

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Warren Block

and/or common Eagle Building

2. Location

street & number 155 Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Marlborough

N/A vicinity of

~~congressional district~~

state Massachusetts

code 025

county Middlesex

code 017

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Franco and Lina D'Annunzio

street & number 11 Meadow Drive

city, town Sudbury

N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 208 Cambridge Street

city, town Cambridge

state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic
title Assets of the Commonwealth #120 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street

city, town Boston

state MA

7. Description

Warren Block, 155 Main Street, Marlborough

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Warren Block is a four-story brick commercial structure located on Main Street in downtown Marlborough. It is sited flush to the sidewalk and bounded on the west by a small landscaped park, on the east by the 1879-80 Temple Building (National Register eligible) with which it shares a party wall, and on the rear by a steep rocky ledge.

When the building was erected in 1891, it was an important addition to an impressive street lined with late 19th century two-to-four story masonry commercial structures. However, due to demolition, loss from fire or extensive remodeling, the Warren Block and the adjacent Temple Building stand today as the most intact portion of the Victorian streetscape.

The Warren Block is an impressive structure whose facade is distinguished by a veneer of Roman buff brick laid in ornamental patterns. The brick is offset by reddish-brown mortar which is similar in color to the sandstone trim. The ground floor is divided into three bays separated by fluted iron posts. Storefronts occupy the outer bays, and a recessed entrance to the upper floors the narrow center bay. The storefronts have been remodeled: the original wooden doors and window surrounds have been replaced with aluminum, and the recessed entrances of each shop are no longer centrally positioned. The main center entrance has retained its original wooden double doors, stamped bronze hardware and paneled and fluted trim.

The upper three stories have undergone no alterations. The tripartite bay division is a reverse of the ground story: narrow outer bays and a wide center section. Three-story vertical brick piers with three-quarter rounded edges define the bays. A horizontal band of curved brick laid in a basketweave pattern separates the three stories. The upper band contains an inscribed nameplate; and the lower band a dateplate.

Fenestration of the outer bays is paired one-over-one sash set between brick voussoirs and shared sandstone sills. The center bay contains pairs of one-over-one sash and a wider, single window above the center entrance. Fourth story window openings in this bay are round-arched. A single sandstone sill extends across the width of the bay at each story. The building is surmounted by a corbeled cornice and a paneled metal parapet.

The other exposed elevation (west) is faced in rough-finished red brick, portions of which have been sandblasted. Until recently, a 2½ story mansard-roof building adjoined the front section of the elevation. The rear section has groups of segmental-arched windows resting on gratis sills.

The interior of the Warren Block is handsomely finished with reeded fir door and window casings. Marble stairs lead from the tiled foyer to the second floor where an open stairwell with oak and fir trim and lit by a leaded skylight occupies a large portion of the upper three floors. An intact, paneled elevator cab still functions.

The building is currently being rehabilitated and adapted to apartments following the Secretary of Interior's standards for rehabilitation.

8. Significance

Warren Block, 155 Main Street, Marlborough

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1891 **Builder/Architect** Joseph E. Warren (probable)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Warren Block possesses integrity of location, design, workmanship, feeling and association. The building is significant as a rare survivor of Marlborough's period of commercial prosperity during the late 19th century and as a fine example of the period's eclectic architecture. Erected by a prominent local citizen, the building meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

In the early 20th century, the Warren Block was one of many two to four story masonry commercial blocks which lined Marlborough's Main Street. The city's growth, like many of New England's industrial centers, is directly attributed to the arrival of the railroad which came to Marlborough in the 1830's. Railroad access to Boston brought an immediate boost to the cottage production of shoes, begun in 1835, quickly consolidating and mechanizing the process into an industry of considerable importance. In 1860, the city's boot and shoe industry peaked sales of \$10 million. The manufacture of related products, particularly boxes, further added to the community's capital growth. In 1927 Marlborough ranked fourth in New England in shoe production and was recognized as the largest producer of footwear per capita in the nation.

Marlborough's commercial district was erected by both shoe industrialists and other businessmen to serve the private market. The Warren Block was erected by Winslow Morse Warren, a prominent businessman who was born in Marlborough in 1828. For over forty years Warren was engaged in the express business of Dart & Company which operated between Boston and Marlborough (and of which he ultimately became proprietor). During this period he managed an insurance business in Marlborough as well. Warren's active role in local affairs extended to trusteeship of the Marlborough Savings Bank, directorship of the People's National Bank and treasurer of the town. When he erected the Warren Block in 1891, the fourth floor was designed as a club room. Its first occupant was the Union Club of which Warren was a trustee. The lower two floors house offices and, on the ground level, two stores.

Though not documented, the probable builder of the block was Joseph E. Warren & Company, the leading building contactors in the vicinity. Among Warren's known buildings are the Grand Army Building and the People's National Bank, located a few yards west on Main Street. No relationship between the two Warrens has been established.

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

(Continued)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Marlborough

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UMT References

A

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B

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property includes the entire lot occupied by 155 Main Street. From the southwest corner, the lot extends north 82', east 60½', south 82' and west 63' to the starting point.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date October, 1982

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617 727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Peter W. Weselowski date 2/3/83

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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

Entered in the National Register date 3/10/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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

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9. Bibliographical References (Continued)

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Lewis & Col, Philadelphia, 1890, vol.3.
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Warren Block
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexplored		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates

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
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT Reference _____

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: 202 272-3500



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Bride & Beau **155** *You can't beat...* **City Hall Music**

WARREN BLOCK

1881

CASH
BINGO
TUESDAY
FRIDAY

PARTY OF 4 Free
HOST FOR GROOM

ALLIEN
BANK

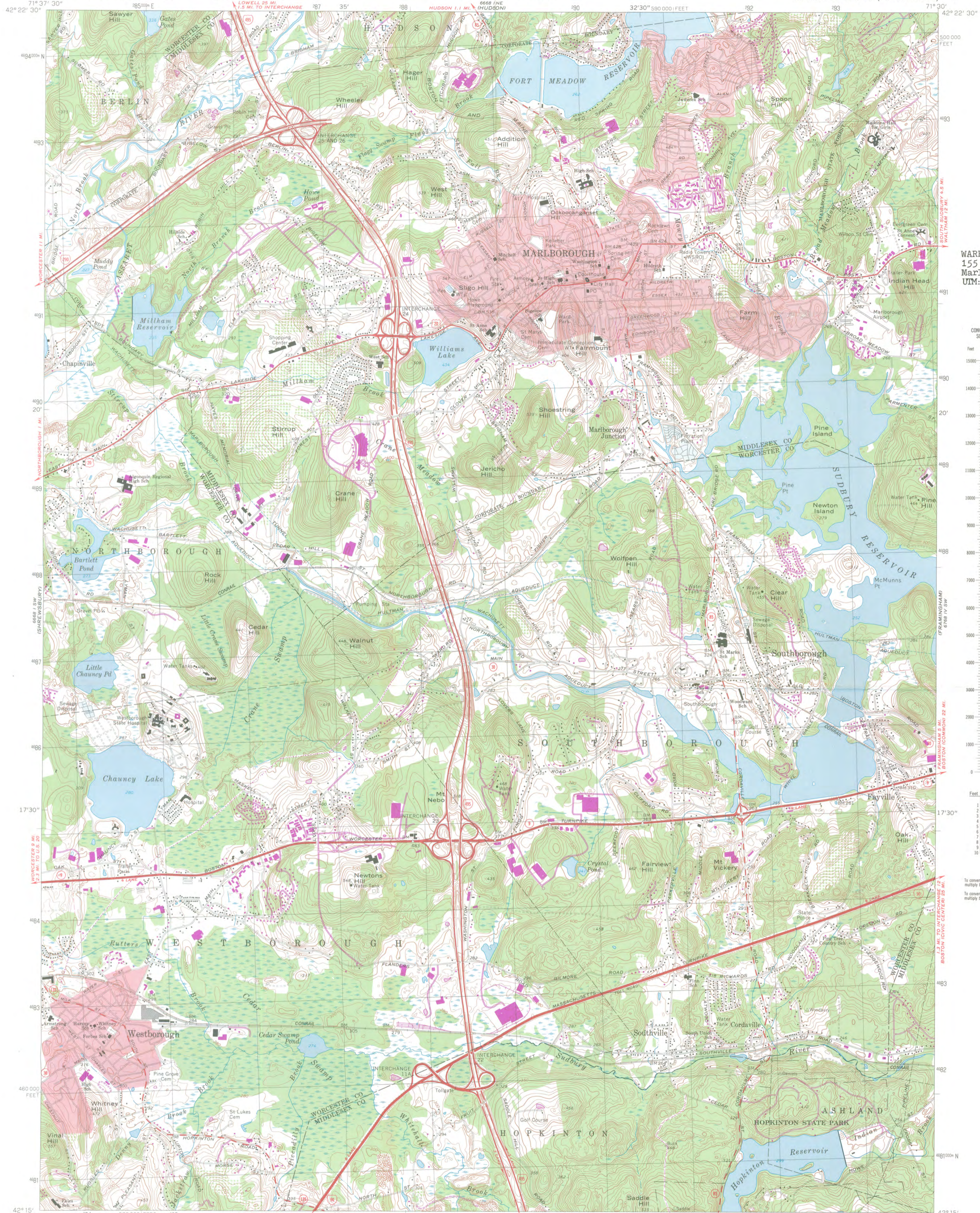
WARREN BLOCK

155 Main St., Marlborough, MA
Photograph by Elizabeth Durfee Hengen
June 1982

Negative filed at 45 Cabot St.,
Winchester, MA

Photo #1: View looking northeast at
facade and west elevation

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WARREN BLOCK
155 Main Street
Marlborough, MA
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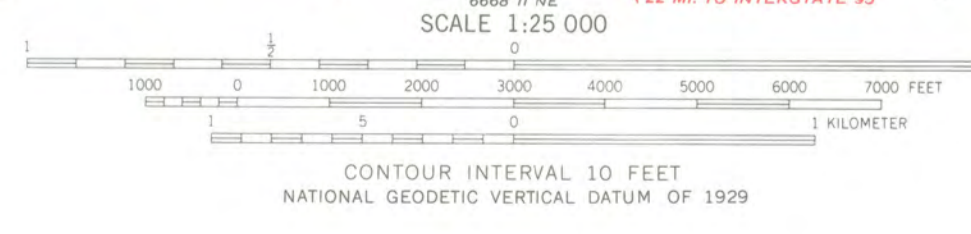


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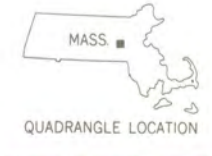
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is checked
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There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, improved surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, unimproved road, fair or dry weather	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route



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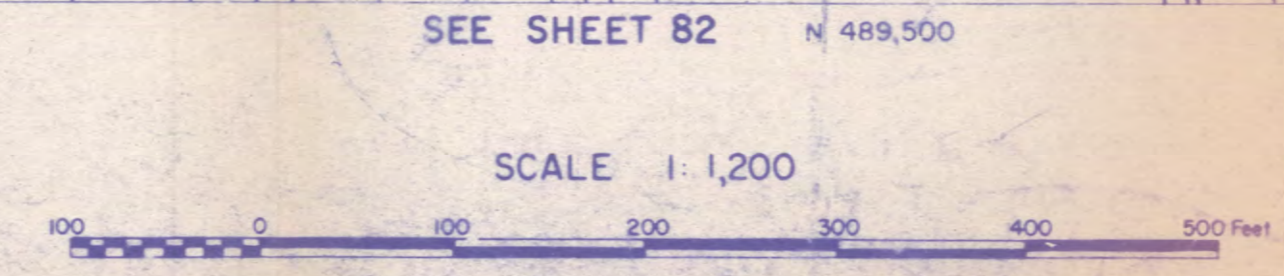
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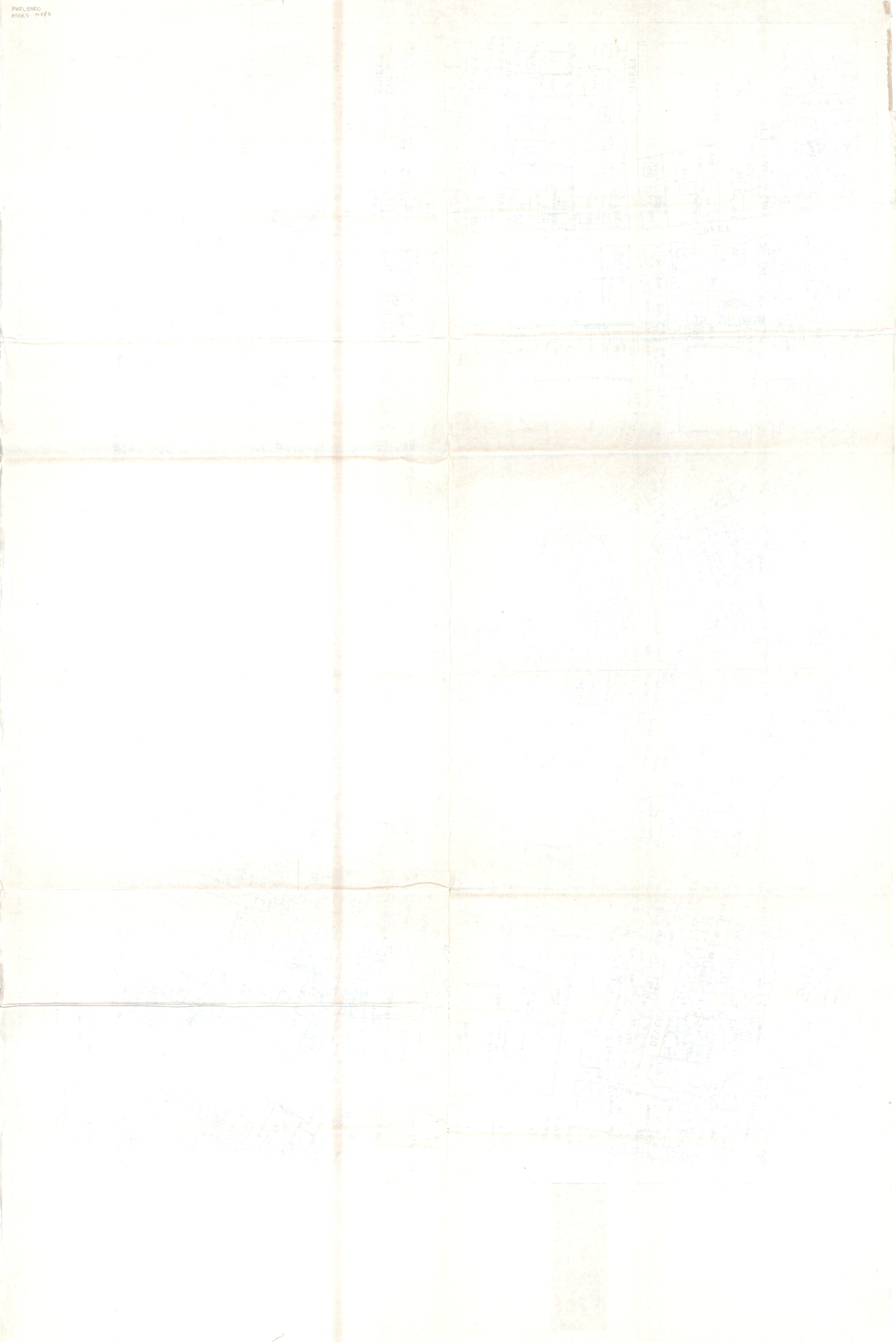
WARREN BLOCK
155 Main Street
Marlborough, MA



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MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS
ASSESSORS MAP
CONTRACT NO. 1506 SHEET 70 OF 118 SHEETS



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January 3, 1983

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

Dear Ms. Jenkins;

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

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

Sincerely,

Franco D'Annunzio



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
02108
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

February 4, 1983

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

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

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

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

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director

CJ/lk

