

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Martin House and Farm

AND/OR COMMON Name
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 22 Stoney Hill Road

CITY, TOWN North Swansea

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
10th

STATE Massachusetts

CODE
025COUNTY
BristolCODE
005

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 National Society of the Colonial Dames in Massachusetts

STREET & NUMBER
55 Beacon Street

CITY, TOWN Boston

VICINITY OF

STATE
Massachusetts 02108

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Bristol County Registry of DeedsSTREET & NUMBER
441 North Main StreetCITY, TOWN
Fall RiverSTATE
Massachusetts 02720

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the CommonwealthDATE
1977☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Massachusetts Historical CommissionCITY, TOWN
BostonSTATE
Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☒ GOOD

☐ RUINS

☒ ALTERED

☐ MOVED DATE _____

☐ FAIR

☐ UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Martin House and Farm is located at the corner of Route 6 and Stoney Hill Road in Swansea. The nominated property includes the main house, two small secondary buildings used as residences, and two barns, all located in the northeastern portion of twenty acres of land. The twenty acres are a part of the larger original working farm and continue to be worked by a local farmer. These cultivated fields, orchards and woodlots are enclosed by original dry stonewalls. The entire area is maintained as a farm and house museum by the Society of Colonial Dames. The surrounding neighborhood is 20th century residential with some commercial structures.

The Martin House is a one and one-half story gambrel roofed structure built in 1728 by John Martin. The original rectangular structure stands four bays wide by three bays deep with a small addition on the east elevation. The building rests on a stone foundation, is sheathed in shingles with plain cornerboards and water table, and has a massive central chimney. Fenestration is varied. Windows are framed by plain architraves painted white.

The asymmetrical facade faces south toward the meadowlands. A large stone slab step gives rise to the narrow four panel entrance door painted blue and headed by a five bull's eye light transom. Two 12/12 windows flank the door on either side. Window and door lintels are immediately shielded by the roof overhang. Three 8/8 clapboarded dormers rise from the roof overhead.

The west elevation has a 12/12 and a 9/6 window on the first story and three 12/12 windows on the second. The attic and the southern end of the second story both contain a small 2/2 casement. The east elevation was originally identical to the west. It remains the same except that a small one and one-half story gambrel roofed ell with chimney was added to the northern end of the elevation c. 1814. The entrance to the ell is on the east elevation. The asymmetrical north (rear) elevation has a 12 light entrance door flanked by 9/6 and 12/8 windows. These are headed by two 8/8 dormers.

The facade entrance opens into a narrow hallway with a parlor to either side. Alongside the central chimney, the stairway rises sharply to the second story. The east end parlor is a tiny room containing a brick oven and concealed locker. The chimney and large fireplace occupy most of the western wall.

The two parlors, a bedroom and a weaving room compose the ground floor together with a more recent pantry. The pantry and the second floor bedroom were added by the last Martin occupant, probably during the 1930's. The steep stairs lead to two second story chambers and two smaller rooms.

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	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☒ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1728

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Martin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Martin House and Farm is significant as a rare example of an 18th century working farm that retains the character of its original setting. The Martin family lived and farmed on the property for 206 years until 1934 when the last of the Martins left the complex to the Colonial Dames. It has since been well maintained as a museum house with the land being worked to help support the museum.

The Martin House is one of the few colonial-era structures still standing on its original site in the area. The building and property are significantly representative of a typical 18th century New England farm complex with early barns and outbuildings set on twenty acres of cultivated fields, orchards and woodlots. The property is located in the old Indian territory where King Phillip's War commenced.

The museum house currently displays a working loom and spinning wheels common to an early New England household. Arts and crafts collections include antique pewter, a unique collection of English Jacobean furniture, old Martin family Bibles and memorabilia, armor, Indian relics, and many accessories and furnishings dating from the colonial period. A pottery demonstration is given in one of the barns during the summer.

The orchards and cornfields are well kept, and the woodlands serve as a rare conservation area in a rapidly expanding suburban section of Swansea.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Pratt, Richard, Houses, History and People, Evans and Co., Inc., 1965.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 ¹⁹ acres

UTM REFERENCES - See map 6.13.78

A 19 311211210 461251970
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 Ms. Blaine Mallory and Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor
Mrs. Stephen F. Harris, Colonial Dames of Massachusetts

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE January 26, 1978

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 X

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.

Deputy
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Patricia L. Llewellyn

3/23/78

TITLE Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission
Acting

DATE

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: William Llewellyn
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/2/78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5/15/78

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MARTIN HOUSE AND FARM, SWANSEA, MASSACHUSETTS

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Beginning at the southern corner of the intersection of the G.A.R. Highway and Stoney Hill Road and proceeding in a southeasterly direction for 1,030 feet along the G.A.R. Highway; thence proceeding in a southwesterly direction for 765 feet along the southeastern property line; thence proceeding in a northwesterly direction for 940 feet along the southwestern property line; thence proceeding in a northeasterly direction for 790 feet along Stoney Hill Road to the starting point.

Approximately 19 acres.

UTM COORDINATES:

A 19/312 130/4626 040
B 19/312 320/4625 800
C 19/312 140/4625 590
D 19/311 950/4625 840

Property Martin House and Farm

Bristol

State Mass.

Working Number 4.3.78.2841

TECHNICAL

Photos 6

Maps 1+1

~~Acres?~~
~~Signature?~~

CONTROL

OK- 4.6.78

*Acres is OK - working farm which retains 18^c character.
Need VBD + map.*

HISTORIAN

*Accept 5/24/78
In town
6-14-78*

*Call on acres - Should be
sketched on USGS with UTM points
- possibly discuss the amount of acres included.*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*accept 6.16.78
Barnham
6.18.78*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Significant as 18th C working
farm
(other bldgs referred to as early
being
I assume other bldgs are of that period)*

*Accept
Lebovich
9/15/78*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accepted 10/10/78

National Register Write-up

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry

11-7-78

Re-submit _____

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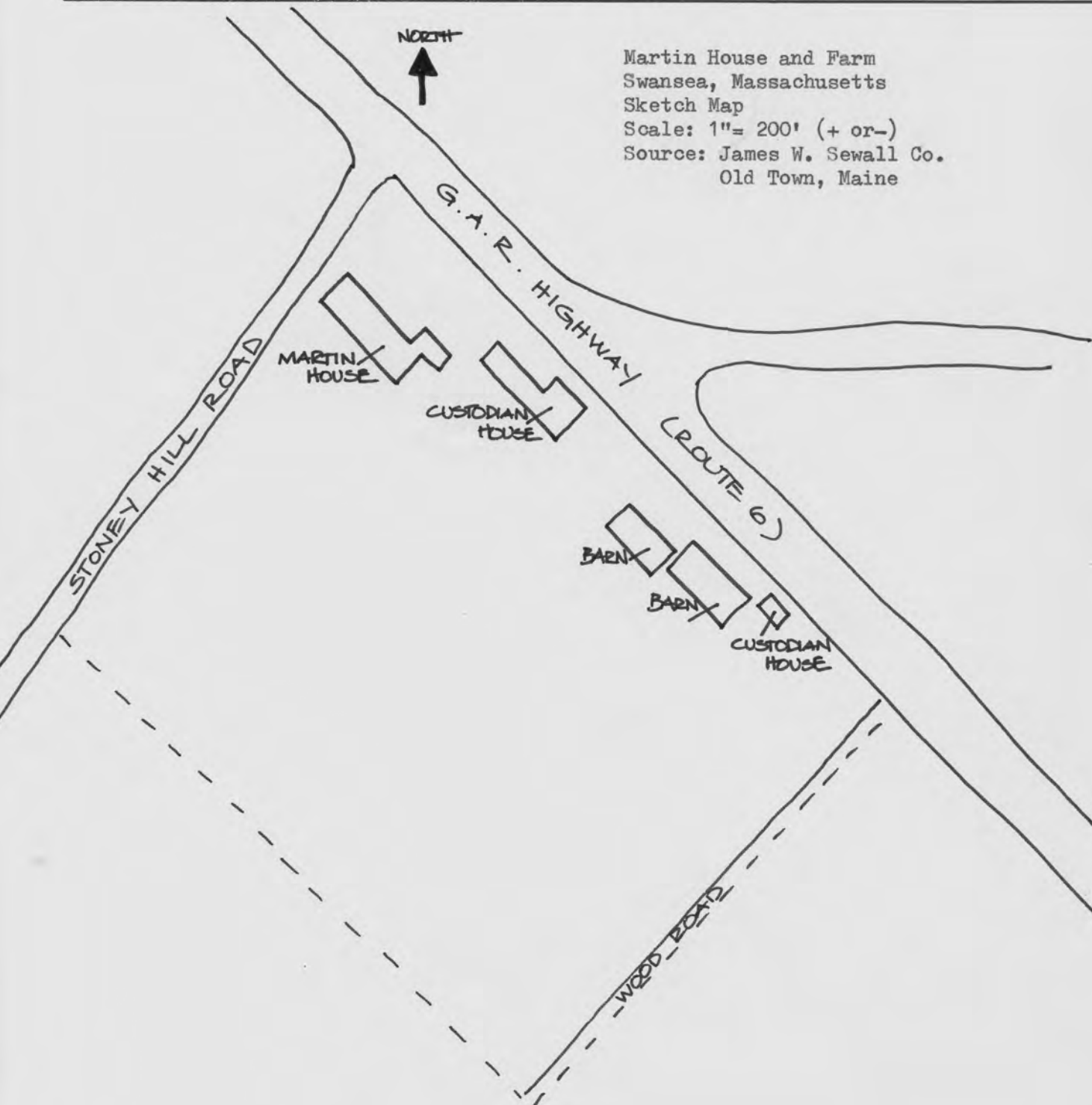
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Swansea, Massachusetts
1976 *Bristol County*

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Maion Pierson

Colonial Dames

55 Beacon Street, Boston 02108

#176

South facade and east elevation

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no 1
MARTIN HOUSE

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

1020x



Martin House and Farm
Swansea, Massachusetts
1976

Maion Pierson

Colonial Dames

55 Beacon Street, Boston 02108

#246

South facade and west elevation

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MARTIN House

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Martin House and Farm
Swansea, Massachusetts
1976 *Bristol County*

Maion Pierson

Colonial Dames

55 Beacon Street, Boston 02108

#3 ~~4~~ 6

North (rear) elevation

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REAR

3

MARTIN House

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

1/50



Martin House and Farm
Swansea, Massachusetts
1976

Bristol County

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Maion Pierson
Colonial Dames

55 Beacon Street, Boston, 02108

#4 of 6
Parlor

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MARTIN HOUSE

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

109



Martin House and Farm
Swansea, Massachusetts
1976
Maion Pierson
Colonial Dames
55 Beacon Street, Boston 02108
#546
Dining room fireplace

DOE

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Bristol County

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4
MARTIN House

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Martin House and Farm
Swansea, Massachusetts
1976 *Bristol County*
Maion Pierson

Colonial Dames

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#6 of 6

Barns

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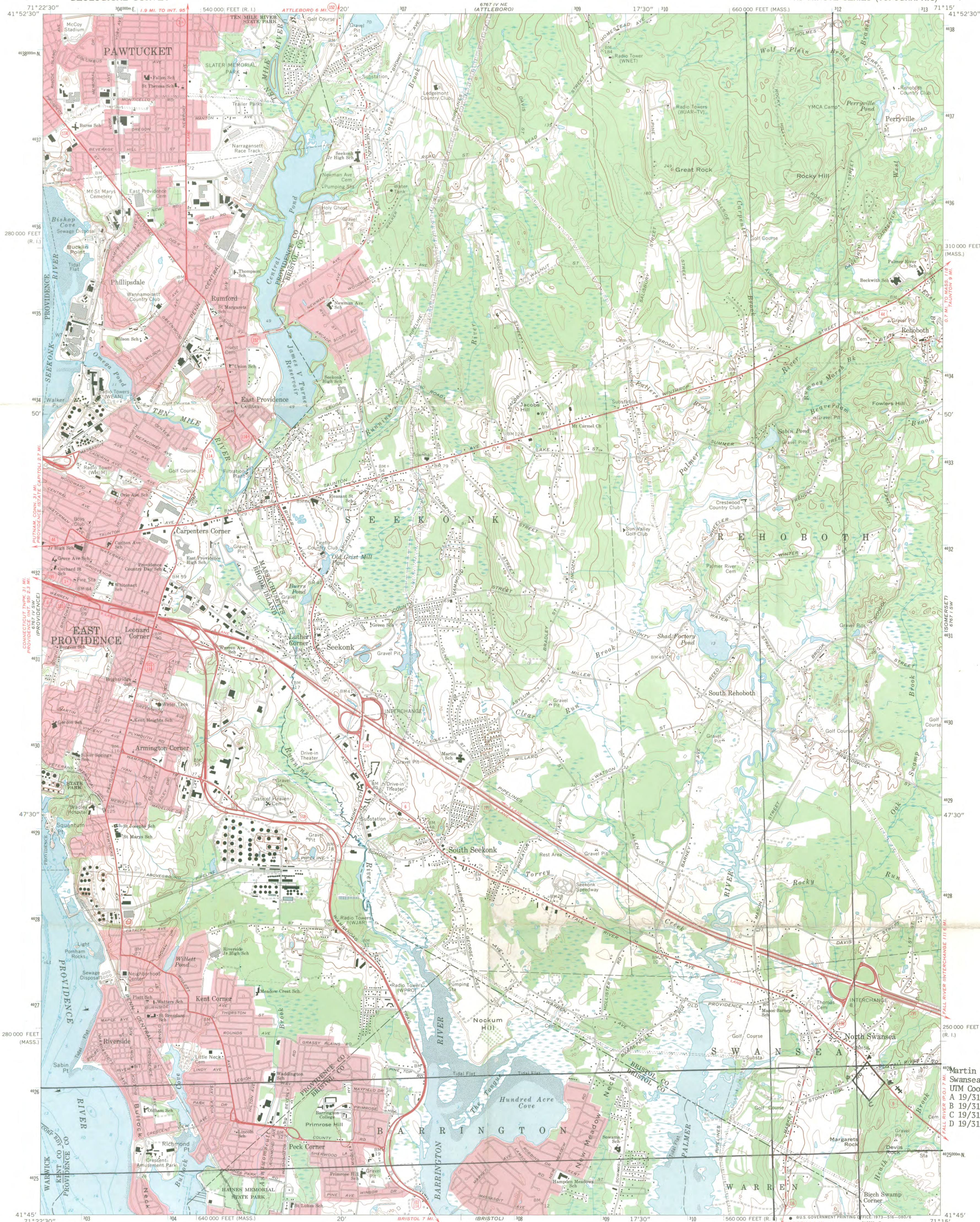
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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

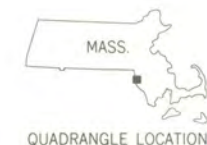
EAST PROVIDENCE QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS—RHODE ISLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Revised in cooperation with Massachusetts Department
of Public Works
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1935 and 1939
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 278 and
352 (1970). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone, and Rhode Island coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19,
shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 4.6 FEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route

EAST PROVIDENCE, MASS.—R. I.
N4145—W7115/7.5

1971

AMS 6767 IV SE—SERIES V814



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

6-1

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Mass SHPO
Ms. Blaine Mallory

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

617-727-8470

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Martin House & Farm, Swansea

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Will put together requested materials
w/ help of local people, & send to us.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Joe Towner

TITLE

OFFICE



PAUL GUZZI

*Secretary of the
Commonwealth*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

(617) 727-8470

June 5, 1978

National Register Office
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Attention: Joe Towner

Dear Mr. Towner:

Enclosed please find the additional information you requested in regard to geographical data for the Martin House and Farm National Register nomination. Please note that the acreage should be changed from 20 acres to approximately 19 acres. It is stated in the description that the total acreage continues to be worked by a local farmer.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Blaine Mallory

Blaine Mallory
Grants Coordinator

enc.
SBM



sent you letter
signed 10/17/78
B.H.
signed Oct 2nd

74 Brenton Ave
White Plains
New York

Oct 1 - 78

Dear Keeper of Nat'l Register, Just got
the clipping of the Union St Railway
carbarn ^{early stop} which was in the New Bedford
Mass., Paper the Evening of Aug. 31st My
sister sent it to me. We were all born in
New Bedford, the eight of us. I moved to New
York after I married and I do remember as
a child the trolley cars running in & out
the carbarn, what a nice memory. I would
appreciate if it could be kept as a national
Landmark (Historic) I also got notice of it be-
ing named for Historic Preservation when I
read about it in the Greenwich Conn. Times
there were others mentioned Places in Maine
Etc.

Thank You Kindly and lets hope my
home town has one old building on the list
of Historic Landmarks. Really N. B has
many old buildings. The Supreme Court
on County St near the N. B. High School
oh well its nice thinking about all this.
I do go there ~~at~~ a lot. Out to Cape
Cop Etc.

Well so long.

Mrs. Delia C. Gouveia
Formerly Cardoza.

INITIALS	_____
DATE ACQUIRED	_____
DATE RECD	_____
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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered OCT 2 1978

Name

Location

Martin House and Farm

North Swansea
Bristol County

Union Street Railway Car barn and Repair Shop

New Bedford
Bristol County

Also Notified

Honorable Edward W. Brooke
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Margaret M. Heckler
Honorable Gerry E. Studds

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Martin House and Farm			② OTHER NAMES:			③ date of entry: OCT 2 1978		④ county code: 05	
⑤ LOCATION street & number 22 Stoney Hill Rd.		city / town North Swansea		vicinity of		state MA		county Bristol	
⑥ NPS REGION: NA						⑦ OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)			
⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: SHPO staff			⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL ☐ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO						
⑩ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 10th			⑪ SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL						
⑫ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO			⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO			⑭ ACCESSION ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION			
⑮ CONDITION			⑯ features:			⑰ ACCESSION			
☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair			☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated			☐ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated			
☐ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown			☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7			☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8			
☐ 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			
⑳ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☐ no									
㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:			㉒ CLAIMS: explain						
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ART-5			☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ EDUCATION-10			☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ INVENTION-14			
☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20			☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25			☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)			
㉓ functions			㉔ dates of initial construction:			㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:			major alterations:						
CURRENTLY:			historic events:						
㉖ architectural style(s):			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									
PERSONAL:									
EVENTS:									
INSTITUTIONAL:									
㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP									