as late as 1825. A stone marker dedicated in 1897 now indicates its location.

During the first and second settlements "the Main Street of the village constituted the town." This remained the case as late as the 1760's. While Main Street (still Town Street in 1723) developed into a thriving center for local trade, as well as the residential street of the town, grain crops, wool, and flax were raised successfully in the surrounding fields.

The Main Street Historic District is most remarkable for its early nineteenth century development, for which the creative Stearns family is largely responsible.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 124.88

Quadrangle name Northfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 1 8 7 08 8 8 0 47 3 1 57 0
Zone Easting Northing

B 1 8 7 0 9 0 6 0 4 7 3 1 6 2 0
Zone Easting Northing

C 1 8 7 0 8 1 6 0 4 7 2 8 6 8 0

D 1 8 7 0 7 9 8 0 4 7 2 8 7 2 0

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Verbal boundary description and justification

see attached

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

state	code	county	code
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N/A

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Anne Booth, Consultant with
Rosa S. Johnstone Northfield Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date June 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA 02108

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Patricia L. Weslowski

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 2/25/82

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

William H. Abraham

date 7.8.82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Patrick Andrews*

date 7/8/82

for Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

EXP. 12/31/84

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Continuation sheet NORTHFIELD Item number 8 Page 1

By 1818, the population of Northfield was put at 1,850 and the dwelling houses numbered 200. Fifty-eight of these were on Main Street. A significant number of the Main Street houses built in the first decades of this century were constructed by the Stearns family and their apprentices. Their highly localized and imaginative designs provide the most distinctive feature of the streetscape. In addition, the family's complete account and day books survive and provide an invaluable resource from which to glean information on specific buildings and on the craftsmen who built and ornamented them.

Calvin and Samuel Stearns, who came to Northfield in 1799, had both previously worked in Boston for about a year on Charles Bulfinch's India Wharf and with Peter Banner. They also worked in Windsor and Springfield, Vermont and with Josiah Oaks in Brookfield, Vermont. Together with Calvin's six sons, Calvin and Samuel Stearns introduced the Federal and Greek Revival styles to this Connecticut River Valley Town. The names and specialties of several members of the firm are known today. Calvin Stearns was a builder of, among other things, elegant staircases; Harvey Field ornamented columns, and one S. Norton was a skilled finisher. Carpenters who worked with the Stearns included Stephen Crowfoot, Hopni King, and later John Field, and the Russell brothers.

In 1976 the Anthropology Dept. of U. Mass., Amherst, sponsored a field school survey of the prehistoric sites in the town of Northfield, under the direction of Dr. Dina Dincauze. One prehistoric site was discovered during the survey which produced flakes and charcoal; given the broad nature of the survey effort, the site was not evaluated, so information on site size, chronology and significance is not available. Several other prehistoric sites are known from areas adjacent to the proposed Northfield Main Street Historic District. "Prehistoric archaeology" is checked on the NR form due to the site potential which has been demonstrated, even after a preliminary field survey in the area.

The Northfield Main Street Historic District should be considered to contain historic archaeological properties relating to the earliest settlement of the town. As Main Street was originally laid out in the late 17th century, archaeological traces of the earliest structures (residences, forts, mills) can probably be found along the street. The designated site of the early historic fort may be an example of the archaeological potential within the district. Archaeological survey and excavation of 17th and 18th century deposits could produce a collection of artifacts and cultural material which, upon analysis, could provide insight into questions concerning the repeated settlement and abandonment of the early frontier communities of Northfield. The success or failure of historic frontier settlements has become a recent focus of research in historic archaeology (e.g., Thorbahn and Mrozowski, 1979). Causative factors affecting abandonment, considering such topics as intercultural conflict or economic, social or ecological factors, have been of particular concern, for they can often be identified through a combined analysis of documentary and archaeological data. The Northfield Main Street Historic District could serve as an excellent case study for understanding how and why early frontier settlements succeeded or failed.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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CONTINUATION SHEET NORTHFIELD ITEM NUMBER 9 & 10 PAGE 1

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Section #10: Geographical Data. Continuation Sheet.

Commencing at the southerly intersection of the base lines of Routes 10 and 63 as established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in 1966, thence easterly 250 feet to a point.

Thence northerly approximately 11,000 feet on a line located approximately 250 feet right and parallel to the base line of Routes 10 and 63 as established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in 1939 to the northerly side line of the so-called Moody Street.

Then westerly approximately 300 feet along the northerly side line of Moody Street to the westerly side line of Routes 10 and 63.

Thence southerly approximately 300 feet along the westerly side line of the Routes 10 and 63 to a point located 50 feet south of the south wall of the so-called Revell Hall.

Thence westerly along a line located 50 feet south of and parallel to the south wall of Revell Hall to a point located 250 feet left of the base line of Route 10 and 63.

Thence southerly along a line located 250 feet left of and parallel to the base line of Route 10 and 63 to the base line of Route 10.

Thence easterly along said base line of Route 10 to place of beginning.

MAIN STREET
NORTHFIELD, MASS. **UPDATED 11/81**

LIST OF OWNERS FOR MAIN STREET NATIONAL REGISTER DESIGNATION

Begin at south intersection of Route 10 and 63 on west side of Main St.
and continue north.

Nfld. Historical Comm. Inventory number	Owner	Street Address	Mail Address if different
4.	M/M Richard Vielmetti	2 Main St.	
5.	M/M Berton Rogers	4 Main St.	
6.	M/M Raymond Parenteau	8 Main St.	
7.	M/M Francis Reed	12 Main St.	
Lorita Lane			
8.	Mrs. John Hogan	16 Main St.	
9.	M/M Stanley Powers	20 Main St.	
10.	M/M Raymond Clark	24 Main St.	
11.	Mr. Francis Shanahan	Main St.	Birnam Rd, Nfld.
12.	M/M George Leonard	26 Main St.	
13.	M/M Alson Monroe	30 Main St.	
14.	M/M Douglas Baker	34 Main St.	
15.	M/M David Funkhouser	36 Main St.	
16.	M/M Dunham Shepard	38 Main St.	
17.	M/M Stephen Bachinski	40 Main St.	
18.	M/M Alfred Goodwin	42 Main St.	
19.	M/M Lloyd Nicholson	46 Main St.	
20.	M/M Edwin White	48 Main St.	8 James St., Gfld.
21.	M/M Claude Shepard Jr.	50 Main St.	
22.	Mr. David Mroczek	56 Main St.	
23.	Northfield Pharmacy Inc	60 Main St.	
24.	M/M Horace Field	66 Main St.	
25.	M/M Joseph Patenaude	68 Main St.	
26.	M/M David Cook	70 Main St.	
27.	Unitarian Church	Main St.	
Parker Avenue			
28.	M/M Marvin Holloway	74 Main St.	Glen Rd., Nfld.
29.	Miss Bernice Webster	76 Main St.	
30.	A.R. Sandri	Main St.	Chapman St., Gfld
31.	St. Patricks Parsonage	78 Main St.	
32.	St. Patrick Catholic Church	82 Main St.	
33.	M/M Henri DeRomort	84 Main St.	
#34.	Miss Phyllis Derigon -burned	88 Main St.	Highland Ave., Nfld.
35.	Mr. Robert Abbott	90 Main St.	
36.	Miss Jane Abbott, Mr. Robert D. Abbott	92 Main St.	
37.	M/M M. Linkhertz	94 Main St.	
38.	Mr. Frank, Mr. Wilbur, Miss Helen Podlenski	96 Main St.	
39.	Town of Nfld, Elementary Sch.	Main St.	
40.	M/M Sant Fournier	112 Main St.	
41.	Mrs. Henry Prescott	116 Main St.	
42.	M/M Luman Barber	118 Main St.	
43.	M/M John O'Connell	120 Main St.	
44.	Nfld Mt. Hermon School	124 Main St.	
45.	Girl Scout Council	Main St.	241 Haydenville Rd., Leeds
46.	Nfld. Mt. Hermon School	126 Main St.	
47.	Nfld. Mt. Hermon School	130 Main St.	
48.	M/M Jon McGowan	134 Main st.	

List of owners for Main Street Northfield continued

Nfld Historical Comm. Inventory number	Owner	Street Address	Mail Address if different
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49.	Pilgrim Leasing	136 Main St.	Mackin Co., Gfld.
Glen Street			
Mill Brook			
Mill Street			
50.	Mrs. Paul Olsen	138 Main St.	
51.	Cooperative Branch Bank	144 Main St.	Federal St., Gfld.
52.	M/M Emery Whitney	146 Main St.	
53.	M/M Bernard Neipp	148 Main St.	
54.	Mr. Lewis Wood	154 Main St.	
55.	M/M Kenneth Miller	158 Main St.	
56.	M/M Erwin Kilgore	160 Main St.	
57.	M/M Rodman Spencer	Main St.	8Chula Vista Lane, Nfld.
58.	Joanne Gardner, Thomas Boisvert	166 Main St.	
#59	M/M Walter Asseng - burned	168 Main St.	
60.	Judith Flemister, Irene Thompson	174 Main St.	
61.	Mrs. George Hayes	176 Main St.	
62.	M/M Charles Coy	178 Main St.	
63.	Beverly Briesmaster, Harold Briesmaster,		
	Ellen Helgason, Natalie Tunison	180 Main St.	
64.	Dorothy Gray, Lorraine Gray	186 Main St.	
65.	Mrs. Evelyn True	188 Main St.	
66.	Druke's Texaco Station	190 Main St.	
67.	Holloway and Turner	194 Main St.	
68.	Mr. William Kopanou	198 Main St.	
East Northfield Rd.			
69.	Mrs. Edna Coyne	204 Main St.	
	North Bound of National Register District		
	Diagonally cross Main St. to intersection of Main St. and Moody St, and		
	return south on the east side of Main St.		
76.	Mr. Edward Powell, Jr.	201 Main St.	
77.	Mr. Geoffrey Post	197 Main St.	
78.	M/M Gerald Morse	187 Main St.	
79.	Mrs. Marion Dean	185 Main St.	
80.	M/M Harold Carroll	181 Main St.	
81.	M/M Kenneth Walker	179 Main St.	
82.	M/M Walter Sanieski	179rMain St.	
83.	Mr. Leslie Crochier	179rMain St.	
84.	M/M Frederick Billiel	177 Main St.	
85.	M/M James Byron	175 Main St.	
86.	Mrs. Harold Young	173 Main St.	
87.	M/M John Thayer	169 Main St.	
88.	Mrs. Katherine Holmes	167 Main St.	
89.	Kenneth Miller, Velma Miller,		
	Kenneth Miller Jr.	163 Main St.	
Elm Ave.			
90.	Miss Marion Holton	159 Main St.	
91.	M/M James Williams	155 Main St.	
92.	M/M Charles Barrett	153 Main St.	
Holton St.			
93.	Trinitarian Cong. Church	Main St.	
94.	M/M Guy Cote	117 Main St.	
95.	Dickinson Memorial Library	Main St.	
Dickinson St.			
93A	Northfield - Mt. Hermon		
133A	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Parenteau		

Lost of owners for Main Street continued

Nfld Historical Comm.

Owner

Street Address Mail Address
if different

Inventory number

96.	M/M Norman Loring	111 Main St.	
97.	M/M Michael DiBari	109 Main St.	
98.	Ross Spencer, Rodman Spencer	105 Main St.	
99.	Ross Spencer, Rodman Spencer	103 Main St.	
100.	Mr. Wilbur Podlensky	97 Main St.	
101.	Mr. Wilbur Podlensky	Main St.	
School St.			
102.	Town of Nfld.	Main St.	
103.	Maxson Estate	91 Main St.	Rt. 63, Amherst.
104.	M/M Antonio Tosi	89 Main St.	
105.	Baptist Parsonage	87 Main St.	
106.	Baptist Church	Main St.	
107.	M/M Wallace Reddy	85 Main St.	
108.	Miss Virginia Ballantyne	83 Main St.	
109.	New England Telephone	Main St.	Wilbraham Rd. Splfd.
110.	Rua Bickford	79 Main St.	
111.	M/M Philip Mann	75 Main St.	
Warwick Avenue			
112.	M/M Stanley Dahlman	73 Main St.	Main St., Winchester, N.H.
113.	Town of Northfield	Main St.	
#114	Slate House-demolished		
115.	Mrs. Susie Hillock	65 Main St.	
116.	M/M Corys Heselton	61 Main St.	
117.	Northfield Grange	Main St.	
118.	Mrs. George Pfefferle	55 Main St.	
119.	M/M Arthur Green	51 Main St.	
120.	M/M Hubert Ash	47 Main St.	
121.	M/M William Calder	45 Main St.	
122.	A.R. Sandri Inc.	Main St.	Chapman St., Gfld.
123.	Mrs. Julia Repeta	39 Main St.	
124.	Mr. Leon Dunnell	37 Main St.	
125.	Mr. Niles Stone	35 Main St.	
126.	M/M Ralph Flynn	33 Main St.	
127.	Mrs. Peter Leyden, Jr.	31 Main St.	
128.	M/M Seth Field	27 Main St.	
Maple Street			
129.	Mrs. Wanda McNamara	25 Main St.	
130.	M/M James Morgan	21 Main St.	
131.	M/M William Messer	19 Main St.	
132.	M/M Frederick Balk	15 Main St.	
133.	M/M William McGee	9 Main St.	
134.	M/M Thadd Bistrek	5 Main St.	

The south bound of the Northfield Main Street National Register District is the south intersection of Routes 10 and 63.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service 82004965

Substantive Review

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Northfield Main Street Hist. Dist. Working No. 9.10.80-2256
State, County: MA, Franklin Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Federal Agency: _____ Date Due: 7/22/82

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

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/8/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

photos ☒
maps ☒

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

significant under criteria A & C

*- nomination form has been signed
& areas of significance made clear*

Recom./Criteria accept
Reviewer Patrick Andrus
Discipline Historian
Date 7/8/82
☐ 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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ 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 — on resubmission, criteria "D" has been dropped

☒ relating significance to the resource

☒ context

☒ relationship of integrity to significance

☐ justification of exception

☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres 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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

13. Other

____ Maps

____ Photographs

____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE

11/12/80

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Wendy Frontiers

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

MA. SHPO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Northfield Main Street HIST. DIST, - Franklin Co,

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

There are 2 acreage figures given - I asked her to find out the correct one.

I told her that we need a one paragraph statement of significance explaining why this district is eligible in terms of N.R. criteria.

I asked her to justify the large numbers of areas of significance checked.

12/5 - smaller acreage is correct

Statement of significance and areas of significance info. arrived on 12/15/80.

They have reduced areas of significance to archeology-prehistoric, and architecture.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Patrick Andrews



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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

May 28, 1982

Ms. Carol D. Shull, Acting Keeper
Division of the National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
440 G. St.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed are two National Register nomination forms which were returned to us earlier this month for technical and substantive corrections. The substantive corrections include the following:

Brockton - Little Red School House

Section 8 has been expanded to include more information on the school's role within the community, as well as a statement of its architectural significance. This analysis is based on the recently completed state survey of the South-eastern Massachusetts region. It is hoped that this information will justify the 1969 move of two blocks.

✓ Northfield - Northfield Main Street Historic District

Several areas of significance, checked on the top of Section 8 have been deleted leaving pre-historic and historic archaeology, architecture and exploration/settlement.

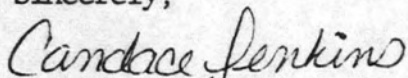
Criterion D has been deleted since no sites have actually been located or evaluated although the potential for their existence is high.

The National Register staff question on the content of Section 8 appears to be based on a misunderstanding. The additional information submitted on a continuation sheet in December 1980 was incorporated into the form before it was resubmitted in February, 1982. Therefore, the only change we have made at this time is to add a paragraph explaining the potential for historic archaeological remains.

The two maps submitted were intended to compare the boundaries of the proposed National Register district with the existing local historic district. The NR boundaries are shown on both maps and are the same on both maps. The properties numbered 1, 2, 3, and 135 were deleted from the NR district because 2, 3, and 135 are less than 50 years old, and they separate #1 from the rest of the district.

We hope that these two nominations can now be listed in the National Register.
If there are any other questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candace Jenkins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CJ/sac