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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Captain Edward Durant House (also known as the Kenrick House, Kendrick House, Durant-Kenrick House)

AND/OR COMMON
The Captain Edward Durant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 286 Waverley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Newton

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF

4th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE
025

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 MUSEUM COMMERCIAL PARK EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION MILITARY OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME The Edward Durant Homestead Trust

STREET & NUMBER
45 Moulton Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02138

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds, Middlesex County South DistrictSTREET & NUMBER
208 Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
Historic American Buildings Survey (MASS-387)

DATE 1975

1935, 1939

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDSMassachusetts Historical Commission
Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Boston

Washington, DC

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Captain Edward Durant House faces west on Waverley Avenue, an 18th century town road which formed the westernmost boundary of the property purchased by Edward Durant in 1732. The house, probably built shortly thereafter but certainly before Durant's death in 1740, is a tall, two-story clapboard building on a fieldstone foundation. It has a gambrel roof, two chimneys, and a symmetrical five-bay facade. The rear elevation, however, shows irregular fenestration. The main entrance is framed by fluted Doric pilasters supporting a simple entablature. Immediately above the door is a five-light transom.

Projecting from the rear (east) at the north end of the house is a narrow ell which is of uncertain date. Three minor additions, a back porch, a wood shed, and a second-floor sleeping porch were appended around 1930.

The original arrangement of rooms is that of the four-room plan, with central passage, two parlors, kitchen and keeping room. Above the parlors are two chambers at the front (west) of the house. Early painted sheathing and a small fireplace at the southern end of the garret, now the upper attic, seem to show that it, too, was utilized.

In about 1830 the lean-to roof was raised to permit the addition of several second-floor rooms at the rear of the house. A small stair hall was added immediately behind the front stairs. Another alteration at this time was the insertion of an entrance door with side lights on the south side of the house. Much of the original roof survives in what is today the lower attic, a space created by the raising of the rear roof line.

The "North Room" (first floor front) retains most of the original woodwork of the 1730's: interior shutters, window seats, and paneled overmantel. The entry way is unusually spacious, with wainscoting of the same early period. It is believed that some of the stencilled designs on the wide board floors date to the 18th century. The "North" and "South" chambers also retain original woodwork and are distinguished by large closets and high ceilings.

There are several outbuildings on the property, constructed around 1930. These include garage, summerhouse, and a children's playhouse.

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
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<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 c. 1732

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Captain Edward Durant House is significant as the home of the wealthy and prominent Edward Durant and as one of the oldest extant structures in Newton, Massachusetts.

Edward Durant was born in Boston in 1695, the third son of Edward and Anne Hall Durant. His father kept the "Inn at the Sign of the Lamb," a famous Boston public house. The younger Durant was a "smith" and also served in a variety of public offices in Boston. He is termed "Captain" in a number of public records, and his raised pew at Old South Church bespoke his position of prominence in the city.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Smith, S. F. History of Newton. Boston, 1880.
 Sweetser, M. F. King's Handbook of Newton. Boston, 1889.
 Vital Records of Newton. New England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston, 1905.
 Durant, Rev. William and Rose, Alexander G., III. The Durant Genealogy. Baltimore, 1966.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.2 acres
 UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Judy D. Dobbs, National Register Editor and Susan Weiss and Norman Weiss

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

December 18, 1975

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

Elizbeth Reed Amador

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

12/8/75

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

DATE

5/13/96

DATE

5.12.26

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Significance (continued)

In addition to its historical significance, the Captain Edward Durant House is distinguished by several remarkable architectural features. First and foremost of these is its very survival, as relatively few houses in Newton predate the Revolution. It is an early example of the four-room plan with central passage, and the scale and proportion of the rooms are extraordinarily grand for a country house of this date.

Three specific features are also worthy of note. Four rooms have stencil-decorated floors, c.1790, among the earliest extant in New England. The window seats and interior shutters in the "North Room" are another rarity. Finally, the survival of a portion of the original roof, including weatherboards, shingles, and flashing, represents a major document in the history of 18th century construction.

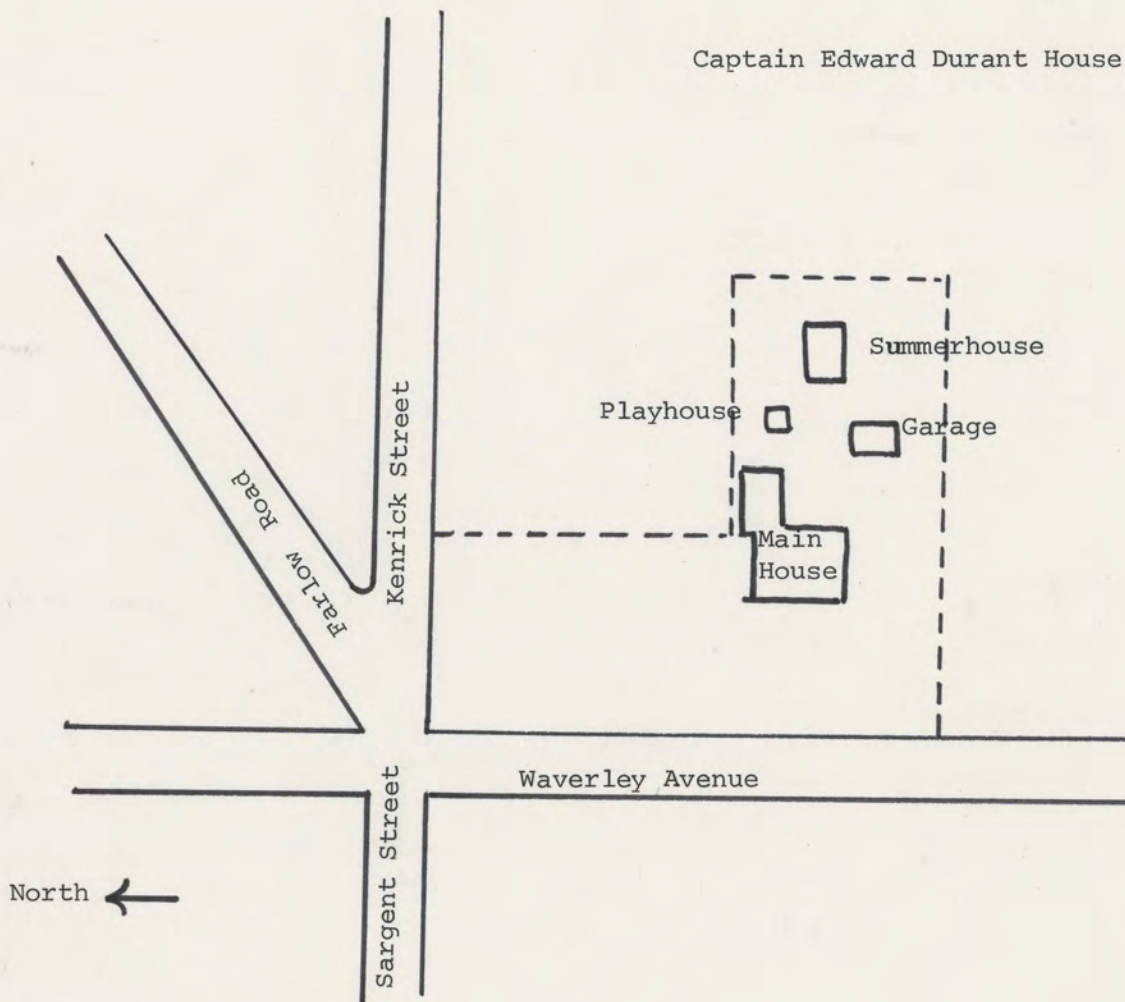
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Property Duxant, The Captain Edwards, House

Middlesex

State Mass.

Working Number 12, 12, 75, 2163

TECHNICAL

Photos 7
Maps 1

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HISTORIAN

Accept
w. R. Lee
1/20/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
H. J. Jandl
1/9/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

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Cole
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BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Thompson
5.12.76

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 6-1-76

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1 NAME

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AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Newton

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Middlesex

STATE MA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Maximilion Ferro

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT 286 Waverley Avenue, Newton, MA 02158

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Facade facing west, and south side elevation of main house.

PHOTO NO 1 47

REGISTER

Title: Durant, Capt., Edward, House

Middlesex Co., Maine

Loc. Facade facing west, and

South side elevation of main

house.

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Title: Surant, Capt. Edward, House
Middlesex Co., Maine

Loc. Rear (east) elevation
including all

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Rear (east) elevation including ell.

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Middlesex Co, Maine

Loc. West elevation of ell.

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West elevation of ell.

PHOTO NO 347



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Title: Servant, Capt. Edward, House
Widdowson Co, Maine

Loc. North elevation.

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North elevation.

PHOTO NO 447



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Title: Servant, Capt. Edward, House
Middlesex Co., Maine

Loc. Children's playhouse
showing toolshed at
rear of ell

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Children's playhouse, showing toolshed at rear of ell.



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Title: Durant, Capt. Edward, House
Middlesex Co, Maine

Loc. Garage. (TV room is near
elevator of main house)

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Garage. (To rear is rear elevation of main house)

PHOTO NO 6 47



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Title: Durant, Capt. Edward, House
Middlesex Co., Maine

Loc. Summerhouse

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Summerhouse.

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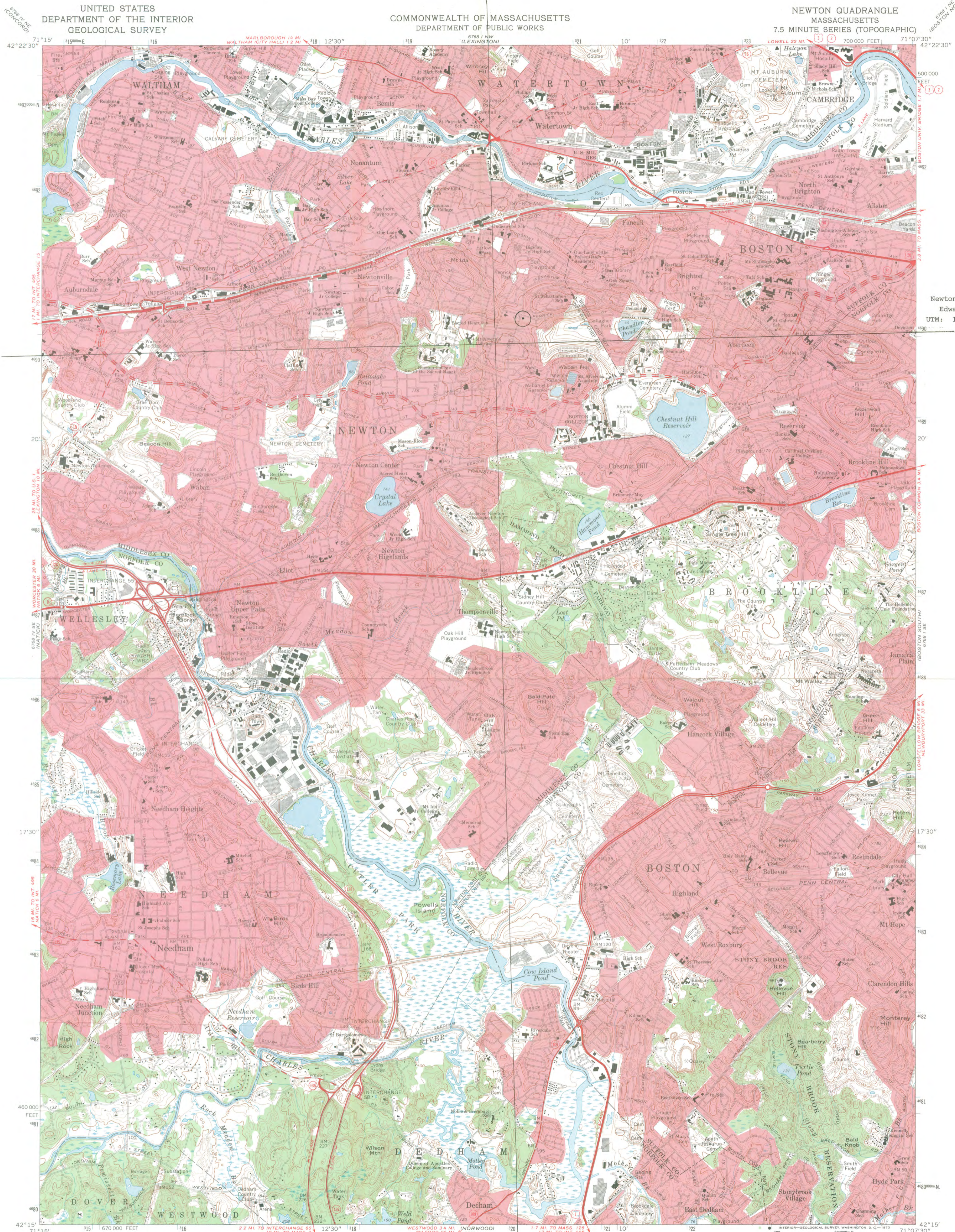
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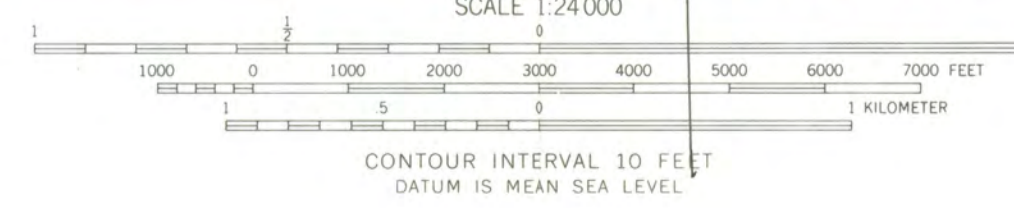
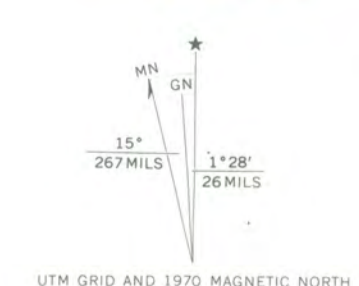
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1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
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3. UTM REFERENCES



Newton: Captain
Edward Durant House
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Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
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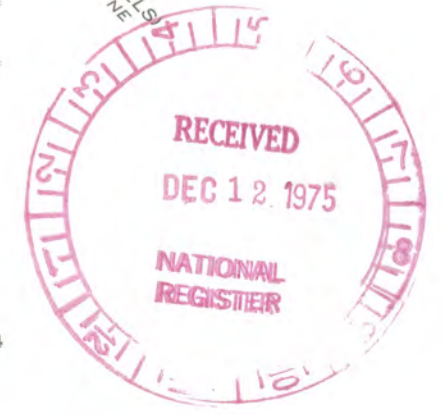
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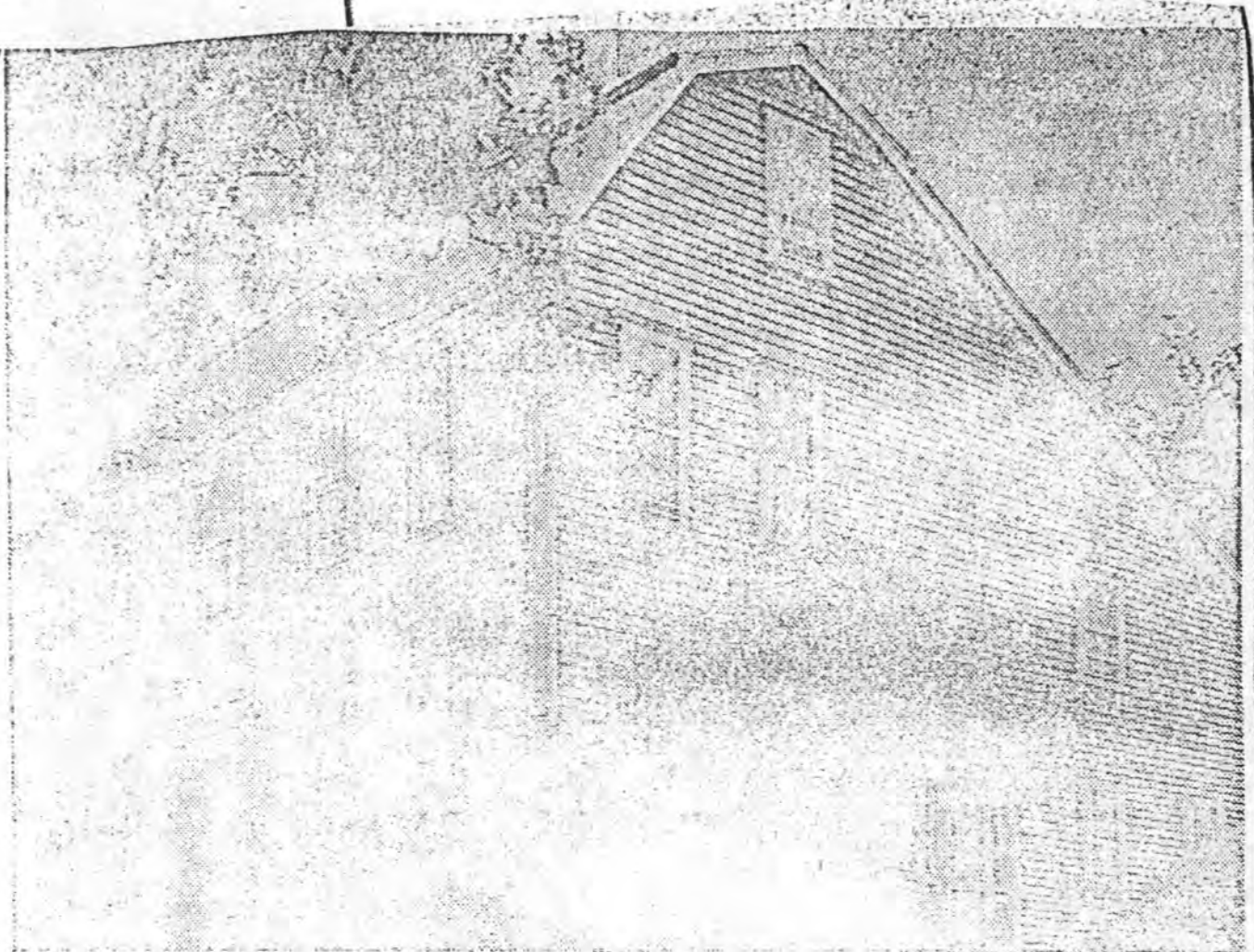
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North Abington Depot	N. Abington Plymouth County
Eaton-Moulton Mill	Wellesley Norfolk County

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Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Robert F. Drinan
Hon. James A. Burke
Hon. Margaret M. Heckler
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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



Capt. Edward Durant House

Durant House in National Historic Register

The Captain Edward Durant House, 233 Waverley Ave., has been accepted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Secretary Paul Curcio, chairman of the commission, has announced. Also known as the Kenrick House, Kendrick House, and Durant-Kenrick House, the house is significant as the home of the wealthy and prominent Edward Durant and as one of the oldest houses in Newton.

Durant was born in Boston in 1745, the third son of Edward and Anne Hail Durants. His father kept the "Inn at the Sign of the Lamb," a famous Boston public house. The younger Durant was a smith and also

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Durant House Accepted For National Historic Register

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NEWTON, MASS.
No. 5,200

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Cut Borrowing

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The mayor argues that, with the city facing the need to build a new high school and make extensive renovations at another, projects that are expected to cost up to \$40 million, there is a danger the city could exceed its borrowing limit.

Historical Plan Funds

SPRINGFIELD'S HISTORICAL COMMISSION has become eligible to receive a grant allocation of up to \$3,000 to create "design guidelines" for local historic districts, State Secretary Paul Guzzi announced Friday.

The money will be allocated by the state Historical Commission through funds appropriated by National Park Service. The funds may also be used to preserve historical properties in the city.


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THE MAYOR HAS APPROVED a zone change that will allow construction of an A&P supermarket on the grounds of American Legion Post 430, Liberty Street, in the city's Hungry Hill section. The post has retained enough of its property to construct another building to the rear of its present quarters, financed by the sale of the property to the food chain.

White House Flag

THE FLAG THAT FLEW over the White House at President Gerald Ford's inauguration, will be raised during Flag Day ceremonies Monday at Mary M. Lynch Elementary School.

The flag was presented to Mrs. Lynch, a longtime member of Springfield's School Committee, by U.S. Rep. Edward P. Boland, D-Springfield. Mrs. Lynch presented it to the school that is named in her honor.



Capt. Edward Durant House

Durant House in National Historic Register

The Captain Edward Durant House, 266 Waverley Ave., has been accepted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Secretary Paul Cuzzi, chairman of the commission, has announced.

Also known as the Kenrick House, Kendrick House, and Durant-Kenrick House, the house is significant as the home of the wealthy and prominent Edward Durant and as one of the oldest houses in Newton.

Durant was born in Boston in 1695, the third son of Edward and Anne Hall Durante. His father kept the "Inn at the Sign of the Lamb," a famous Boston public house. The younger Durant was a smith and also served in a variety of public offices in Boston. He is termed

"captain" in a number of public records, and his raised pew at Old South Church bespoke his position of prominence in Boston.

In 1732, Durant purchased 91 acres of land in Newton and built a "dwelling house, two barns, and other out housing." He served as selectman in 1739 and died in the fall of 1740 leaving an estate valued at more than 11,000 pounds, including other properties in Boston and western Massachusetts.

At his death, Captain Durant's eldest child, Edward, assumed the Newton property. Edward, a 1735 graduate of Harvard College, continued the family spirit of public service by housing the town grammar school in the 1760's. He served numerous positions in pre-Revolutionary patriotic ac-

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET KP

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Durant, Capt. Edward, House
 2 OTHER NAMES: Kenrick House; Durant-Kenrick House
 3 date of entry: 5-13-76
 4 county code: 017

5 LOCATION street & number: 286 Waverly Ave.
 city / town: Newton
 vicinity of: _____
 state: MA
 county: Middlesex
 6 NPS REGION: North Atlantic

7 OWNER: PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name): _____
 8 ADMINISTRATOR: _____

9 EXISTING SURVIVAL: HABITABLE HALVED NUL
 10 FUNDED? YES NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 4
 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form? _____

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 15 ACRES: 1.2
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION:
 excellent deteriorated altered original site
 good ruins unaltered moved
 fair unexcavated reconstructed unknown
 excavated
 17 Features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

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 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-1 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS/GOVT.-31 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25
 23 CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

24 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: house
 CURRENTLY: house
 25 dates of initial construction: c.1732^N - 1740
 major alterations: _____
 historic events: _____
 26 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: _____

27 architectural style(s): Georgian
 28 architect: _____
 29 master builder: _____
 30 engineer: _____

31 landscape architect / garden designer: _____
 32 interior decorator: _____
 33 artist: _____
 34 artisan: _____
 35 builder/contractor: _____

36 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: Capt. Edward Durant - wealthy public servant
 EVENTS: _____
 INSTITUTIONAL: _____

37 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: Frame, clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, h-shaped ~~gambrel~~ gambrel^{roof} with rear saltbox, interior chimney, front center entrance with transom, window and door architraves, 1-story rear porch, rear ell with 1-story open shed; alterations, 1830 and 1930. Georgian. One of oldest ~~extant~~ houses in town; built for prominent wealthy public servant Edward Durant.