

PH0016063

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Massachusetts
COUNTY:	Middlesex
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	OCT 25 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Daniel Brooks House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: N of Lincoln off MA 2 on
Brooks Road

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025 COUNTY: Middlesex CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Harriet J. Rogers

STREET AND NUMBER: Brooks Road

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: South Middlesex Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Court House

CITY OR TOWN: East Cambridge

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth cont.

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

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7 DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

CONDITION

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Daniel Brooks House is sited on a three acre lot located at Brooks Rd. in Lincoln, approximately three hundred yards from the southern border of Minute Man National Park and two hundred yards north of Route 2.

The original building, completed before 1695, was a typical late seventeenth century dwelling of two and one half story frame construction, with one room on each floor, an entrance on the west side, and a ridge roof. About 1700 a two story, two room addition was added to the east side of the main building; the result was the present five bay wide facade and one bay width. Another entrance was opened in the north side of the new addition, and the large chimney, which had been on the east wall of the old portion, was replaced by the present brick stacks on the north slope of the roof. In the early nineteenth century a two story ell with two rooms per floor was added to the western portion of the north elevation and a center entrance with a country federal surround was added to the south facade. Presently the house rests on a foundation of rough granite boulders and has been sheathed with butted wooden shingles; the roof is covered with black asphalt shingles. The windows throughout are six over nine double hung sashes.

Inside, the Brooks House displays a typical central hall plan with a large room opening to either side of the entry. Features of the interior noted by the Historic American Buildings Survey include exposed chamfered beams in the first floor main rooms, gunstock corner posts and wide, wooden pegged floorboards. Fine examples of seventeenth and eighteenth century hardware exist in the iron door latches and hinges found in most of the rooms.

Adjacent to the house, near the north east corner of the property, is a small barn, probably of nineteenth century origin and now converted to a garage. North of this is a small shed in a ruined condition, and to the northwest is the foundation of a barn, perhaps moved and incorporated into the north ell in the early nineteenth century. The grounds include a small lawn, stone walls, and thick woods.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1695, 1700, c. 1800

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>American</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Revolution</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Daniel Brooks House, described by the Historic American Building Survey (1962) as, "...one of the finer preserved examples of early American small houses," is the ancestral home of Lincoln's prominent Brooks family and remained in their possession for over two hundred thirty years. Built in 1695 by Daniel Brooks for his new bride, the house is in remarkably original condition with significant seventeenth and early eighteenth century interior features.

The first Brooks to settle in Lincoln (then part of Concord, Lincoln was incorporated in 1754) was Thomas, who had established himself there by 1635. It was his grandson who built the present structure and helped develop the surrounding village, where for two centuries the Brooks family operated a tannery, a tavern, and a brick kiln. Unbaked bricks used for insulation between the house's frame and plaster walls, as well as baked bricks used in fireplaces, chimneys, and hearths, came from the Brooks Village Brick Yard.

A fifth generation owner of the house was Brigadier General Eleazer Brooks, highest ranking officer in the area during the Revolution. Called "a splendid athlete, self-educated and a dangerous foe in discussions," Brooks was a member of the Committee of Correspondence and of the Provincial Congress. After being commissioned by John Hancock, the General saw action at Concord, Ticonderoga, Dorchester Heights, White Plains, and Saratoga. His extensive records and letters documenting the Revolution have survived to give a graphic account of the War years.

General Brooks' public career spanned a period of thirty-seven years, from 1774, when he was elected Representative to the General Court, until 1801, when, as a State Senator, he resigned in a letter to Governor John Hancock and expressed his disillusionment with the greed and immorality rampant in politics. The house remained in the family long after the General's tenure, but was finally sold in 1929.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Shattuck, History of Concord, Russell, Odiorne & Co., Boston, 1835.
 Stearns, C., Sermon, The Interment of Eleazer Brooks, November 11, 1806.
 Wheeler, Ruth M., Climate for Freedom, Concord Antiquarian Society,
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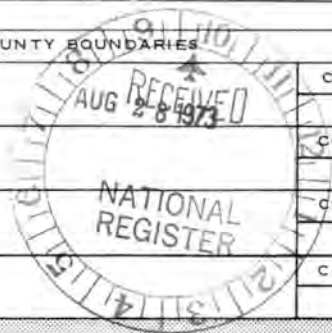
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	42°	26'	49.5"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	71°	18'	36"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **three (3) acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Alexander Cassie, Consultant for Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: **Massachusetts Historical Commission (617) 727-8470** DATE: **August 14, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street 02108

CITY OR TOWN: **Boston** STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name John F. X. Davoren
 John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the
 Commonwealth and Chairman of the
 Title _____

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date Aug. 23, 1973

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

Ernest A. Connolly
 Associate Director, Professional
 Services

Date OCT 25 1973

ATTEST:
Wendell...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-18-73

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY Brooks, Daniel, House STATE Mass

Middlesex

WORKING NUMBER 8.28.73:3503

TECH REVIEW
Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL REVIEW

am
8-29-
73

HISTORIAN evidently HABS (1962) but not reflected in #6 on form

OK
Accept
AML
9/11/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
Since date of HABS survey is mentioned specifically

Accept
9-18-73
C. Shull

ARCHEOLOGIST Very attractive

Accept
KHC
10/10/73

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
10/17/73

KEEPER

Wm
10/18

National Register write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 12-4-73

Re-submit _____

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DANIEL BROOKS HOUSE - LINCOLN, MASS.
VIEW of S. front from THE SOUTH.

NPS Number 10/25/73

Title: Brooks House

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

View from the south of the south elevation or principal facade of the Brooks House, showing original portion, c. 1695 on the left; addition, c. 1700 on the right, and central entrance and chimneys added c. 1800.

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DANIEL BROOKS HOUSE - LINCOLN, MASSACHUSETTS
VIEW of SO. & WEST ELEVATIONS from THE S.W.

NPS Number 10/24/73

Title: Brooks House

CAMP POWELL

Loc. m

west

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View from the southwest showing the west and south elevations and a portion of the early nineteenth century ell (in the extreme left portion of the photograph).

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Mass. Historical Commission

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

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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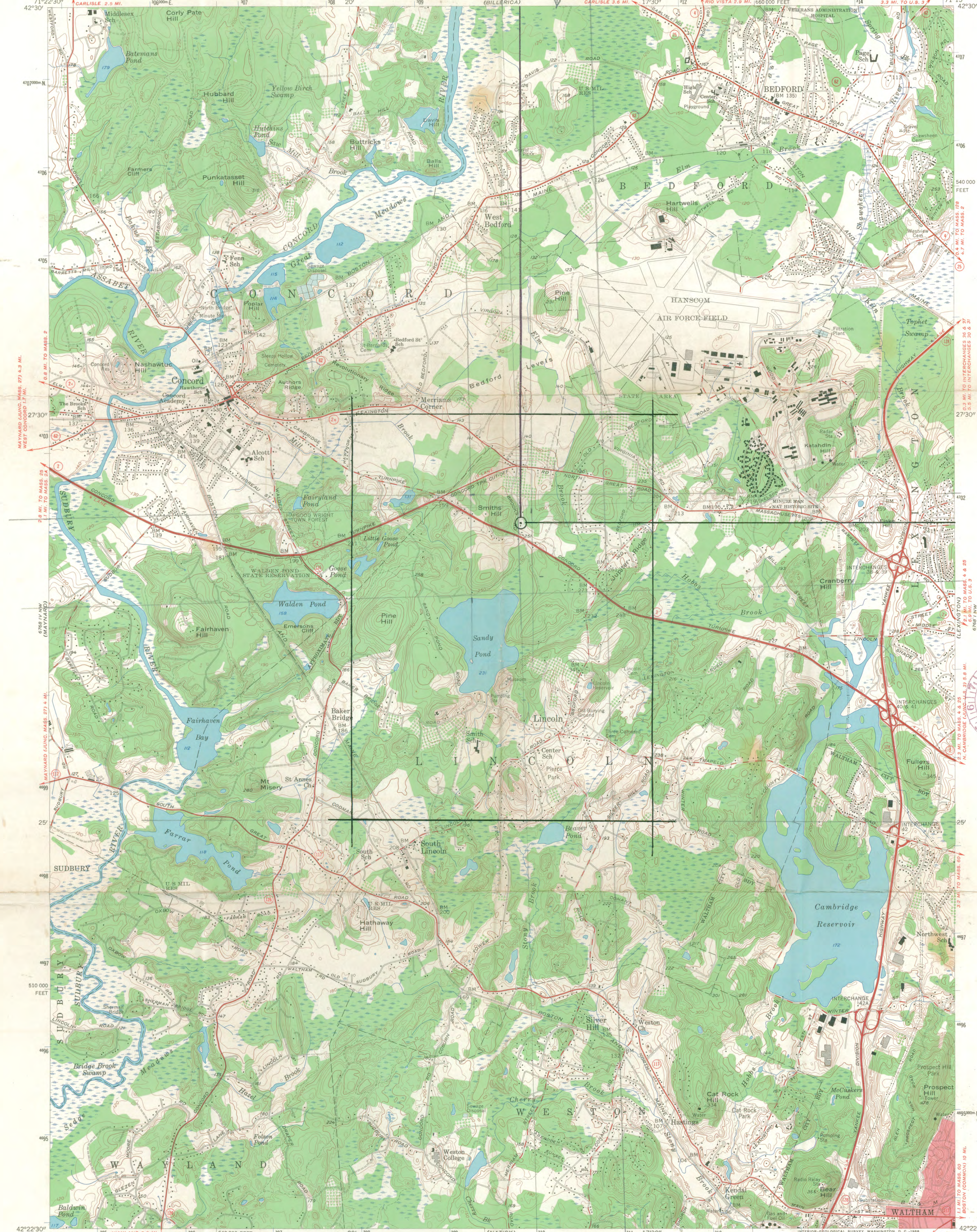
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Middlesex	Lincoln

STREET AND NUMBER
Brooks Road

3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle Map, Concord, Massachusetts	1958	1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW





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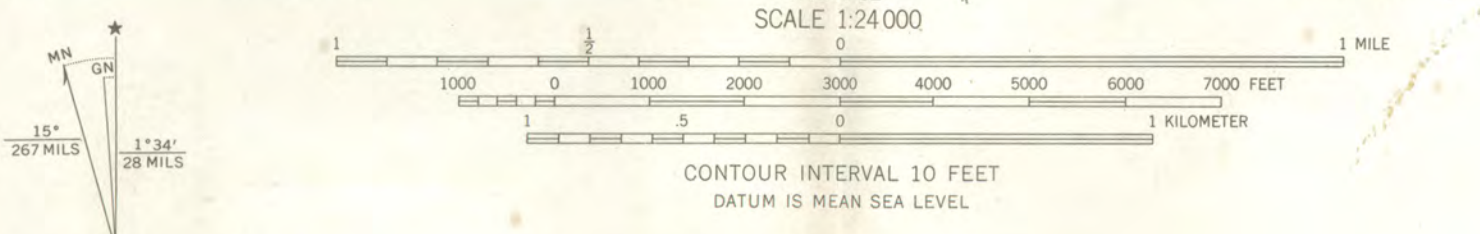
DANIEL BROOKS HOUSE
LINCOLN, MASS.

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Long: 71° 18' 36"

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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1939. Topography by planetable surveys 1940. Revised 1958
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
Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

CONCORD, MASS.
N4222.5—W7115/7.5
1958

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered OCT 25 1973

Name

Location

Brooks, Daniel, House

Lincoln
Middlesex County

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