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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Norfolk
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JUL 23 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Suffolk Resolves House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Daniel Vose's residence

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1370 Canton Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Milton

STATE:
Massachusetts

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
No. 11

COUNTY:
Norfolk

CODE:
025

CODE:
021

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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Milton Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
1370 Canton Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Milton

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Norfolk Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
650 High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Dedham

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **1. Historic American Buildings Survey (MASS 2-13)**
2. Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: **1. 1965** **2. 1967-68** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **1. Library of Congress**
2. Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
2. 40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
1. Washington, D. C. **2. Boston**

STATE:
2. Massachusetts

CODE:
025



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Suffolk Resolves House, which once served as Daniel Vose's store and residence beside the Neponset River in Milton Village, now stands atop a tree-studded knoll in one of Milton's attractive residential neighborhoods. Open fields and woods flank the property on two sides. Landscape features include 18th century-style flower and vegetable gardens.

In order to ensure the preservation of the property, the deed to the Suffolk Resolves House was given to the Milton Historical Society in 1950. However, the Society was unable to finance restoration and the house was threatened with destruction. The Society then deeded the house to Dr. and Mrs. James Ayer and it was moved to their property on Canton Avenue later the same year. At that time the building was repaired and restored. It was later deeded back to the Milton Historical Society, which operates the property as a museum.

The wooden clapboard building has two stories. Two large interior chimneys project above the shallow hipped roof. The facade is five bays wide; the northeast elevation is two bays and the southwest elevation, incorporating the addition to the structure, is three.

Twelve-over-twelve sash windows, with Doric window cornices, are used throughout. On the northwest front, the center entrance is ornamented with a simple architrave surround and covered by a porch supported by Roman-Doric columns and pilasters. The entablature and pediment contain dentil detail. A small pane of glass, penetrating the clapboard covering, but not the wall, was placed to the right of the door enabling museum visitors to examine the construction techniques used in joining the two parts of the Suffolk Resolves House: on the left (looking at the facade from Canton Avenue) is the earlier portion, constructed about 1760; to the right is the addition to the structure made by Vose in 1773. To the casual observer there is no obvious juncture between the two sections.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **September 9, 1774**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Suffolk Resolves House has political significance as a surviving building associated with an historic pre-Revolutionary War event. The Suffolk Resolves was a statement expressing the Massachusetts Bay Colony's dissatisfaction with England's punitive colonial policies; the adoption of the Resolves by the Suffolk County convention in 1774 was one of the first steps taken to organize opposition to these policies prior to the Revolution. The document was among the many local anti-British statements of the time; its distinction comes from its immediate endorsement by the First Continental Congress at Philadelphia.

The tax on tea of 1773; closing the port of Boston in 1774; a ban on holding town meetings without consent of the Royal Governor and other repressive acts by the British had made virtual slaves of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the City of Boston. One form of resistance to this tyranny was the formation of county conventions which met throughout Massachusetts to formulate resolutions protesting the indifference and intransigence of King George III and Parliament in the years before the convening of the First Continental Congress at Philadelphia in 1774. Since town meetings were severely restricted, "county conventions" were substituted. They were held, whenever possible, in rural locations to encourage the country people to make common cause with Boston and to remain, in the words of Samuel Adams, as "free from interference" as possible.

By 1774 the political and economic situation had become intolerable, causing prominent Boston-area citizens, including many who were members of their local Committees of Correspondence, to meet with the Suffolk County convention in order to protest the coercive measures in use against Massachusetts. On April 16, 1774, the convention held a preliminary meeting at Doty's Tavern in Stoughton. They reconvened on September 6 at Woodward Tavern, Dedham. Dr. Joseph Warren, who as a major general was later mortally wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill, was made chairman of a committee directed to frame suitable resolves for presentation at another convention on September 9. Daniel Vose, a Milton shopkeeper who afterwards represented the town in the Provincial Congress, offered his house (built c. 1760; enlarged 1773) for the third meeting; its location near the junction of the post road from Boston to Plymouth and the road to Taunton (now Canton Avenue) made it convenient for a county convention. Milton was part of Suffolk County until 1793.

Seventy representatives from the nineteen towns and districts in the county

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ford, Worthington C., ed., Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774, Vol. I.

Hamilton, Edward P., The Suffolk Resolves House Controversy Reviewed, Milton Historical Society and Massachusetts Historical Society, 1953.

Scaife, Lauriston L., Milton and the Suffolk Resolves, Milton Historical Society, 1921.

Massachusetts Historical Society, Diary and Biography of John Adams, Cambridge, Mass., Belknap Press, 1962, Vol. 2.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Andréa K. Calfee for Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: **Massachusetts Historical Commission** DATE: **June 19, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date July 3, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert W. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/23/73

ATTEST:
for [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 7/19/73

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Milton, Suffolk Resolves House
(Continuation Sheet)

(Number all entries)

8. Significance

attended the September 9 meeting at Daniel Vose's house where they accepted the final draft of Warren's document of grievances against Britain. This document came to be known as the Suffolk Resolves. Among the nineteen resolutions adopted were those urging the colonists to take action by boycotting trade with Britain and the West Indies, by raising troops of their own, and by preparing for armed resistance to defend against British aggression, if necessary.

Paul Revere immediately carried the Suffolk Resolves to Philadelphia, arriving September 16, and delivered it to the Massachusetts delegates at the Continental Congress then in session in Carpenters' Hall. The next day, the entire list of nineteen points was ratified and ordered published in the newspapers as an indication of the unanimous approval it received from the Congress, bringing closer the final break with England. In John Adams' Diary of that date is the following: "This day convinced me that America will support Massachusetts or perish with her!" It was significant to the progress of the First Continental Congress that the first important paper presented to this body, the Suffolk Resolves, was one which met with instant support and unanimity. Two years later the Resolves were incorporated in the Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson.

Revolutionary War Bicentennial plans for the Town of Milton center around the Suffolk Resolves and the building at which they were adopted. Also, a commemorative edition of the Suffolk Resolves will be published as a part of the town's Bicentennial celebration.



PROPERTY Suffolk Resolves House STATE Mass.

WORKING NUMBER 7-10-13-3279

Norfolk

TECH REVIEW
Photos 1
Maps 1

CONTROL REVIEW lat records

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7-10-
73

HISTORIAN would rather have as Vose's House with some good architectural description and history of house with mention made of famous event at Suffolk Resolves & not whole thing on it *with reserve but good property*
Accept
AmL
7/10/73

OK

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN Checked with HABS files -- apparently they didn't nominate it for architecture for good reason. I suppose as site of resolves thing though it's worthy. I'm not sure we should return it for lat if emerg! *Accept*
7/13/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

(I wouldn't mind sending back to ask for more details on moving for history)
7-13-73
C. Stone

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Significance overcomes moving. Use both names if you wish. *OK*
7/19/73

KEEPER

for 6 months
7/19/73

National Register write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 9-4-73

Re-submit _____

Entered JUL 23 1973



MILTON, MASS.
1370 CANTON AVE.
SUFFOLK RESOLVES HOUSE
MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

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STREET AND NUMBER

1370 Canton Avenue

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Fasch Studio, Milton, Mass.

DATE

1973

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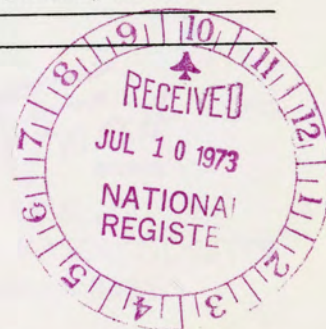
Fasch Studio

480 Adams Street, Milton

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Northeast elevation and northwest facade as seen from Canton Avenue



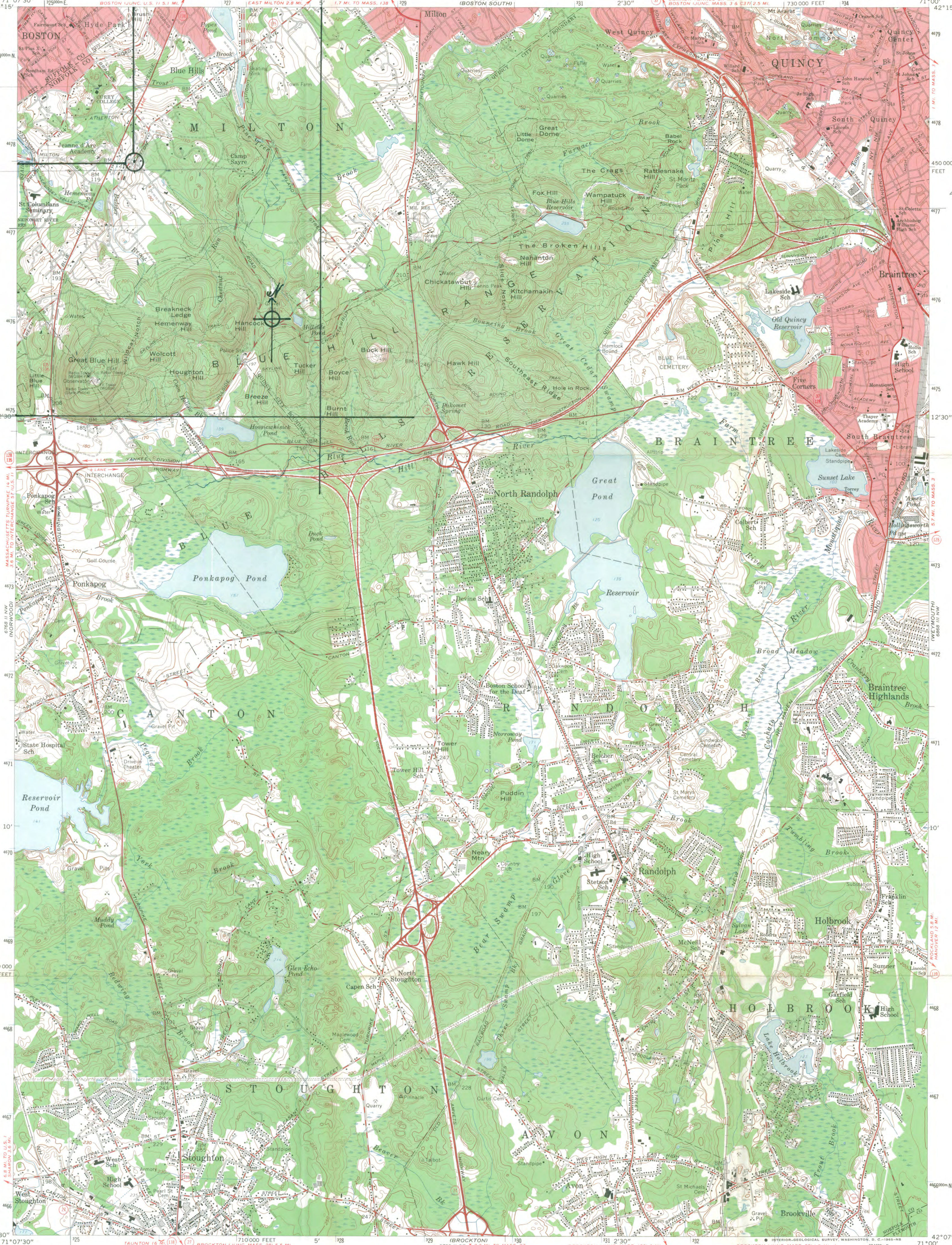
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MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK RESOLVES HOUSE
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71° 06' 32.5"



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, Massachusetts Geodetic Survey,
and Massachusetts Harbor and Land Commission
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs
Topography by planetable surveys 1936
Culture revised by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1957. Field check 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 areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty — Light-duty
Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt
State Route

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

SCALE 1:24,000

UTM GRID AND 1958 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

BLUE HILLS, MASS.
N4207.5—W7100.7.5
1958
AMS 6768 II NE—SERIES V814

Form 10-301
(July 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
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2. LOCATION		
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Massachusetts	Norfolk	Milton
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1370 Canton Avenue		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U. S. G. S. Blue Hills, Mass.	1958	1 : 24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

JUL 23 1973

Date Entered

Name

Location

The Hoar Tavern

**Lincoln vicinity
Middlesex County**

Suffolk Resolves House

**Milton
Norfolk County**

Also Notified

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Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Robert F. Drinan
Hon. James A. Burke
Ms. Ann Webster Smith, DOT**

Director, Northeast Region

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission
40 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108**

PHR MMOTT: pcl 7/24/73