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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

General Samuel Chandler House

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8 Goodwin Road

CITY, TOWN Lexington

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF Boston

CODE 02173

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

017

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

Robert P. and Charlotte C. Outerbridge

STREET & NUMBER

8 Goodwin Road

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

VICINITY OF

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

02173

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Middlesex County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

208 Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Massachusetts

02141

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1975

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

294 Washington Street, Boston

STATE

Mass. 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

The General Samuel Chandler House is situated on the summit of Meriam Hill overlooking Lexington Green in Lexington. The house encircled by a quite short street which was originally the driveway. This street, Goodwin Road, forms the boundry line for the well maintained property. The surrounding area is residential, with only two other houses in the immediate vicinity.

The two story, two chimney, house is an example of the early Italianate villa style popularized by Andrew Jackson Downing in Cottage Residences (1842). The exterior wall surface is rusticated wood designed to resemble stone block. A wooden stringcourse defines the first and second floors. True to its' Downingsque inspiration, the house has a shallow gabled roof with overhanging eaves. There are double brackets at the cornice line, and a variety of window styles. Some of the windows are round arched, covered by projecting triangular bracketed pediments. Others are simple double hung windows with flat projecting lintels. There is a small Palladian window in the western gable. The western ridge-roofed section of the house shows louvered shutters.

There are two open verandas. The rear veranda, on the northern elevation, has clustered posts supporting the bracketed roof. The veranda was originally continuous from the facade, around the west end of the house, but was altered during the 1920's. This is the only known alteration to the original structure. The one-bay entrance veranda, on the southern facade has three arches and a bracketed sloping roof.

A semi-circular, two story, flat roofed bay projects from the facade, and a full three story asymmetrically placed campanile tower rises next to the bay. The tower has triple round arched windows on each of the four third story sides. Beneath each set of windows, there is a wooden balcony supported by heavy brackets. The tower roof is shallow pitched with paired brackets at the cornice, and is surmounted by a wooden pinnacle. This irregular and picturesque massing is typical of the villa style.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

1846

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Issac Melvin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The General Samuel Chandler House is significant as the only example of the fully developed Italian villa style in Lexington. The house is expressive of the solid character of its' original owner, General Samuel Chandler, who was born in Lexington in 1795. General Chandler fought in the War of 1812 and was a lieutenant at Fort Erie when it was under seige. By the end of the war, he has become a first lieutenant, and shortly thereafter was appointed major general in the Militia. General Chandler returned to Lexington after the war. He managed a grocery store there from 1822 until 1825 when he took charge of the Monument House, one of Lexington's many early 19th century inns. He gradually acquired prominence in town affairs. In 1834 he was elected to the committee responsible for moving the bodies of the Minute Men slain on the morning of April 19th, 1775, from the Old Burying Ground to a site near the 1799 Revolutionary War monument on Lexington Green. In 1839, he represented Middlesex County in the State Senate. He later became a justice of the peace, a trial justice, and for ten years, sheriff of Middlesex County.

In 1846, General Chandler commissioned Isaac Melvin, a local architect, to submit plans for an Italianate villa to be located behind Buckman Tavern on Meriam Hill. General Chandler lived in the house until his death in 1867.

Isaac Melvin grew up in Concord, and lived in Lexington from 1833 until 1847. He designed several buildings in Lexington including the Stone Building, the First Parish Church, the first Town Hall, and a house for Samuel Chandler's brother, Daniel. In about 1847, Melvin moved to Cambridge where a number of houses and a Baptist Church are credited to him. He died in California in 1852.

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 1/2 acre.

UTM REFERENCES

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-------------|---------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1,9 | 3,1,6,6,8,0 | 4,7,0,2,0,6,0 | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Elizabeth W. Reinhardt, Lexington Historical Commission

Blaine Mallory and Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

October 18, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Mass. 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 Amador

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE 10/26/76

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

CHIEF

Leslie J. ...

DATE 4/13/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles ...

DATE 3.18.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Property Chandler, General Samuel, House

Middlesex

State Mass. Working Number 11.1.76.4416

TECHNICAL

Photos 12
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CONTROL

KP
OK 11.1.76

This is only checked for architecture, but has significance for its association w/ Samuel Chandler, also.

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Grosvenor
11/15/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

claim now bay curved section is original
what is gambrel roofed section? Joe has found other Mass examples.

called record
recovered 12/15/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

nice! Accept
Cole
2/21/77

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Handwritten signature
for inventory
2.15.77

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered APR 13 1977
Federal Register Entry 5-3-77 Re-submit _____

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General Samuel Chandler House
Lexington, Mass.
January, 1976
Elizabeth W. Reinhardt
10 Eliot Road, Lexington, Mass.
Photo #1 *of 2*
Southern facade, and west elevation.

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*General Samuel Chandler
House*

8 Goddwin Rd.

Lexington, Mass.

West end + South facing

facade

Photo credit: Elizabeth W. Reinhardt

10 Eliot Rd.

Lexington



General Samuel Chandler House
Lexington, Massachusetts
January, 1976
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10 Eliot Road, Lexington, Mass.
Photo #2 *12*
Northern, rear elevation.

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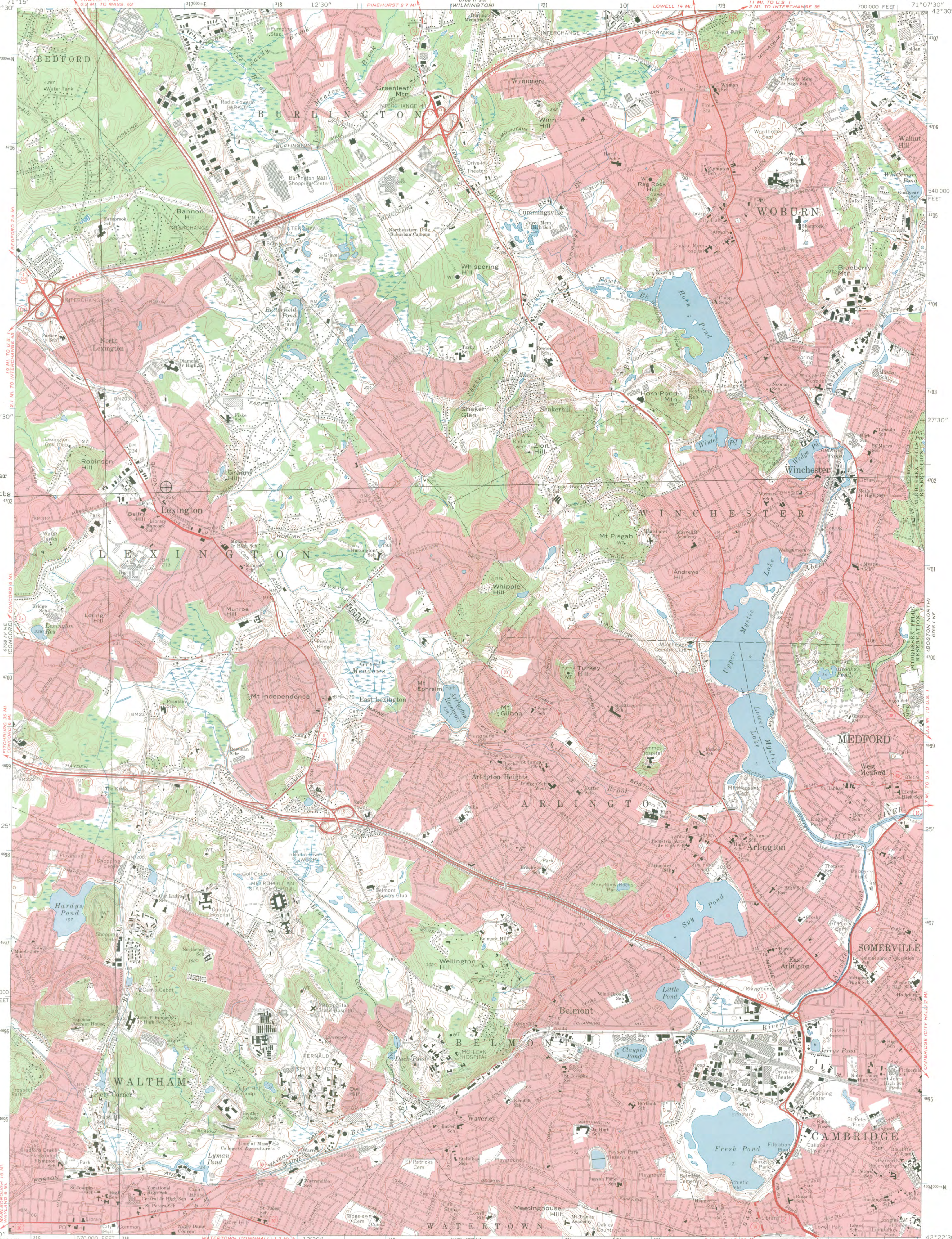
Northern, rear facade

General Samuel Chandler house
8 Goodwin Rd.
Lexington, Mass

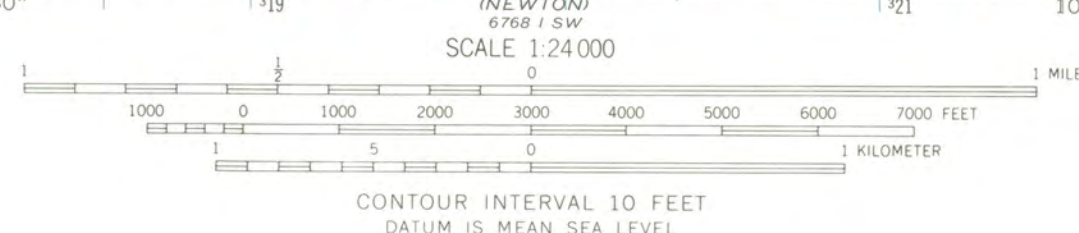
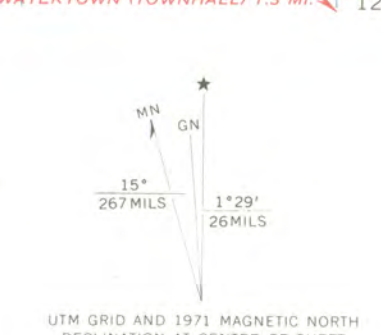
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Lexington

General Samuel Chandler
House,
Lexington, Massachusetts
UTM Coordinate:
19/316 680/4702 060



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Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1939. Topography by planetable surveys 1943
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark
buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Primary highway, hard surface | Light duty road, hard or improved surface |
| Secondary highway, hard surface | Unimproved road |
| Interstate Route | 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



LEXINGTON, MASS.
N4222.5—W7107.5/7.5
1971
AMS 6768 I NW—SERIES V814



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 13 1977

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Great Stone Dam | Lawrence vicinity Essex County |
| Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church | Lowell Middlesex County |
| Chandler, General Samuel, Fouse | Lexington Middlesex County |

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Paul Tsongas
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Arndon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/15/76
Reviewer INITIALS: 86
DOE APR 13 1977

NR

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Chandler, Gen. Samuel, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 8 Goodwin Rd.
CITY, TOWN Lexington CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th
STATE Massachusetts VICINITY OF 25 COUNTY Middlesex code 017

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:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
- Substantially intact-1 - Substantially intact-2 - Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4 - unknown - 5 - unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED RECONSTRUCTED UNKNOWN
 UNEXCAVATED EXCAVATED

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

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

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- House

now- House

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE MILITARY SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN recreation
 ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING MUSIC TRANSPORTATION settlement
 ART EXPLORATION PHILOSOPHY OTHER (SPECIFY) socio/cultural
 COMMERCE INDUSTRY POLITICAL GOVERNMENT urban & commun
 COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ITALIANATE

architect/m.builder: ~~Wm~~ Melvin

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal Samuel Chandler (1795-1867) - original owner - soldier, local official, state legislator

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1846

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre)

.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

~~IRREGULAR~~
FRAME, 2 STORY, RECTANGULAR, 3 STORY, SQUARE TOWER, BRACKETED
OVERHANGS, 6 PORCHES, 1 STORY

TYPICAL IRREGULAR MASSING

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Home of General Samuel Chandler, veteran of the War of 1812, a prominent local official, and state legislator.