

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL 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

Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House

AND/OR COMMON

Plymouth Federal Savings and Loan Association

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

32 Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Plymouth

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE
025COUNTY
PlymouthCODE
023**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

Plymouth Federal Savings and Loan Association

STREET & NUMBER

32 Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Plymouth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02360

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

Plymouth County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Russell Street

CITY, TOWN

Plymouth

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE
Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
☒ EXCELLENT	☐ DETERIORATED	☐ UNALTERED	☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ GOOD	☐ RUINS	☒ ALTERED	☐ MOVED
☐ FAIR	☐ UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House was built c. 1803 on what was then the north corner of Court Square, now the corner of Court Street and North Russell. Court Street is one of Plymouth's major commercial areas, and the Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House is surrounded by low commercial buildings from the later nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The Plymouth County buildings, including the Court House and the Registry of Deeds are located south of the house, on North Russell Street.

The main block of the three-story hip roofed Federal house looks today essentially as it did when it was built; however, the kitchen ell to the southwest was altered and a low one-story structure added to the northwest when the house was bought by the Plymouth Federal Savings and Loan Association in 1951. At the same time, the front portico, which had been altered in the 1840's to a tetrastyle Doric porch with granite steps leading straight to the street, was reconstructed to its original appearance. The evidence for the reconstruction came from William T. Davis' account, "Memories of an Octogenarian", written in 1906, and from the discovery of a portion of the original cloverleaf column found in the back yard. Davis, in his account, noted that "The beautiful old porch of the house in question, rounded in shape and supported by clover leaf columns, harmonizing with the windows beneath and above it was replaced by the present one about 1840."

The painted brick house is five bays wide and three deep. The shuttered windows on the first and second floors have 6/6 sash and splayed lintels; the windows on the third floor also have splayed lintels, but in keeping with Federal period proportions, have 6/3 sash. The front door, with half sidelights and an elliptical fan light, is protected by the delicate Federal portico, supported by four slender cloverleaf columns and surmounted by a balustraded roof. A palladian window looks out over the balustrades, and a large rectangular window divided by pilasters on the third floor and a pilastered panel on the roof balustrade echo the detail of the palladian window and the front door.

A belt course circles the building between the first and second floor, and a Romanesque inspired corbel table is located under the cornice. An octagonal cupola with four shuttered windows and four arched louvered openings is located on the center of the hip roof. Since the facade of the building is not quite symmetrical, the cupola is not centered over the front door and palladian window. Three of the four original inside end chimneys are still extant, with working fireplaces.

A low one-story addition to the northwest and southwest was built in 1951 to house the bank's business functions. The well proportioned addition is set back from the house, with a wide plain entablature above the cornice, and a Corinthian columned portico topped by a pediment.

The interior of the building has been beautifully maintained. The original mantels and paneling are intact, although some of the interior walls on the first and second floors have been moved around to create additional space. A significant interior feature is the elliptical cantilevered staircase which rises from the first floor all the way up to the cupola on the roof. Another unusual feature is a doorway, leading from the staircase hall on the second floor to the back rooms, which has a Gothic ogee curved arched opening, with trefoil decoration. Also on the second floor is a large spring floor ballroom which runs the length of the northwest side. The first and second floors of the building are now used by the bank for their offices; the third floor is rented out to two accounting firms.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
— PREHISTORIC	— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	— COMMUNITY PLANNING	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	— RELIGION	
— 1400-1499	— ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	— CONSERVATION	— LAW	— SCIENCE	
— 1500-1599	— AGRICULTURE	— ECONOMICS	— LITERATURE	— SCULPTURE	
— 1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	— EDUCATION	— MILITARY	— SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
— 1700-1799	— ART	— ENGINEERING	— MUSIC	— THEATER	
X 1800-1899	X COMMERCE	— EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	— PHILOSOPHY	— TRANSPORTATION	
— 1900-	— COMMUNICATIONS	— INDUSTRY	— POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	— OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		— INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1803

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The occupants of the Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House have played a significant role in the development of Plymouth, both economically and socially, and the building, a classic example of the Federal style, has great architectural merit. It is also significant as an excellent example of thoughtful and practical reuse of an originally residential structure to commercial use.

Captain Joseph Bartlett, a Plymouth shipowner and merchant, bought a lot on the north corner of Court Square in 1803, and built the present structure shortly thereafter. He lived in the house until 1820, when, because of financial reversals caused by the War of 1812 and the embargoes, he moved back to his former home on the south corner of Court Square. His son William, who had been living in the "old" house since his marriage in 1814, changed places with his father and moved into the brick house. William turned the house into an Inn, called the Old Colony Hotel, and managed it for a couple of years. His son John was born in 1820, and spent the first few years of his life in the Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House. John later moved to Cambridge where he worked and then owned the University Book Store. He became very well known for his ability to identify and locate books and quotations, and eventually published Bartlett's Familiar Quotations.

William Spooner and then Ezra Cushing succeeded William Bartlett in running the house as an inn, but in 1827 the house was bought by Nathaniel Russell, who again used the house as a residence. Russell was extensively engaged in the iron manufacturing business in collaboration with William T. Davis and Barnabas Hedge, and after 1837, headed his own business. On his death in 1852 the house passed to his daughter Mary, who in turn left it to her brother, Nathaniel II. On the death of Nathaniel II the estate was purchased by his daughter, Catherine Elliott Russell-Hedge.

The Hedge family included a number of prominent individuals active in business and community affairs. The late William R. Hedge was president of the Boston Insurance Company and the Old Colony Insurance Company, and was a president of the Pilgrim Society. His sister, the late Lucia Hedge, was an artist of some note, and three of her oil sketches, painted from the front windows of the house, are now hanging in the bank offices.

On November 1, 1951 the building was acquired from the Hedge family by the Plymouth Federal Savings and Loan Association. The Association used great care in altering the building for their needs, and has done an excellent job in preserving the architectural integrity of the building while giving it a new use.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Davis, William T., "Plymouth Memories of an Octogenarian", Memorial Press, Plymouth, MA 1906

Davis, William T., "Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth", A. Williams and Co., 1883

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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

Christine Boulding, Preservation Planner, and Walder J. Engstrom

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

March 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 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

3/31/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

100

DATE

4/30/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

4.30.76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House

State Massachusetts

Working Number 4.6.76.3017

Plymouth

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK *4.9.76*

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
4-11-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Minimal statement of arch'l. signif. can
ok in commerce
also signed in literature re Bartlett's Family Cemetery.
- no ident sheets for map, photos
I am confused by directions

Accept 4/14/76

Carol Huberman

ARCHEOLOGIST

OK *Labovich*

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4-21-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hung
4.30.76

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry _____

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

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Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House, Plymouth, MA
Studio I, August 1975
298 Court Street, No. Plymouth, MA
looking east at the northeast facade and the
southeast elevation
photo #142

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NPS April 30, 1975

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
STUDIO ONE
PLYMOUTH KINGSTON



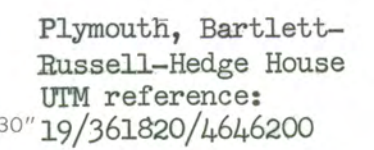
Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House, Plymouth, MA
Studio I, August 1975
298 Court Street, Plymouth, ^{CV.} MA
looking northeast at rear (southwest)
elevation
photo #2 of 2

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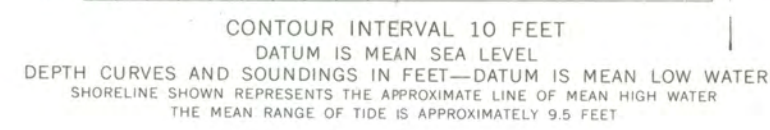
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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STUDIO ONE
PLYMOUTH KINGSTON



UTM GRID AND 1962 MAGNETIC NORTH



MASS.

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1962

AMS 6867 I NW—SERIES V814

FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

DATE ²⁰ April 18, 1976
TIME OF CALL 2 ^{AM} _{PM}

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Christine Boulding

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Mass Hist'l Comm 617-727-8470

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House nom.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

- ① Questioned significance of John Bartlett (Bartlett's Familiar Quotations) to property. Christine did not indicate Literary as significant because Bartlett only associated w/ house for 2 years as child.
- ② Questioned validity of portico reconstruction. Was it based only on Memoirs of an Octapenarian & column fragment found on site? Are any old views available? Christine will check into this, if more specific info &/or old view available she will forward it to us as continuation. I told her we would not hold up nomination.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Karole Huberman

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 30 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Stone Building	Lexington Middlesex County
Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall	Newburyport Essex County
The Follen Community Church	Lexington Middlesex County
Sands, Hiram, House	Cambridge Middlesex County
Lexington Green Historic District	Lexington Middlesex County
South Congregational Church	Springfield Hampden County
Paine, Timothy House	Worcester Worcester County
Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House	Plymouth Plymouth County

5/4/76

✓ PR:M Mott:coc

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Paul Tsongas
Hon. Michael J. Harrington
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Hon. Edward P. Boland
Hon. Joseph D. Early
Hon. Gerry E. Studds

Also Notified

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

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

OLD COLONY MEMORIAL
PLYMOUTH, MASS.
W. 10,700

MAY 27 1976

New
England
Newspaper

Plymouth

Guzzi announces inclusion of bank building in Historic Register

BOSTON—Secretary of State Paul Guzzi has announced that the Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House, 32 Court St., Plymouth, has been included in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service. The house was nominated for the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

There are nine other sites in Plymouth which are in the register. Inclusion in the register means that they are eligible to apply for National Park Service grants for preservation of the properties.

The house was built in 1803 by Captain Joseph Bartlett, a Plymouth shipowner and merchant. His grandson John, who lived in the house during the

early part of his life, later published Bartlett's Familiar Quotations.

The house was used as an inn during the early 1800's until it was purchased by Nathaniel Russell, who again turned it into a residence. Russell was engaged in the iron manufacturing business.

The Hedge family eventually became owners of the house. William R. Hedge was a president of the Boston Insurance Company and the Old Colony Insurance Company and president of the Pilgrim Society.

The building is now owned by the Plymouth Federal Savings and Loan Association. The first two floors are used by the bank, while the third floor is rented to two accounting firms.

CHRONICLE
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
W. 10,705

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MAY 27 1976

New
England
Newspaper

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

46

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Bartlett-Russell-Hedge House ✓

2 OTHER NAMES: Old Colony Hotel (SEC) ✓

3 date of entry: 4-30-76

4 county code: 023

5 LOCATION street & number: 32 Court St. ✓

city / town: Plymouth ✓

vicinity of: MA ✓

state: MA ✓

county: Plymouth ✓

6 NPS REGION: North Atlantic

7 OWNER: ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)

8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS: ☐ NABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL

10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO

11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 12

12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME: ☐ NO

14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME: ☐ NO

15 ACHEAGE: 21

16 CONDITION: ☒ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated ☒ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated ☒ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown

17 features: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☒ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7

18 ACCESS: ☒ YES - Restricted ☐ YES - Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown

19 ADAPTIVE USE: ☒ YES ☐ NO

20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☒ NO

21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

23 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: HOUSE, HOTEL CURRENTLY: BANK

24 dates of initial construction: c. 1803 ✓

25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION:

26 architectural style(s): Federal

27 architect:

28 master builder:

29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer:

31 interior decorator:

32 artist:

33 artisan:

34 builder/contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date: John Bartlett (1820-1903), compiler and ~~original~~ publisher of original edition of Bartlett's PERSONAL: Familiar Quotations (1855). EVENTS: Lucia Hedge, artist, and William R. Hedge, President of Boston Insurance Company and Old Colony Insurance Co., were members of the last family to occupy the house. INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: Brick, painted; 3 stories, modified rectangle, low-pitched hipped roof with eaves railing and octagonal central cupola, front center entrance with fanlight and sidelights, 1-story balustraded porch, surmounting Palladian window; interior elliptical cantilevered staircase ascending to cupola; 1-story side addition with pedimented entrance porch built, 1951; minor alterations. Federal. Home of Built for Captain Joseph Bartlett, Plymouth shipowner and his son and grandfather of John Bartlett, compiler and publisher of original edition of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations (1855) whose father operated the house as the Old Colony Hotel during his early boyhood.