

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 Foxboro Grange Hall

and/or common Foxboro Grange Hall

2. Location

street & number 11-15 Bird Street N/A not for publication

city, town Foxboro N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Massachusetts code 025 county Norfolk code 021

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Bird Street Realty Trust

street & number P.O. Box 754

city, town Norwood N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds

street & number High Street

city, town Dedham state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth # 188 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state MA

7. Description Foxboro Grange Hall, Foxboro, MA

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Foxboro Grange Hall is a late Victorian commercial building in downtown Foxboro. It stands directly on the sidewalk of Bird Street, abutted by parking lots and an apartment building. The Town Common lies approximately 200 feet to the west.

Sheathed in clapboard, the blocky wood frame structure is capped by an asphalt shingled roof. A granite ashlar foundation contains a full basement, while the roof frames a small slightly offset chimney and single, gabled dormers on the front (north) and back (south). Although its roof height remains constant, the Grange Hall contains three stories in its forward section and — due to the exaggerated height of the second floor meeting room — only two stories at the rear. Plain corner boards and a simple frieze with cornice molding frame all elevations.

The symmetrical facade (north side) rises from two ground floor storefronts flanking a central doorway. The plate glass store windows and recessed, canted entries are topped by glazed transoms and framed by plain wooden posts, a simple entablature, and low vertical boarding. On the second floor are five 2/2 windows with a simple cornice molding, while the third floor contains five shorter 2/2 windows with plain architraves. The east and west sides of the forward part of the building have similar fenestration, substituting small rectangular windows with cornice molding high of the first floor. Windows on the asymmetrical west side lack the decorative cornice molding.

The rear of the building projects eastward about five feet; it has regularly placed, unornamented 2/2 windows on the first floor and on the eastern side of the second floor. The rest of the second floor, which contained the original Grange hall, has taller 2/2 sash surmounted by two-light transoms. Subsidiary doorways are irregularly placed, and include two on the ground floor of the west side, two on the ground floor and one on the second floor of the rear (south side), and one on the second floor north of the rear projection.

The interior of the Grange Hall provides a variety of spaces. On the first floor, two stores flank a wide straight run of stairs; a long office occupies the rear of this floor. On the second floor are located three small offices and, at the rear, a large two-story room (originally the Grange meeting hall, now a hat shop). The smaller third floor contains two apartments, entered by subsidiary front and rear interior stairs. Extant interior trim includes the turned balustrade of the main staircase and window and door trim on the second floor.

Alterations to the exterior of the building have consisted mainly of small added doorways and fire escapes. On the interior, the Grange hall's original stage was removed in the late 1930's, and renovations have been made to portions of the floor plan and interior furnishings of the first and third floors.

8. Significance Foxboro Grange Hall, Foxboro, MA

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1897 **Builder/Architect** N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Grange Hall is significant primarily for its association with the Foxboro Grange and with the regionally important straw hat industry. Secondly, it remains as one of Foxboro's few extant and intact commercial blocks of the 19th century. The property meets Criterion A of the National Register, retaining integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting, and location.

The Grange Hall was built in 1897 as a meeting place for the Foxboro Grange, which occupied the second and third floors for 31 years. A grain store and other small retail businesses initially occupied the first floor.

During the 19th century, Foxboro changed from a small agricultural community to a large industrial town - a result of the huge success of the straw hat industry. Membership in the Grange naturally fluctuated by the turn of the century, yet it remained an important social organization to the people of Foxboro. Today the Grange Hall acts as a physical reminder of the town's agricultural heritage.

The building's second historical association is with the straw hat industry, which dominated Foxboro's economy in the 19th century. Small scale manufacturing of hats began here in the 1930's, although the industry as a whole was already in decline by then. Francis Peterson, formerly an employee of the prominent Inman and Kimball Hat Factory, started his own hat business in the Grange Hall in 1937. Mrs. Wendell S. Young, Peterson's daughter, still sells hats there today in the Foxboro Hat Shop. The building is one of the few sites remaining in Foxboro where straw hats were made.

Although not stylistically distinctive, the Grange Hall is significant as an intact example of an important 19th century building type. As was the case with many social and fraternal organizations, the Foxboro Grange erected a building which not only provided a second floor meeting hall, but also contained rentable ground floor space. The 1897 Foxboro Grange Hall preserves both of these features intact.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cutler, 9/7/82. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cutler are active members of the Foxboro Grange.
 Interview with Mrs. Wendell S. Young, owner of the Foxboro Hat Shop. 9/15/82
 Record Books of the Foxboro Grange, Man Mar Building #2, Mechanic Street, Foxboro.
 The Foxboro Reporter, Jack Authalet, 7/17/80, page 1

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10,900 square feet.

Quadrangle name Wrentham

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UMT References

A

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B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification The land in Foxboro, Norfolk, County, Mass., together with the buildings thereon known as the "Grange Hall Property" situated on the southeasterly side of Bird Street and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southerly corner of said parcel at the easterly end of a stone wall in line of land

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries (see attached sketch map).

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner, with Mary Elizabeth Pyne, Consultant

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date 12-31-82

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 *Patricia L. Weslowski*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/16/83

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

Entered in the National Register

date 4/21/83

for *Allores Byers*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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

**National Register of Historic Places
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Continuation sheet Foxboro Grange Hall

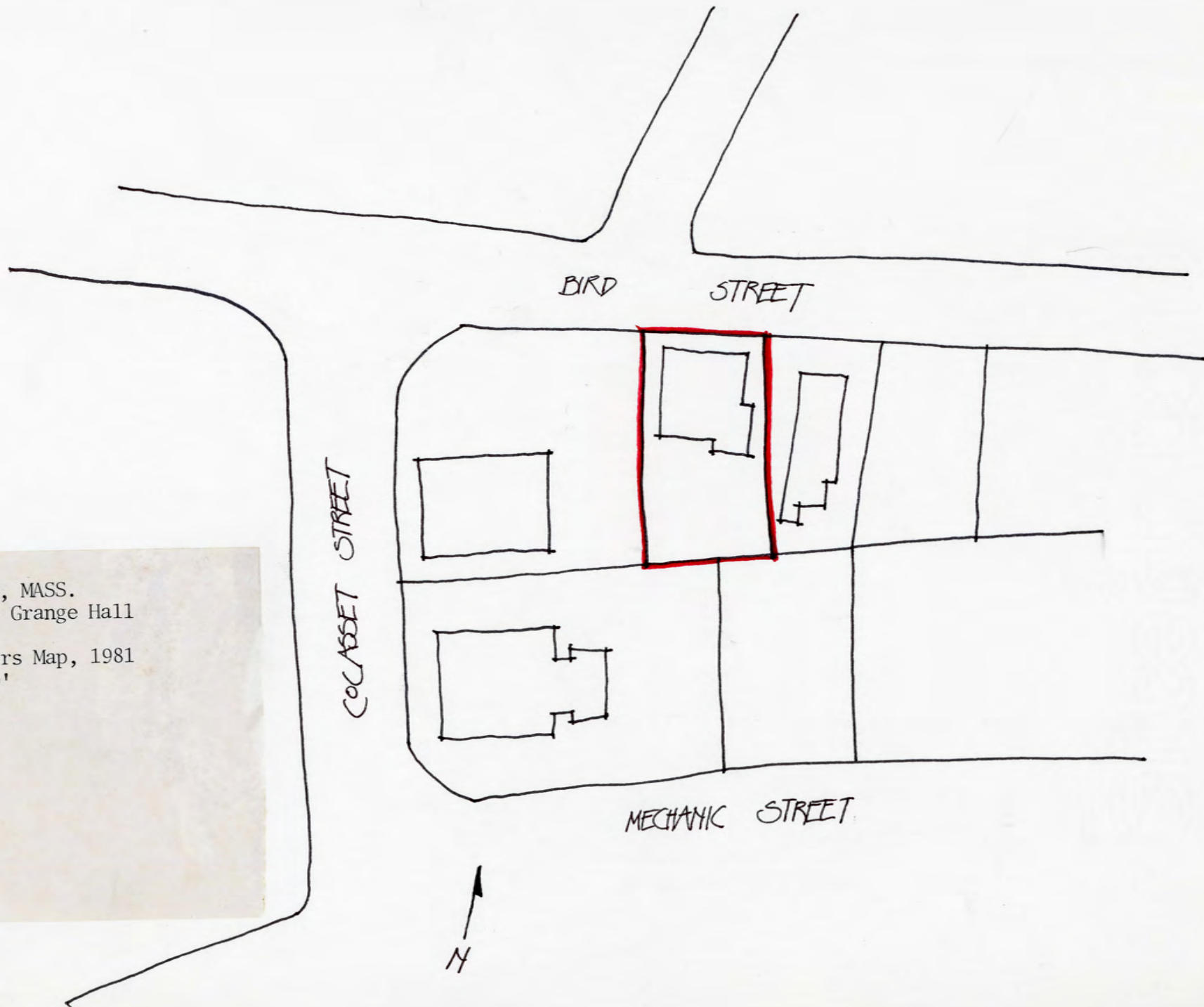
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formerly of William H. Carpenter now of U.S. Post Office; thence running about N. 29- $\frac{1}{2}$ th W. on line of southwesterly face of the stone fence posts by land formerly of the Heirs of Ezra Pickens and Heirs of Willard P. Turner, now of First National Stores, one hundred forty-two (142) feet, more or less, to the centre of a stone bound at corner of land formerly of Etta M. Carpenter, now supposed to be of Jennie Bean; Thence by land of said Bean, in a southeasterly direction, one hundred thirty-one (131) feet, more or less, to the center of a stone fence post in line of land formerly of Carpenter, now of Bearce et al.; thence by line of said Bearce in part and in part by said land of U.S. Post Office, about S. 50th W. seventy-eight and $\frac{5}{10}$ (78.5) feet more or less, to the point of the beginning.

FOXBORO, MASS.
Foxboro Grange Hall

Assessors Map, 1981
1" = 80'



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Foxboro Grange Hall
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 22 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 4/21/83 - 5/6/83

Action: ACCEPT 4/21/83

Entered in the RETURN

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USFT 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



TRADING POST

FOXBORO
HAT SHOP
HATS

SUBS & PIZZA
Coca-Cola

Foxboro Grange Hall
Foxboro, Mass

9/20/82
Mary E. Pyne

FOXBORO, MASS.
Foxboro Grange Hall

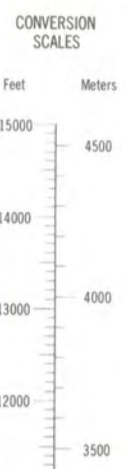
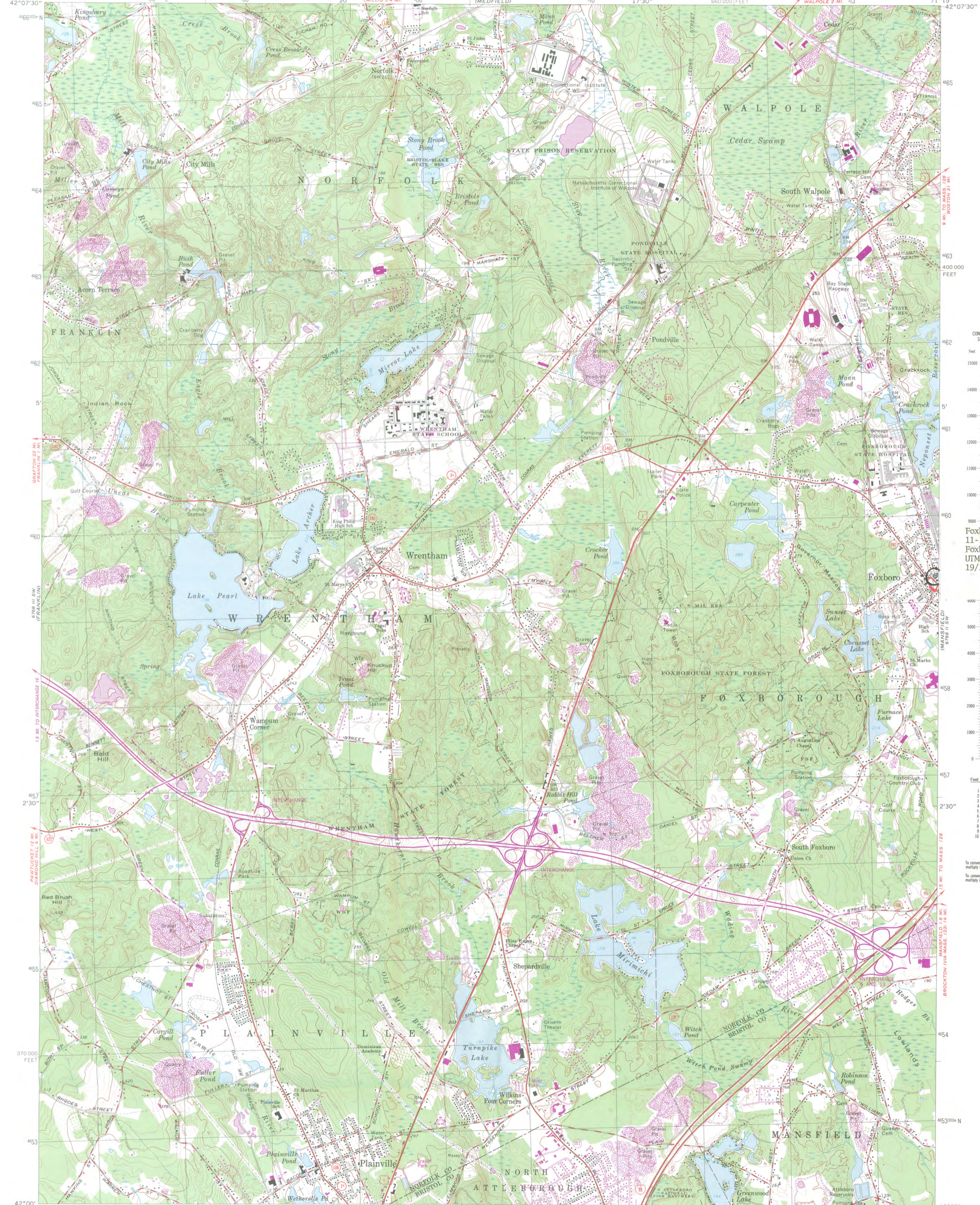
View of the north facade
Photo by Mary Elizabeth Pyne, 1982
Negative at Memorial Hall, Foxboro

Photo 1 of 1



698 III SW (HOLLISTON)

678 III NW (NORWOOD)



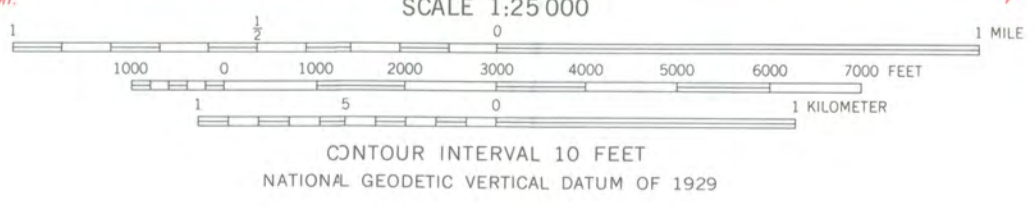
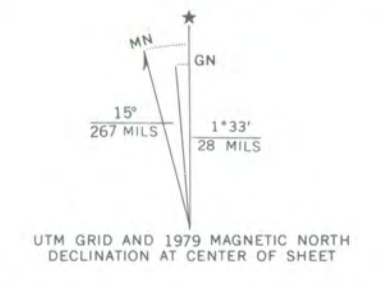
Foxboro Grange Hall
11-15 Bird Street
Foxboro, MA
UTM references:
19/313800/4659300

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8	24284
9	27282
10	30280

To convert feet to meters
multiply by 3048
To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1938. Revised 1964
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
zone 19

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of
Massachusetts agencies from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other
source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



WRENTHAM, MASS.
N4200—W7115/7.5
1964
PHOTOREVISED 1979
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

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

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

March 16, 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:

Hampden: Thornton W. Burgess House (national)
Foxboro: Memorial Hall (local)
 Grange Hall (local)
 Josiah Pratt House (local)

Also enclosed is the Garbose Building in Gardner, which was returned to us for a property map.

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
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CJ:mmd
Enclosures

