

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Middlesex
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
SEP 28 1972

1. NAME				
COMMON: Golden Ball Tavern				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Captain Jones' in Weston "at the Sign of the golden-ball"				
2. LOCATION Congressional District 4				
STREET AND NUMBER: 662 Boston Post Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Weston				
STATE Massachusetts		CODE 025	COUNTY: Middlesex	CODE 017
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object		☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Public ☒ Private ☒ Both		☐ Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No
		Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered perpetual trust f/b/o people		☐ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☒ Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment		☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☒ Museum		☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific
		☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) community center		☐ Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Golden Ball Tavern Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 223 or c/o 39 Crescent Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Weston		STATE: Massachusetts		CODE 025
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Middlesex County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Fourth Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Massachusetts		CODE 025
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: State-wide Plan for Historic Preservation, first edition				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission				
STREET AND NUMBER: Archives Museum, State House				
CITY OR TOWN: Boston		STATE: Massachusetts		CODE 025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Golden Ball Tavern, built in 1768, stands on the Boston Post Road in Weston. It is probably the best example in the town of the final phase of Georgian Colonial architecture. The main portion of this clapboard house, measuring 38 by 42 feet, is a two-story, five by three bay structure with a high, double-hip roof and twin interior chimneys. Each facade of the house is broken by regularly spaced 12/12 sash windows and a center door. On the main (north) facade, the door is flanked by simple pilasters which support a full entablature with a modillioned cornice. Five transom lights break the entablature. A cornice similar to that above the entablature runs around the main block of the Tavern at the eave line. A golden ball, the trademark of the Tavern, hangs from a metal bracket mounted above this doorway.

An ell was added to the eastern end of the house at an early date. A large two-story ell, originally a separate house, was added to the western end of the Tavern about 1800 and is thought to predate it. Adjoining this western ell are two other structures which have recently been converted into an apartment for a custodian. The barn, whose frame includes five pairs of gunstock posts, is the only other building still standing on the Tavern property. The barn is believed to date from the same period as the main house.

The house plan is basically that of two rooms on either side of a central hall. Each of the rooms has a fireplace. Two additional fireplaces originally faced each other in the attic; one is still intact. The twin chimneys rest on barrel arches in the basement. Marks have been found on the ceiling of a ground floor room indicating the location of the plank partition of the original bar. A small second floor room is presumed to have been the innkeeper's office for it retains the original built-in ledger cupboard and its window over the eastern door would have given a view of the comings and goings of patrons. The hallway on the ground floor retains the original panelling and the straight staircase with its beautifully detailed balusters. At the top of the staircase, in the central hall, is a panelled wall with an inset door. When the door is swung back, this wall becomes two separate partitions, each of which is hinged at the top and can be raised to the ceiling and hooked. Raising this hanging wall converts a single chamber into a larger room incorporating the second floor hallway.

The present owners of the Golden Ball have undertaken an extensive study of the building with the assistance of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. The goal of the owners is not to "restore" the Tavern to its original appearance but to rehabilitate it for viable use while retaining the best of the changes made in the building by the Jones family over a period of nearly two hundred years.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1768, 1775

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Architecture | ☐ Theater | |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | ☒ Transportation | |
| ☐ Communications | ☒ Military | | |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Golden Ball Tavern, probably the best example in the Town of Weston of the final phase of Georgian Colonial architecture, was built in 1768 by Captain Isaac Jones. Though Jones was a prominent citizen, even serving as Selectman in 1772, it was his reputation as a Tory sympathizer in the period immediately before the American Revolution that involved him in the events which give the Tavern its primary historical significance.

On March 28, 1774, three months after a similar "social event" in Boston, the Golden Ball was the scene of the Weston Tea Party. Captain Jones was rumored to be selling tea on which he had paid the British duty. A group of townspeople gathered in disguise at the Golden Ball to relieve Captain Jones of his stock of tea. Finding neither Captian Jones nor the tea, the group broke windows, ransacked the house and helped themselves to the taproom supplies before returning home.

No further incidents occurred until the following year when General Gage decided to seize rebel arsenals before they became dangerously large. In February, 1775, Gage sent Captain William Brown and Ensign Henry de Berniere to estimate the preparedness of the countryside between Boston and Worcester, where military supplies had been stored by the Liberty men. The spies stayed overnight at the Golden Ball on their way to Worcester and on their return. Here they prepared the reports and sketches which General Gage had requested.

Two months later another British spy arrived at the Golden Ball on a similar mission. In his memoirs, John Howe wrote, "On the 5th of April, 1775, General Gage called on me to go as a spy to Worcester, to examine the roads, bridges and fording places and to see which was the best route to take an army to destroy the military stores deposited there."

Fearing trouble, Captain Jones moved Howe to the house of another British sympathizer in a more remote section of Weston. Later that night the Tavern was searched by a group of townspeople who intended to seize the spy and tar and feather him. "Capt. Jones set on a bottle of spirit to drink, which they drank, and all retired."

Howe, like Brown and de Berniere, reported that if General Gage sent troops to Worcester over the Weston route, not a man would get back to Boston alive. If Gage's three spies had returned more favorable reports, there might well have been a Battle of Weston instead of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. The objective was the same.

By the end of the Revolution, Captain Jones seems to have shifted his loyalties and records show him working for the American cause. He regained his prominence in Weston and in 1778 and 1779 and again from 1784 to 1789 served as Selectman. During the latter period, Jones was also Modertor of Weston and a Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts.

The tavern business in Weston declined sharply after the construction
(see continuation sheet)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A Journal Kept by Mr. John Howe while Employed as a British Spy During the Revolutionary War. Concord, New Hampshire, 1827.

"Scouting Expedition in February, 1775, of Capt. Brown and Ensign D'Berniere," printed in Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, second series IV, p. 204. Stout, Neil. "The Spies Who Went Out in the Cold," American Heritage. February, 1972.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 1/3 acres (building and grounds)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Anne R. Wardwell, Survey Director (PAM)

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE: March 30, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Archives Museum, State House

CITY OR TOWN: Boston

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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
 Title: Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission
 Date: April 6, 1972

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

Robert H. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 9/28/72

ATTEST:
William H. Murray
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 9-28-72

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8. Significance (continued)

of the Worcester Turnpike in 1805 diverted a good deal of traffic from the Post Road, which had been the main route from Boston to Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania as well as New Hampshire and Vermont. The Golden Ball ceased to serve the public about this time. However, the Jones family, six generations in all, continued to live here until 1963, when the last heir died. The building was purchased privately and given to the Golden Ball Tavern Trust to serve as a museum and community center for Weston. Rehabilitation has been going on since then. Though work is far from complete, the building has already been opened for school tours and meetings of local organizations.



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Title:

Golden Ball Tavern

Loc.

Middlesex County, Mass.
Main (North) Facade of
the Tavern, Partial View
of ells

GOLDEN BALL TAVERN
WESTON, MASS.

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main (north) facade of the Tavern,
partial view of ells

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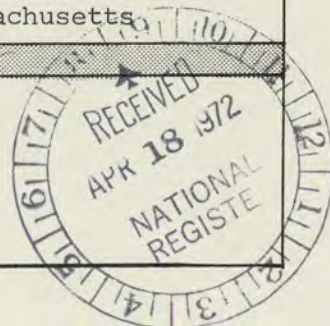
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NEGATIVE FILED AT: Golden Ball Tavern Turst, Box 223, Weston, Massachusetts			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. main (north) facade of the Tavern, partial view of ells			



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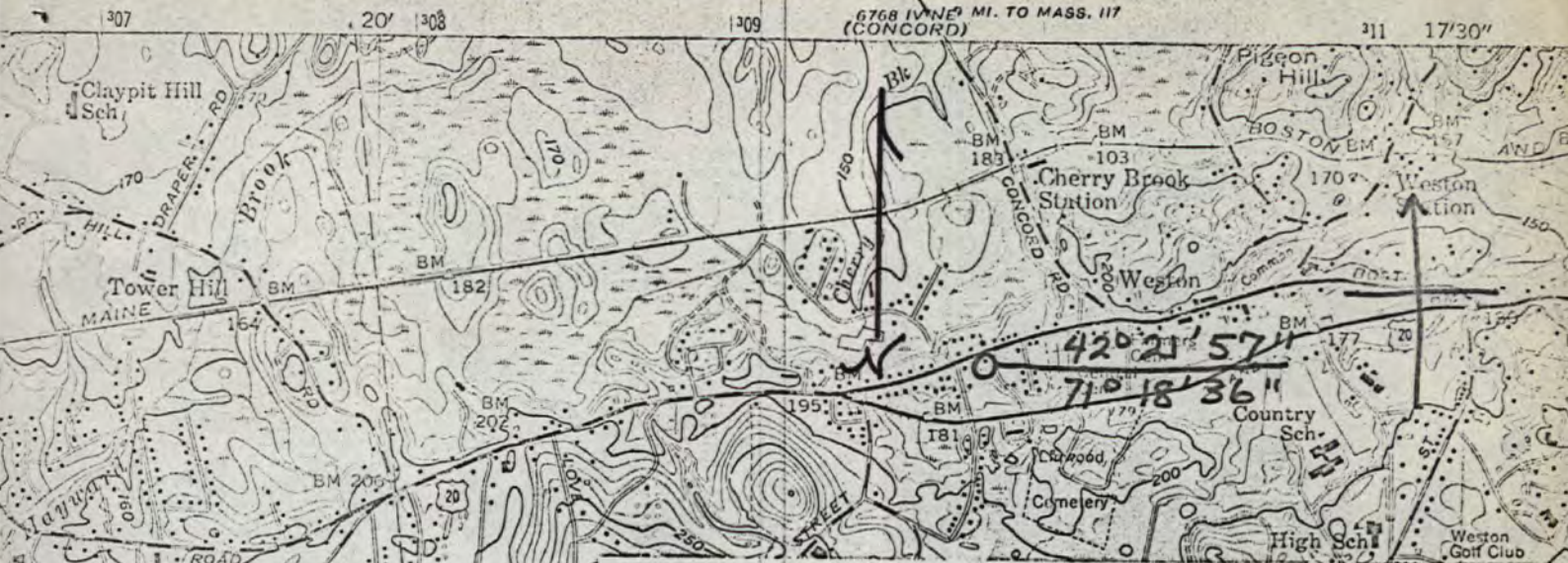
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
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WESTON, MASS.

GOLDEN BALL TAVERN

U.S.G.S. NATICK, MASS.,

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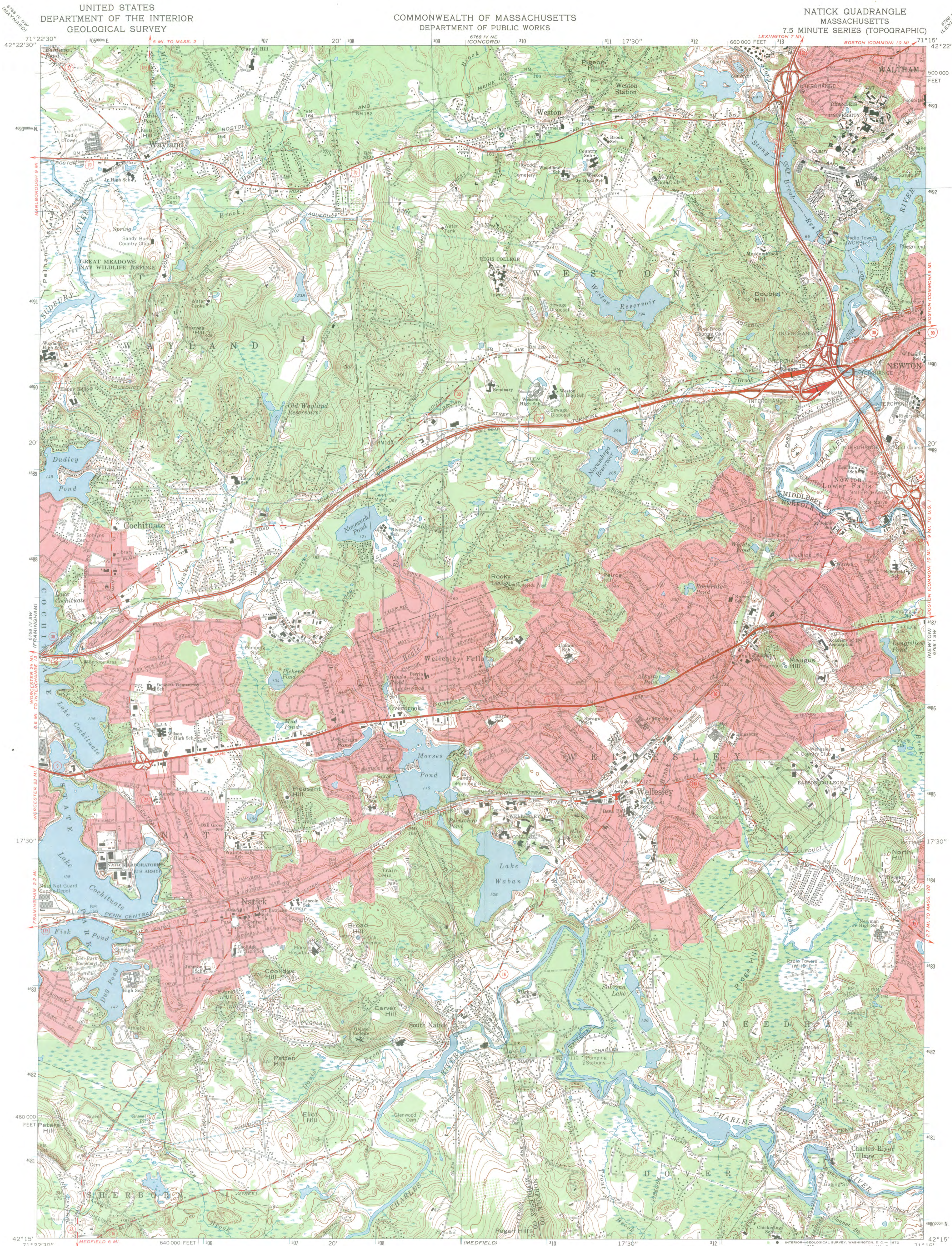
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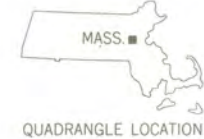
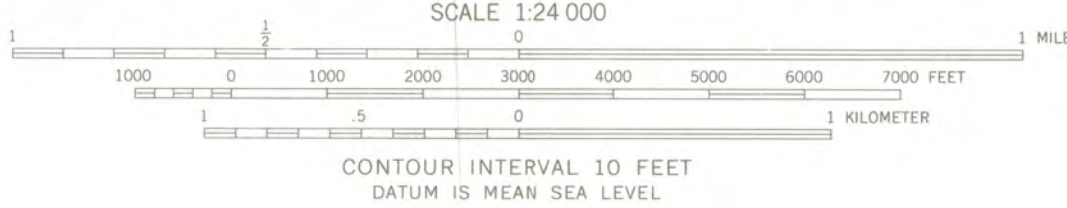
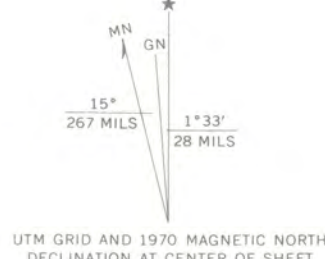
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NATICK QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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Topography by planetable surveys 1940-1941
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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
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road

NATICK, MASS.
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JUL 28 1969

HOWARD GAMBRILL, JR.
79 MILK STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

July 23, 1969

Mr. Robert M. Utley, Chief
Division of History
U. S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
801 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Utley:

At Abbott Cummings' suggestion I am writing you to ask consideration for having The Golden Ball Tavern nominated for The National Register. Mr. Cummings suggested I use his name, and your Mr. Orville Carroll of the Minute Man National Historic Park is also familiar with the Tavern and the work we are doing there.

We are trying to do the most accurate and scholarly job of restoration we can possibly do, looking to experts for guidance wherever we can find them - and the SPNEA is our foremost lead in this. We understand that your procedures, your documentation methods and specifications would be of immense value to us and therefore we make this application in the hope of having the advantage of your techniques. I might add that Penelope Hartshorn Batcheler in your Philadelphia office has been of enormous help to us and through you I would like to thank her and that office for their accurate and helpful guidance in our search for the exact bottom coat of paint.

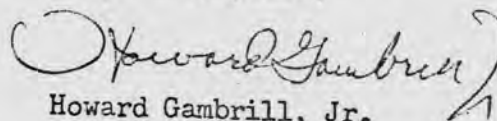
The Golden Ball Tavern is located in Weston, Massachusetts at the street address 662 Boston Post Road. Its mail address is Box 223, Weston, Mass. 02193.

While contemporary (1760-1780) references to the Tavern are several, and papers of its innkeeper are available, I shall not clutter you up with these in my first letter. Rather, I enclose a few of the things we've already printed in the hope you will be sufficiently interested to guide us as to such further moves on our part as might be in order.

I might add that while we have a phone at the Tavern, no one is usually there and if any of your people are in the neighborhood and should want to reach us, a call to my office at 79 Milk Street, Boston, phone (617) 542-1030 or, if no answer, to the home of Mr. H. C. Lucas, (617) 899-2133 would bring a response for a possible meeting.

We will greatly appreciate any consideration you may give us.

Very truly yours,


Howard Gambrill, Jr.
Trustee

HR30-WH

July 31, 1969

*Middlesex Co
Mass*

Reyes 11/31

Mr. Howard Gambrill, Jr.
Trustee
The Golden Ball Tavern Trust
79 Milk Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02100

Dear Mr. Gambrill:

This is in answer to your letter of July 23 to Mr. Robert W. Utley regarding the Golden Ball Tavern in Weston, Massachusetts.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665) provides for the expansion of the National Register of Historic Places, the core of a federally-assisted program for the preservation of archeological, architectural, and historical properties in the United States. The Act offers a degree of protection for the places listed therein from adverse effect by any federally-funded undertaking. It also sets forth provisions for Federal matching grants-in-aid to the states, and through them, to individuals and organizations for preservation projects. Properties are nominated to the National Register by a State Liaison Officer who has been appointed by the state governor. Federal funds to the states are channeled through the State Liaison Officer for various preservation projects. We suggest that you contact the Massachusetts State Liaison Officer, Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, Massachusetts 02133.

The exemplary manner in which your organization is restoring the Golden Ball Tavern could hopefully provide an excellent example of what can be done in the preservation field when sincere interest, intricate care, and a thorough sense of historic responsibility is applied to restoration.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Murtagh (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National
Register

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CC:

Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Regional Director, Northeast w/c inc.

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THE TRUSTEES OF
THE GOLDEN BALL TAVERN TRUST

BOX 223
WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02193

February 4, 1972

Mr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
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Department of the Interior
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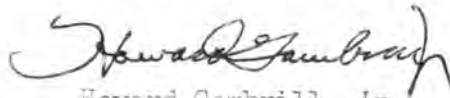
Dear Mr. Murtagh: Reference: H30-HR

Your letter of July 31, 1969, referring to the Golden Ball Tavern in Weston, Massachusetts, gave me a crutch of help which we've badly needed these past two years while the Massachusetts Commission struggled with their own heavy load.

There is now some hope that work on us at the local end may be nearing completion and I write you in the hope that perhaps if there is a watchful eye in Washington, the ball might be kept rolling!

Meanwhile, you may be interested in the "tea party" which took place at the Tavern three months after the Boston tea party, and I enclose prints of the contemporaneous news items. Also, in the February issue of American Heritage is a very amusing account of the British spies who headquartered at the Tavern in February, 1775, entitled "The Spies Who Went Out in the Cold."

Sincerely yours,



Howard Gambrill, Jr.
Chairman

Enc.

The "Boston Tea Party"

MASS SPY March 17, 1774

HEARTS OF STEEL.

For the MASSACHUSETTS SPY.
Mr. THOMAS.

By giving the following a place in your useful paper, you will oblige a subscriber and constant reader.

It is commonly reported among us in the country, that Mr. Jones of Weston, who has lately had a considerable quantity of Tea for sale, now makes his bags, that many of his good customers, (to whom he disposed of said Tea) belonged to the towns between Weston and Boston. And, (as he says) purchased of him freely, notwithstanding the sacred resolutions they had entered into, not to use much less buy any Tea or be concerned with any person that did, either directly or indirectly. Now if this be true, what can be the advantage of our town-meetings and resolves? If it is not true, does not the insolence of this arrogant boaster deserve the severest chastisement? Or indeed, which are the more worthy to be despised by their injured countrymen? The above I refer to the public for an impartial answer, before I proceed to point out any particular towns or persons.

RUSTICUS.

March 7. 1774. MASS SPY

From the BOSTON JOURNAL and BOSTONIAN
PACKET: Or the Massachusetts and New-England General Advertiser.
NEWBURY-PORT, March 7.

AS T Saturday being the anniversary of that horrid massacre, remembered in the

BOSTON POST-BOY March 28-April 14, 1774

... and the parties returned from whence they came.

We hear from Weston in the County of Middlesex, that on Monday Evening the 21st of Instant, a Number of People appeared before the House of Capt. Isaac Jones, Innholder, in that Town, gave a loud Indian WHOOP, and immediately went off without speaking to any Person in the House:—That on Monday Night last between nine and ten o'clock, a Number of Persons, supposed near one hundred again appeared there, and Capt. Jones having that Morning gone a Journey to Uxbridge, they fell to breaking the Windows of the House stove in all in the lower Rooms, and then the Chamber, Mrs. Jones was then in Bed with a young Infant, having lain in about three Weeks, the Windows of her Room did not escape but she lay exposed to the Inclemency of the Weather, it being rainy, two Hours:—Near 30 of the People entered disguised with Paints, Paper Villages, &c.—and ransacked the whole House from Cellar to Garret, without breaking down any Part excepting two Pannels of a Partition: Being asked what they were in Search of, they said, Jones, and would have him; but being told he was gone a Journey, they made free with the Bottles of Liquor in the Cellar, as also the Liquors that were in the Bar-Room breaking or carrying off the Bowls, Mugs, &c. also about 100 Lemons, and half a Cask of Raisins:—Several of them were known by the People in the House and called to by Name, when they went off.—Several other Circumstances upon this Discovery, our Informant supposes will be given when a Particular Account is taken.

A Military Watch was thought necessary, accordingly the Colonel ordered one from the Militia in Weston, to be every Night.

Capt. Jones purchased Tea at Albany last Winter, not subject to a Duty, and had retailed it out, which is said to be the Cause of this Resentment against him.

We hear from Marblehead that one Evening last Week, a Fellow was detected in bringing from the Hospital at Cat. Island

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short time after.

We hear that Salem Hospital being clear of the Patients, is shut up by Order of that Town.

We hear from Weston, that last Monday Night, between 9 and 10 o'clock, a Number of Persons assembled before the House of Capt. Isaac Jones, Innholder there, where they broke all the Windows, and about 30 of them, disguised with Paint, &c. entered the Rooms and ransacked the House from the Cellar to the Garret, in search, as they said, of Mr. Jones, whom they were determined to find; but being informed that he was gone a Journey, they then made free with the Liquors in the Cellar and Bar-Room, breaking or carrying off the Bowls, Mugs, &c. also about a hundred of Lemmons and half a Cask of Raisins; several of them, 'tis said were known, and being called by Name, they all soon after went off.

It is said this Resentment against Capt. Jones was occasioned by his having retailed out some Tea, which he purchased at Albany last Winter.

A Military Watch was thought necessary, and accordingly the Colonel ordered one from the Militia to that Town to be kept every Night.

The Ship Haley, Scott, from Boston, and the Tristram, Shand, from Rhode Island, arrived at

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house broke up at a quarter past four o'clock, and adjourned 'till this day.

More that part of his Majesty's speech to the Commons, at the conclusion of last session, was read.

For the MASSACHUSETTS SPY.
To the PUBLIC.

It seems by the resentment shown by a number of people that assembled at my house on the 28th of March, when I was gone a journey in the country, that I have done something that caused their resentment, and I know not what it should be except my bringing some tea from Albany, sometime last winter which I then supposed would not have offended any body, as it paid no duty in America; but since I find it has, I would inform the public that I am sorry that I have offended them, and am determined not to offend in the like manner for the future, for it is well known that I have seen as much for against the duties tea as any person whatever.

ISAAC JONES.

Weston, April 6. 1774.

MASS SPY April 11, 1774

... and the parties returned from whence they came.

FEB 18 1972

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Bradford for
Murtagh, 4/18/72*

H34-HR

Mr. Howard Gambrill, Jr.
Chairman
The Golden Ball Tavern Trust
Box 223
Weston, Massachusetts 02193

Dear Mr. Gambrill:

Thank you for your recent letter with its interesting enclosures concerning the Golden Ball Tavern in Weston, Massachusetts.

We are happy to have this most interesting material for our historical files, and we very much appreciate your keeping us posted on your progress at the local level.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ S. Sydney Bradford

for William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National
Register

cc:

I - Mr. Winge

HR w/cy inc.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered SEP 28 1972

Name

Location

Golden Ball Tavern

Weston
Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Harold D. Donohue

Director, Northeast Region

State Liaison Officer
Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission
Office of the Secretary, State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

HR

NRowland:mm 9/28/72

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION

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1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

74070490

2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)

3. GRANTOR: a. Federal agency

Department of the Interior

b. Organizational unit

National Park Service

c. Administering office - (1) Name

Division of Grants

(2) Address - Street or P.O. Box

18th and C Streets NW.

City

Washington

State

DC

Zip Code

20240

4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER:

25-75-00306-00

a. Code

b. Title

Golden Ball Tavern Development

c. Purpose The Tavern, built in 1768, is significant as an example of local Georgian Colonial architecture. Project work includes roofing, a smoke detection system & architectural services.

5. GRANTEE: a. Name

Massachusetts Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon, Exec. Dir., MA Historical Commission

b. Address - Street or P.O. Box

40 Beacon St.

City

Boston

State

MA

Zip Code

02108

6. GRANTEE TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)

a. State



b. Inter-state



c. County



d. City



e. School district



f. Special unit



g. Community action



h. Sponsored organization



i. Other



7. APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE

Year Month Day
75 02 28

8. ACTION DATE

Year Month Day
75 03 31

9. EFFECTIVE STARTING DATE

Year Month Day
75 03 31

10. ENDING DATE

Year Month Day
78 03 30

11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)

a. New grant



b. Continuation grant



c. Supplemental grant



d. Change in existing grant

(1) Increase in duration



(2) Decrease in duration



(3) Cancellation



(4) Increase(\$)



(5) Decrease(\$)



12. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

a. Federal - (1) basic

\$ 4,000

(2) Supplemental

\$

b. State

\$ 4,000*

c. Local

\$

d. Other

\$

13. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (if none, clarify in item 16)

a. Program Number

15.904

b. Supplemental Program Number

14. AUTHORIZATION

a. Federal Budget Accounts

10-58-1040-0-1-405

b. Public Laws

PL Title Sec.
89 665

PL Title Sec.

PL Title Sec.

c. U.S. Code

16 U.S.C. 470

15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only)

a. City 662 Boston Post Road, Weston

b. County

Middlesex

16. REMARKS

*Golden Ball Tavern Trust