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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Northside Village Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Stafford Street, Northside Road, Cemetery Road

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Charlton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT

\_\_\_ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

\_\_\_ PRIVATE

BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple

STREET & NUMBER

Multiple

CITY, TOWN

Charlton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01507

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts 01608

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1971 and 1975

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> _GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> _RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> _MOVED      DATE_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNEXPOSED		

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

The Northside Village Historic District is located in the northern part of Charlton along the former Stafford and Worcester Turnpike (now Stafford Street) and two spur roads, Northside Road and Cemetery Road. The district consists of approximately 70 acres in a rural setting and includes 13 buildings and 4 sites. The buildings are mostly residential, reflecting the area's agricultural past, and, with the exception of two 20th century houses, date from the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Beginning at the east end of the district is the John Gorton House (#1) built in 1794 by the latter John Gorton. The house is typical of the one-room deep, two-story houses built in the area. It is five bays wide and has a center chimney. Its center entrance is flanked by pilasters supporting a five-light transom and simple entablature. The original wall covering of clapboards has been covered with siding.

The Jonothan Wheelock House (#2), built in 1735, is the oldest house in the district. The house retains its central chimney and original doorway, although the clapboards have been covered with asbestos shingles. The west second-floor rooms were removed after a serious fire in the 1940's, leaving the building with an unbalanced appearance.

The Nathaniel Brown House (#3), c. 1795, is also a frame house now covered with asphalt siding. The two-story house rests on a low stone foundation and has a lean-to addition and a one-story ell to the west. The original doorway has been replaced by one of Victorian design.

The Rider Tavern (#4), 1797-1799, is a nine-bay, hip-roofed structure which has already been described in detail in a separate National Register nomination form. Important features of this building are its two quoined entrances, the original stenciling in the second-floor ballroom, and evidence of an early roof garden.

The Hayward-Bacon House (#5) was built c. 1826 by Asa Bacon, a tanner. As originally constructed, the house had a center chimney which was removed during interior alterations in the 1870's, giving way to the two small chimneys now present. The building is five bays wide with a ridge roof and has a center, six-panel door. The windows are two-over-two lights in most of the house, with eight-over-twelve sash in the gables which survived the late 19th century remodeling. There are twelve-over-twelve lights in the windows in the western ell. Tradition indicates that this ell was once attached to the Rider Tavern and moved to the Hayward-Bacon House after the tavern ceased to be a public house.

The Waters-Morton House (#6) was built in the mid-18th century. It is two and one-half stories with a ridge roof and a one-story ell running north which connects the house to a one and one-half story barn. The white clapboard structure rests on a dry stone foundation, and the corners have pilasters which terminate at the roof line with a capital supported by modillions. There are dentils at the eaves, and two large brick chimneys rise from the roof, fifteen feet from each gable end. The main entrance was removed from the south facade in the 1930's and a new entrance with sidelights and a broken pediment placed on the east end.

The Fife House (#7) is a one-story ranch house built in 1967.

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The Mary Waters House (#8), built in 1790, is a two and one-half story house with a central chimney and a small rear kitchen ell. The walls are clapboard on the front and sides, while the rear is finished with natural wood shingles. The windows have the typical local treatment of keystone lintels on the facade and sides. Windows are six-over-six on the front, the sides are six-over-six and twelve-over-twelve, and the back windows are twelve-over-twelve. The center doorway has a six paneled door flanked by pilasters, with a shallow carved Tudor rosette on each pilaster neck, supporting a classical pediment. The front yard is enclosed with a white picket fence standing on a granite base.

The Indian Mortar Farm (Ebenezer Hammond House) (#9), c. 1800, is a two and one-half story house which faces east with its gable end to the street. A kitchen ell extends to the west. The walls are covered with white clapboard and windows have twelve-over-twelve sash. The center entrance is framed with heavy quoins and topped with a keystone lintel and simple cornice. To the west of this farmhouse are various farm buildings such as wagon sheds, barns, swinehouse, and other appurtenances, all painted red.

The John Gibbs House (#10) was built by a machinist in 1826. The two and one-half story clapboard house rests on a low foundation and a one and one-half story shed ell extends to the south. The paneled entrance has sidelights, and the windows are six-over-six with plain surrounds.

The Deacon Daniel Streeter House (#11) was built in 1782 and is a clapboard building with a ridge roof with two small chimneys. Windows have six-over-six sash, and the central doorway has sidelights and transom lights.

The Northside School (District #2 Schoolhouse) (#12) was built in 1848 and stands on the site of the former Baptist Meetinghouse of 1745. The white clapboard building is the only Greek Revival structure in the district. With its gable end to the street, the schoolhouse has four pilasters across the front. Between the two middle pilasters is a recessed entry with two doors on each side wall. The building is five bays deep and has a ridge roof of slate. A small chimney is located at the rear, and above the pediment is a belfry composed of cornerboards enclosing louvered panels on each side. Above this rises a stepped spire with an iron and gilt weathervane with sunburst motif.

The George Lamprey House (#13) was built in 1947 and is a two-story clapboard structure.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) (medicine)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Northside Village Historic District is significant as an example of village development from an agricultural origin to mercantile prosperity. The district is also important for its associations with well-known local citizens.

The oldest house in the district is the Jonothan Wheelock House (#2). The majority of the structures in Northside Village stand on Wheelock's original home lot. Wheelock served as town treasurer and fought in the French and Indian War. He began the village tanning industry and also had a distillery and operated a tavern in his house. Jonothan and Martha Wheelock's daughter was the first child born in Charlton.

In 1796 the Wheelock House was bought by John A. Haven, a housewright or builder. Several new buildings constructed in the village after Haven's arrival are attributed to him. Haven was the leading organizer of the Southwestern Worcester County Architects and Builders Association in 1817.

Northwest on the brook and a short distance from the Wheelock House is the Site of the Wheelock-Morey Distillery (A). This gin still, brewery, malt-house, and corn mill was begun by Jonothan Wheelock's son Eli in 1792. Leonard Morey later joined him as a partner and the two began the nearby tavern later bought by the Rider brothers. By 1877 the distillery was in ruins, and no above-ground evidence is found today.

The large, three-story Rider Tavern (#4) dominates the village and sits prominently at the intersection of Stafford Street and Northside Road. Begun in 1797, the tavern was purchased by Isaiah and William Rider in 1801. The tavern was originally built with a flat roof on which there was a garden supplied with water conducted through hollow logs from a spring in the hill north of the building. A barroom, dining rooms, parlors, bedchambers and a 20x60 foot ballroom made the Rider Tavern the center of village activity. The tavern was a major stop along the Stafford and Worcester Turnpike and was visited by the Marquis de Lafayette as he was returning to Hartford from the laying of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument.

Isaiah Rider was an incorporator of one of the first woolen spinning mills in the country and represented Charlton in the General Court in 1813 and 1815-19. His brother William also served in the General Court in 1812 and 1814 and was the first postmaster of Charlton.

The Waters-Morton House (#6) is one of the most important buildings in the district. The house was greatly enlarged in 1778 by Israel Waters, one of the leading citizens of

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 70.05 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,9	25,63,4,0	4,67,24,4,0	B	1,9	25,63,8,0	4,67,17,8,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1,9	25,51,4,0	4,67,17,4,0	D	1,9	25,51,4,0	4,67,24,0,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The district begins to the east on Stafford Street at the eastern property line of #1 and runs north 500', then turns west and runs 500' parallel to Stafford Street to the eastern property line of #4, thence north 500' to a point 1000' north of Stafford Street; thence west across Cemetery Road 500', thence south 500' and then west 500' parallel to Stafford Street to a fork in the road, thence east along the north side of Stafford Street, thence south 500' and then running east 500' parallel to Stafford Street, thence south another 500' to the south boundary of #12, thence east along the south property lines of #12 and #11, thence running north 500' parallel to Northside Road, thence (continued)  
 LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Judy D. Dobbs, National Register Editor, and William Hultgren, Charlton Historical Society and George Tucker, Charlton Historical Commission.

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

June 7, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Elizabeth Reed Amadon*

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

June 9, 1976

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*Wm. Hultgren*

DATE

10/1/77

ATTEST:

*Charles [Signature]*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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#8:

the village. The house was also the boyhood home of Dr. William T. G. Morton who introduced the use of ether as an anesthetic in a surgical operation at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1846. The Waters-Morton House is the only remaining dwelling in which the renowned doctor lived.

Directly north of the Waters-Morton House is the Site of the Tannery (B) which long figured as the leading enterprise in Northside Village. A tannery was in operation at this site prior to 1770 when it was purchased by Ebenezer Davis. After its purchase by Israel Waters in 1778, it was expanded. The bark mill stood at the outlet of Snow's Pond to grind the tanbark, and two boot and shoe shops were connected with the tannery.

The Mary Waters House (#8) was built c. 1790 by Israel Waters for his mother Mary. The first physician in the village owned this house in 1798.

The Indian Mortar Farm (Ebenezer Hammond House) (#9) formerly had in its front yard a large mortar stone used by the Indians to grind meal. Other houses in the district include the John Gorton House (#1), the home of a hatter; the John Gibbs House (#10), the home of a machinist; and the Deacon Daniel Streeter House (#11), whose owner was active in the nearby Baptist Church.

Opposite the Streeter House is the Northside Schoolhouse (#12), or District #2 School. Built in 1848 on the site of the Baptist Meetinghouse, the school has in its belfrey a bell which was originally in the Meetinghouse. The bell was purchased in 1801 from the old church at the corner of Brattle and Clark Streets in Boston where it had hung since its purchase in 1719 from Whitechapel Foundry in England. In 1845 the bell was recast in Revere Foundry. School was held in the Northside Schoolhouse between 1848 and 1950. It served several years after that as the American Legion Post home and is now vacant.

Also in the district is the site of the Red Schoolhouse (C), a one-room schoolhouse which was built c. 1795. Another site is that of the Rider Store and Post Office (D). This building was originally an appendage of the Rider Tavern, and was moved across the Stafford Street and operated by a series of owners including James Morton, father of Dr. William T. G. Morton. The building was later used as a dwelling and removed about 1900.

#10:

running east 500' parallel to Stafford Street, thence north across Stafford Street and east along the north side of Stafford Street to the point of beginning.

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Northside Village Historic District

Boundary Description

Beginning at a point at the southeast corner of the property line of #1 and proceeding north 625', then west 1125' to the eastern property line of #4, then north 625' to a point 1300' north of Stafford Street, then west 1000' and across Cemetery Road, then proceeding southerly 437' and then westerly parallel to Stafford Street for a distance of 750', then westerly by south-westerly for 1000', then southerly 625' to Stafford Street, then easterly along the northern edge of the Stafford Street right-of-way for a distance of 250', then southerly 500', then easterly 2000', then southerly 500' to a point 875' south of Stafford Street, then proceeding east 750', then running north by northeast 687' along the eastern property line of #4, then east 250', then north 300' to Stafford Street and proceeding 850' east along Stafford Street to the starting point.

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  2. Jonothan Wheelock House, Stafford Street, 1735
  3. Nathaniel Brown House, Stafford Street, c.1795
  4. Rider Tavern (NR), Stafford Street, 1797-1799
  5. Hayward-Bacon House, Stafford Street, c.1826
  6. Waters-Morton House, Cemetery Road, mid-18th century
  7. Fife House, Stafford Street, 1967
  8. Mary Waters House, Stafford Street, 1790
  9. Indian Mortar Farm (Ebenezer Hammond House), Stafford Street, c.1800
  10. John Gibbs House, Northside Road, 1826
  11. Deacon Daniel Streeter House, Northside Road, 1782
  12. Northside School (District #2 Schoolhouse), Northside Road, 1848
  13. George Lamprey House, Northside Road, 1947
- A. Site of the Wheelock-Morey Distillery
  - B. Site of the Tannery
  - C. Site of the Red Schoolhouse
  - D. Site of the Rider Store and Postal Office

PROPERTY OWNER LISTING  
NORTHSIDE VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT  
CHARLTON, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

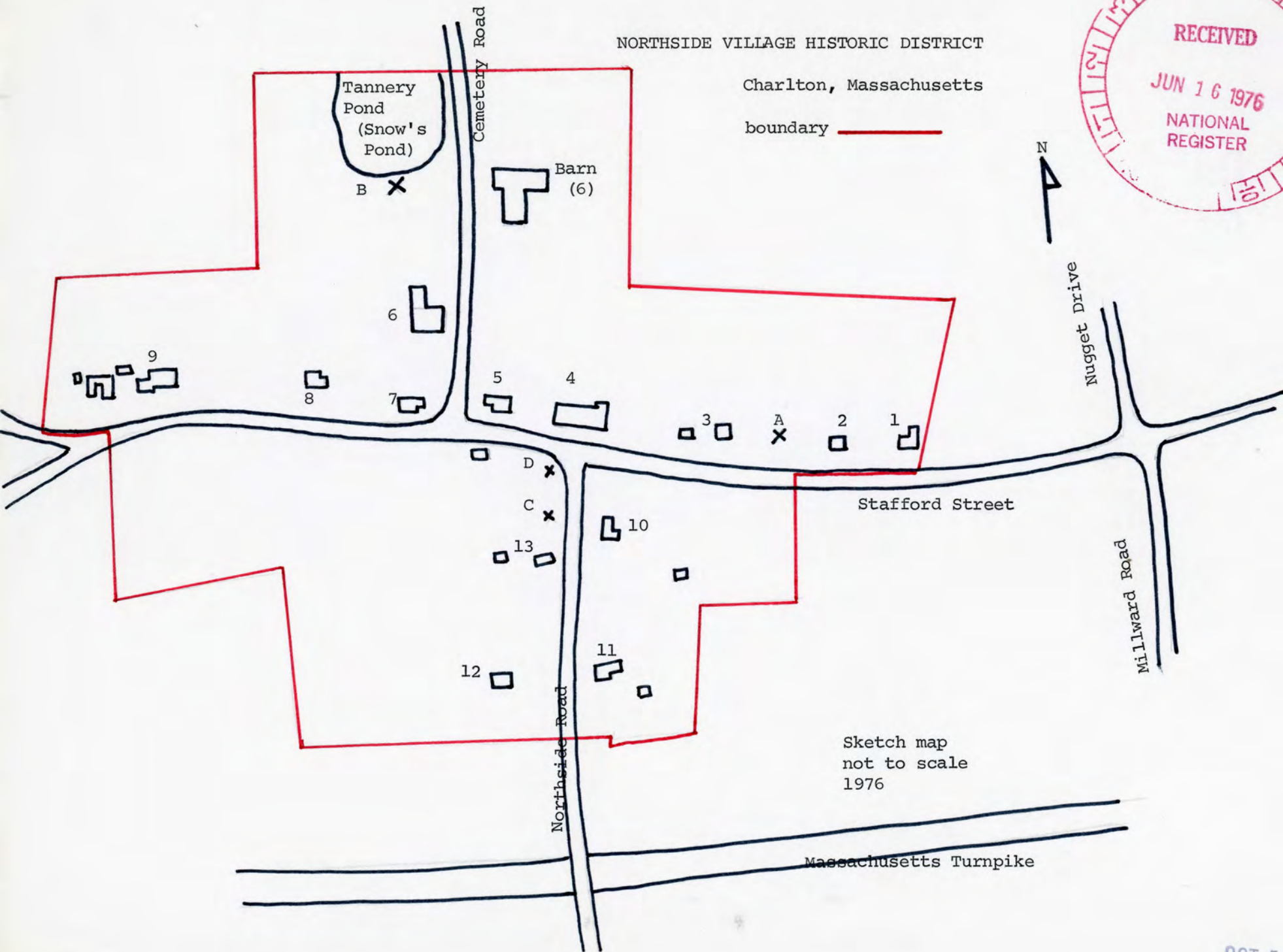
Charlton: Northside Village Historic District

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NORTHSIDE VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Charlton, Massachusetts

boundary 



Sketch map  
not to scale  
1976

Property Northside Village Historic District

Worcester 77000195

State Mass.

Working Number 6.16.76.3591

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 10  
Maps 1, sketch

OK pl  
6.23.76

**HISTORIAN**

Verbal boundary description + USGS maps seem incompatible - otherwise OK  
new boundary description rec'd 10/15/76

accept 10/15/76  
B. Greenman  
11/5/76

Both in right!  
sketch wrap  
not drawn to scale

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

no photo of 2 recent houses, but I have already told me about this problem

call accept accept  
revised! 12/20/76  
11.8.76

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

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

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

accept  
Cole  
9.19.77

**BRANCH CHIEF**

Herring  
9-21-77

**KEEPER**

W  
10/5/77

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 11-1-77 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Jonathan Wheelock House (left, #2) and  
John Gorton House (right, #1)  
Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA  
Mr. Donald Powers, photographer  
1976  
Charlton Historical Society, Stafford Street,  
Charlton, MA 01507  
Facing east.

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Rider Tavern (#4)  
Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA  
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Charlton, MA 01507  
Facing north.

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Hayward-Bacon House (left, #5) and Rider  
Tavern (right, #4)

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Charlton, MA

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1976

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Charlton, MA 01507

Facing east.

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East facade, Morton-Waters House, Cemetery Road, Charlton, Mass  
Photo: 1975 Ken Maynard, Charlton  
Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gilmore  
Neg: Charlton Hist. Soc.  
No restrictions

Waters-Morton House (#6)  
Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA  
Kenneth Maynard, photographer  
1975  
Charlton Historical Society, Stafford Street,  
Charlton, MA 01507  
Facing west.

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North facade Waters-Morton House, Cemetery Road, Charlton Mass.

Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gilman

Photo: 1975 Ken Maynard, Charlton  
Neg Charlton Hist. Soc.

No. restrictions

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Waters-Morton House (#6)  
Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA  
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Facing south.

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Indian Mortar Farm (Ebenezer Hammond House)  
(#9)

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Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA

William Hultgren, photographer  
1972

Charlton Historical Society, Stafford Street,  
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Facing northwest.

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Mary Waters House (#8)  
Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA  
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1976  
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Charlton, MA 01507  
Facing north.

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John Gibbs House (left, #10), Northside  
Schoolhouse (center, rear, #12), and  
George Lamprey House (right, #13)

Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA

Mr. Donald Powers, photographer  
1976

Charlton Historical Society, Stafford Street,  
Charlton, MA 01507

Facing southwest.

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*on Northside Road*

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Northside School (District #2 Schoolhouse)  
(#12)

Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA

William Hultgren, photographer  
1972

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Charlton, MA 01507  
Facing west.

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Looking at rear of Rider Tavern (left, #4),  
Schoolhouse (center distance, #12), and  
Hayward-Bacon House (right, #5)

Northside Village Historic District  
Charlton, MA

Mr. Donald Powers, photographer  
1976

Charlton Historical Society, Stafford Street,  
Charlton, MA 01507

Facing south.

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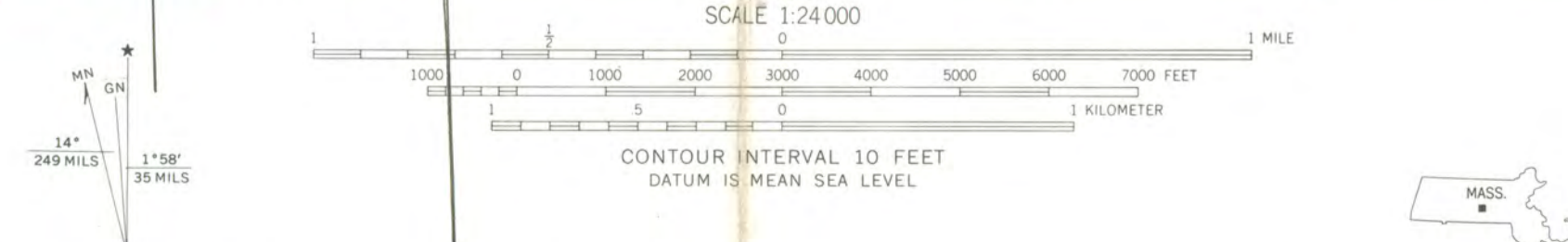
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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



CHARLTON, MASS.  
Northside Village Historic District  
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject to controlled inundation to 501 feet by Hodges Village Dam and 524 feet in Buffumville Reservoir

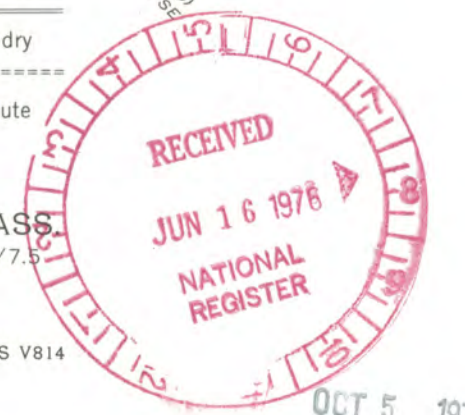


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

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December 10, 1976

Ms. Beth Grosvenor  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Beth:

Enclosed please find the recomputed boundary description for the Northside Village Historic District, Charlton, Massachusetts. I hope that this is satisfactory. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Orfant  
National Register Editor  
MHC

enc.  
JRO/edh

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/5/76  
Reviewer INITIALS: Bg

NR DOE

OCT 5 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Northside Village Historic District

OTHER NAMES:

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Stafford Street, Northside Road, Cemetery Road

CITY/TOWN Charlton CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd

STATE Massachusetts 025 VICINITY OF COUNTY code  
Worcester 027

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):  
NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST  
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-3
<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 4	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 5	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 7	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable-9

CONDITION -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexcavated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted (circled) No access Unknown

historic district? YES (circled) NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO (circled)  
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO (circled)  
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO (circled) Saved? YES NO

## FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- residential, school, tavern

now- residential

## SIGNIFICANCE:

- |  |  |   |  |   |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION        | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics     | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION         | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     | <input type="checkbox"/> socio/cultural             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             |  | <input type="checkbox"/> urban & commun<br>planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION           | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    |  |   |

## Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:**

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

**ETHNIC GROUP:**

**NAMES:**

(label role & appropriate date)

personal

events

Jonathan Wheelock - majority of structures are on his original lot; town treasurer, businessman  
Marquis de Lafayette - visited Rider Tavern  
William T. G. Morton - Boyhood home; dentist + anesthetist who introduced ether to medical world, 1846.

institutional

**DATES:**

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 18<sup>th</sup> C - 1850.

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): c. 1700 - 1850; 1846.

**SOURCE:**

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

**ACREAGE:**

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

70.1

**COMMENTS:**

(include architectural information here)

Mostly frame 2 story, rectangular, gable structures with attached lower farm buildings

Industrial structures

Rider Tavern is already a NR property, 5/19/76

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

(maximum two sentences)

The Northside Village Historic District is an example of village development from an agricultural origin to mercantile prosperity, and includes the home of Jonathan Wheelock, the owner of most of the land on which the district was built and who initiated the town's earliest industries; Rider Tavern, which was a major stop along the Stafford and Worcester Turnpike; and the ~~low~~ boyhood home of Dr. William T. G. Morton, <sup>a dentist</sup> whose experiments with ether as an anesthetic brought it to the attention of the medical world.