

FORM B - BUILDING

ref no 80000657

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
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Location Randolph  
 Address A.M.C. Ponkapoag Camp, Randolph, Ma.  
 Name Ponkapoag Camp of Appalachian Mountain Club  
 Present use camping  
 Present owner Metropolitan District Commission (MDC)  
 Description:  
 Date c. 1920-1930  
 Source Friends of the Blue Hills  
 Title log cabin

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Architect unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric cedar logs  
 Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other features \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Altered very little Date ?  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 3a 19 327680 4673140
- 3b 19 327660 4673140
- 3c 19 327600 4673000
- 3d 19 327680 4673200

5. Lot size: \_\_\_\_\_ x (per  
 One acre or less cabin) Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by Sara B. Chase  
 Organization SPNEA  
 Date April, 1979

7. Original owner (if known) Appalachian Mountain Club

Original use camp buildings

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	<u>  x  </u>
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Appalachian Mountain Club Ponkapoag Camp is one of the original camps of the oldest outing club in the U.S., founded in 1876. Early in the twentieth century tent sites were established at the east end of Ponkapoag Pond in the Blue Hills Reservation by the president of the Appalachian Mountain Club, William Rogers, who was also an M.D.C. commissioner. Around 1922, when a dirt road was built into the camp, several chestnut log cabins were built, and of these, the two herewith submitted remain in excellent condition and very little altered. They represent an early outing club's architecture for "roughing it," and are increasingly important as many such structures succumb to fire, rot, and vandalism.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet, Item number 8-9, Page 4-1

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 141 acres

Quadrangle name Blue Hills, MA, Norwood, MA

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24000

### UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3</u> <u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>8</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<u>1</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u> <u>8</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>9</u> <u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<u>1</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>1</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>7</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u>
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D	<u>1</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u> <u>7</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>2</u> <u>7</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Section 7, paragraph one.

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Stephen A Cole and Sara B. Chase, Architectural Researcher, SPNEA

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date June 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia Westbrooke

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date 7/30/80

For HCRS use only  
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for [Signature] date 9/25/80  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrews date 9/25/80  
Chief of Registration

Property Reservations multiple Resource area  
(partial inventory)

State MA, Norfolk Working Number 8/13/80/2088

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 21  
Maps 3, 1

This area is significant as an early planned recreational area designed to meet the growing recreational needs of burgeoning urban Boston - The area includes only 20th cent. to 1930's recreational buildings, also included are examples of 19th century industrial remains and 18th, 19th, and early 20th century residences. Taken with the archeological components, this M.R.A. nomination traces the continuous human habitation and

HISTORIAN

accept  
Patrick Andrus  
9/25/80

so of this land from prehistoric to modern times. This is a good multiple Resource nomination - they have included all the required elements for documentation. Defers to archeologist on the disputed site (Ponhagoag). Requested additional statement of signif. on Eliot Bridge is efficient justification <sup>under</sup> criteria c.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept 2 of 3 site - Return Ponhagoag as information currently known is insufficient to delineate extent of site and therefore boundaries. Recommend nomination when more is known. Recommend "accept" for the Quarry Site

ARCHEOLOGIST

Joy Byrd  
Accept + Return  
9-15-80

and green hill site - the former for its importance in understanding regional lithic procurement, manufacture, use and trading networks; the latter for its potential to contribute to knowledge of Middle Archaic within a state-wide context. State is aware of impending return of Ponhagoag - discussed with Steve Cole.

OTHER

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Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ELIOT MEMORIAL BRIDGE IS ELIGIBLE UNDER CRITERION C. A BETTER CASE COULD HAVE BEEN MADE FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER CRITERION A. BUT I WILL ACCEPT.

BRANCH CHIEF

ACCEPT  
Mac DUBON (FOR)  
9/25/80

KEEPER

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered SEP 25 1980



3-D

AMC Ponkapoag Cabin

Blue Hills and Neponset River Reservations

Multiple Resource Area

Norfolk Co. (MA)

18/21

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AMC cabin #3

Blue Hills and Neponset River  
Reservations Multiple Resource Area

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Norfolk Co.

MA

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SEP 25 1980



3-C.

Blue Hills and Neponset River  
Reservations Multiple Resource  
Area  
Norfolk Co. (MA)

19/21

AUG 13 1980

SEP 25 1980

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000272