

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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received JAN 29 1980

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**1. Name**

historic Joseph Lothrop House

and/or common same

**2. Location**

E of Shrewsbury at

street & number 208 Turnpike Road not for publication

city, town Westborough Shrewsbury vicinity of X congressional district third

state Massachusetts code 025 county Worcester code 027

**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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input 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 Bergson Ice Cream and Food Shops

street & number 208 Turnpike Road

city, town Westborough vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Mass.. 01581

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Worcester County Courthouse

street & number 2 Main Street, Room #2

city, town Worcester state Mass. 01608

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Inventory of the Historic Assets of  
title the Commonwealth #4

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date November, 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town 294 Washington Street, Boston

state Massachusetts

## 7. Description

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

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Joseph Lothrop House is located at the southeast corner of the Boston-Worcester Turnpike (Route 9) and Park Street. Although still on its original lot, the house was moved back (south) approximately 50-100 feet in 1931 to allow the widening of Route 9.

Original House: The Lothrop House is a square-plan, Federal style house to which additions have been made along the south wall and at the southeast corner. It rests on a concrete block foundation, is covered with clapboards, and is enclosed by a hip roof covered with wood shingles, through which the house's twin interior chimneys rise. Trim of the original section consists of narrow cornerboards, moulded cornices and moulded windows surrounded with louvred shutters. All sash in this section is 12/12. The facade which faces Route 9 contains a center entry flanked by two windows on each side at the first storey and five windows, symmetrically placed, at the second storey. The entry contains a door of six panels flanked by sidelights and surmounted by an elliptical fanlight. Framing the entry are two narrow pilasters which support an entablature. The west wall contains four windows at each storey, grouped in pairs, reflecting interior room arrangement. The east wall is identical to the west wall, except that the southernmost window of the first storey has been covered by a one-storey addition. Also, centered on the first storey of the east wall is a doorway consisting of a six sunken panel door set in a moulded architrave.

The rear wall of the original structure is largely obscured by later additions; the only visible portion contains three windows on the eastern three-fifths of the second storey and a gabled twentieth century dormer on the roof.

Additions: Extending from the southeast corner of the original section of the house is a one-storey addition with a gabled roof and two windows and a door on its north wall. This addition connects to a one and one-half storey pavilion which has a hip roof and cupola. The facade of the pavilion (north) is framed by matched boarding which forms two blind elliptical arches with keystones. Each arch is filled in with clapboarding and one tripartite window. This pavilion was remodelled to its present appearance in the mid-twentieth century; prior to renovation the structure was a Queen Anne style carriage house.

At the southwest corner of the original section is a two-storey wing set on a concrete block foundation and having a flat roof. Fenestration of this section is irregular with 12/12 windows. This wing seems likely to have been added in the twentieth century and has been extensively remodelled to contain restaurant kitchens.

Connecting the two wings is a one-storey addition containing a public dining room which was added for the use of the building's present occupant. This addition covers the first storey of the rear wall of the Lothrop House, but is structurally separate from the Lothrop House.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" 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** 1825 **Builder/Architect** Builders unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Joseph Lothrop House possesses integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship as well as historical association with the early development of Westborough. Located in the original eighteenth century town center, its fine Federal detail is representative of this area's major period of significance. Although Westborough was established as a town in 1717, there was little stimulus for growth until the opening of the Boston-Worcester Turnpike (Route 9) in 1810. The installation of the Boston-Albany Railroad in 1834, however, curtailed development and shifted the town center southward. The Lothrop House remains as an important example of this early period of prosperity.

Evidence from deeds, Lothrop's commercial ventures, and stylistic features suggest a construction date of ca. 1825 for this house. Its original owner, Joseph Lothrop and his brother-in-law Nathan Fisher, opened Westborough's first retail store at that time in an addition to Fisher's house (potential N.R.). Later, the two opened a thread factory on Fisher's property and were the first manufacturers in Westborough to use steam power. The high quality of the Lothrop and Fisher houses reflects their owners' standing within the community.

The Lothrop House is important in a regional sense, showing the impact which the Boston-Worcester Turnpike had on the communities which it traversed. It is one of the few buildings remaining along its length which remain to indicate the wealth which the turnpike brought.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

DeForest & Bates. The History of Westborough. Westborough, Mass.: Town of Westborough, 1891.  
 Fisher, Nahum. Map of the Town of Westborough, Massachusetts. 1830.  
 Forbes. The Hundredth Town. 1889.  
 Commemorative Booklet of Westborough. 1967. (250th Anniversary of founding).

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Shrewsbury

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

1	9	2	8	3	4	6	0	4	6	8	4	4	0	5
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B 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 66A shown on Westborough Assessors' Map #27 - see attached

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, National Register, Coordinator with Mrs. Constance Keller & B.R. Pfeiffer, Westborough Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date November 1979

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia L. Westowski 1/4/80

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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

Bruce Mac Dougal date 3/27/80  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrews date 3/26/80  
 Chief of Registration

Property Lathrop, Joseph House

State Ma - Worcester

Working Number 1-29-80 385

ref no 20001680

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 1

Maps 2

**CONTROL**

*This bldg. is important as a fine example of a Federal style residence and a representative of the areas major period of prosperity (1810-1834) due to the opening of the Boston-Worcester Turnpike. This two story frame building was built in c. 1825. The main 5 bay block retains its essential integrity. alterations are: the connection to the house of a one story Queen Anne style carriage house - a 1 story dining room in the rear - 2 story kitchen on the side. nominated for arch., commerce, transportation. accept for archival*

**HISTORIAN**

*accept*  
*Patrick Andrews*  
*3/26/80*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*ORIGINAL SEGMENT OF THE HOUSE RETAINS ITS BASIC INTEGRITY IN SPITE OF LATER ADDITIONS.*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

*ACCEPT*  
*Mr. Douglas*  
*3/27/80*

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered MAR 27 1980

Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_



*Bergson's*  
1790 House  
LUNCHEON DINNER  
COCKTAILS

Joseph Lothrop House  
Westborough, Mass.

*Worcester Co.*

Brian Pfeiffer 1978  
147 Brattle Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

Photo #1 *of 1*  
facade, facing south

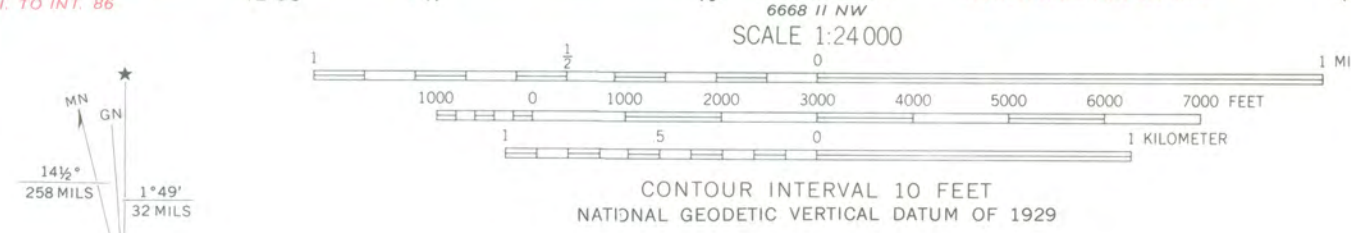
JAN 29 1980

MAR 27 1980



Joseph Lothrop House  
208 Turnpike Road  
Westborough, Mass.  
UTM REFERENCES:  
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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by planetable surveys 1941. Revised from aerial photographs  
taken 1966. Field checked 1969  
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  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is un-checked  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject  
to controlled inundation



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

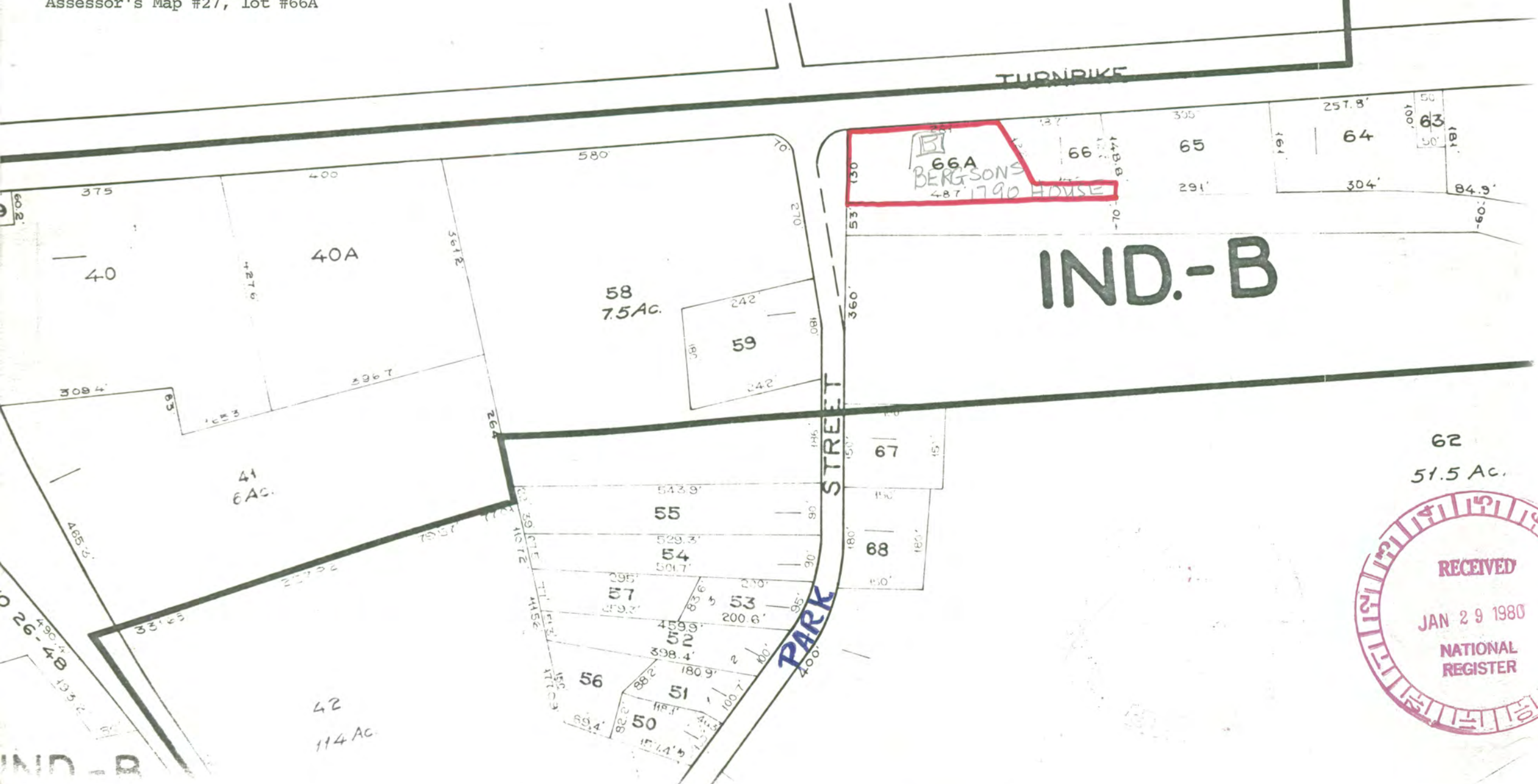
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

○ Interstate Route    ○ U. S. Route    ○ State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Joseph Lothrop House  
208 Turnpike Road  
Westborough, Mass.  
Assessor's Map #27, lot #66A



Lothrop, Joseph House  
2-12-80

MA

*Bergson Ice Cream & Food Shops, Inc.*

YP

Worcester  
Co.

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Washington, D.C. 20240

February 12, 1980

Re: 661  
Joseph Lothrop House

Dear Ms. Shull:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 1980 regarding nominations for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

We feel privileged to have our property be considered for this honor. The Joseph Lothrop House encompasses much of the criteria used for your evaluations. Especially the location and setting, architectural structure, materials and workmanship. The visibility of the house and its new use as a restaurant enables one to peruse the interiors as well.

We feel the quality maintenance program that our Corporation insists upon will keep the Joseph Lothrop House an outstanding example of historic places and we would welcome your favored decision.

Sincerely,



Eric B. Pearson

President  
Bergson Ice Cream & Food Shops, Inc.

EBP:eg



THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

FEB 22 1980

DATE RECD \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RECD \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CALL (ATTACHED) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ACTION TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

02/11/80

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE    MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered    MAR 27 1980

Name

Location

Lothrop, Joseph, House

Shrewsbury  
Worcester County

Second O'Shea Building

Peabody  
Essex County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Honorable Joseph D. Early  
Honorable Nicholas Mavroules

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director, Massachusetts  
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294 Washington Street  
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NR    Byers/bjr    4/2/80

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