

**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

For HCERS use only

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## 1. Name

historic The Hill School

and/or common same

## 2. Location

street & number 4 Middle Street  not for publication

city, town South Dartmouth  vicinity of congressional district 12th

state Massachusetts code 025 county Bristol code 005

## 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 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 checked="" 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 Richard C. & Carol D. Mulready

street & number 114 Tall Timbers Lane

city, town Glastonbury  vicinity of state Connecticut

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bristol County Registry of Deeds

street & number 25 North Sixth Street

city, town New Bedford  vicinity of state Massachusetts

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets  
title of the Commonwealth

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston  vicinity of state Mass.

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

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

Located at the northwest corner of Middle and School Streets in the village of Padanaram, located in the Town of Dartmouth, the former Hill School has been moved twice, although it remains in its original locale. The building's original site was on the east side of School Street, approximately 420' east of its current site. After 1887, the building was moved approximately 660' westward to the northeast corner of School and Pleasant Streets, on part of the estate of Benjamin Taylor. In 1911 the building was moved by Captain Thomas Jenkins to its present site.

As it now exists, the former Hill School is made up of two separate structures, both of which were built in the early nineteenth century. These two structures were joined around 1887 and enlarged by a small, one-story addition in 1911. The former school building (16' X 26') forms the front part of the current structure which is now used as a house. The entire building is covered with white cedar shingles and has plain corner boards. The school section is built of timber-frame construction, two-stories high with a low-pitched roof and interior chimney centered on its south endwall. The facade (east elevation) is asymmetrical and contains an entry north of center flanked by one window to the north and two windows to the south. The entry, which is believed to be a later addition, contains a door with six raised panels surmounted by a semi-circular, leaded fanlight. The door is flanked by narrow pilasters which support a broken entablature, and pediment. Windows are 12/12 set in wooden frames with splayed wooden lintels and louvred blinds. At the second story are three 12/12 windows set in vertical alignment with the first-story windows; the second story window heads are set into the base of a shallow cornice. The former school's south end elevation is symmetrical, containing two 12/12 windows with splayed lintels at both the first and second stories. The north elevation's first story has a narrow one story addition which extends across part of the rear ell and which is enclosed by a shed roof. This addition has two windows set in alignment with the two windows at the north end's second story. All four windows contain 12/12 sash and splayed wooden lintels. The rear (west) elevation is blocked by a one-and-one-half story ell.

The rear ell is rectangular in plan. Its north elevation contains an entry set in a pilastered surround near its junction with the former school building. The entry as well as part of the extension on which it is located was added in 1978. West of the entry are two pairs of 8 pane casement windows set in frames with splayed lintels. Both of these windows were added in 1978. At the second story are three evenly spaced 8/8 windows with splayed lintels. The rear wing's west elevation contains from north to south a three-sided oriel window (added 1978), exterior brick chimney (1978), 12/12 window, door and open wooden porch. At the second story are two full-size and one small 6/6 windows, all with added splayed lintels. The rear wing's south elevation is asymmetrically arranged and contains windows of varying type with splayed lintels.

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1805 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The former Hill School possesses integrity of design, setting, materials and workmanship and has historical associations with the development of Padanarum (part of Dartmouth) in the early nineteenth century. It represents an early schoolhouse type built by subscription to serve the surrounding village then developing around the shipping trades. It currently stands only 420' from its original site and is surrounded by buildings of the same scale and general period.

The former school, contained in the front section of the present building, is an unusual example of schoolhouse architecture of the Federalist period, being two-stories high with two classrooms, instead of the more widespread one-storey, one-classroom plan. Despite conversion to a house, the school retains many of its simple Federalist-style details, both on the interior and exterior.

Built prior to the establishment of public schools in Dartmouth, the Hill School was founded as an independent district school for the village of Padanarum. In 1805, the building's original site was given to the householders of the village by David Thacher. Thacher was a member of the locally prominent Thacher family, which moved from Yarmouth, Massachusetts, to Padanarum in the early nineteenth century and whose members became instrumental in the village's development by establishing shipyards, saltworks, a magnesia factory and other businesses. By 1806, a deed from Thacher to Ezra Howes (Bristol, Book 97, p. 234) mentions the schoolhouse as already standing. Subsequent deeds of 1814 (Bristol Book 97, pp. 48, 309 and 310) record the selling of shares in the school, indicating that it was built by a subscription within the village. By 1827, management of the school had passed to the selectmen of Dartmouth, who in 1827 appointed the town's first school committee to manage the independent School Districts. Under the new committee's direction, a ten-month school was provided and subjects such as "Navigation and Surveying" were taught, while Greek and Latin were not. Under the school committee, the Hill School continued to be owned and supported by the occupants of Padanarum until the 1860's when all of Dartmouth's school districts were taken over by the town and the Hill School became District 18.

In the late 1860's, the Hill Schoolhouse was sold to Abram Eldridge who converted it to use as a house and joined it to its present rear ell; he may have moved it after 1887. In 1903, Eldridge's heirs sold the building to S. Elizabeth Hitch. In 1911, the building was sold to Captain Thomas Jenkins, who is believed to have moved it to its present site in order to build a new house on its former (second site), approximately 260' west of the building's present site.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

- (1) Henry B. Worth, PADAN ARAM HISTORY (ca. 1908), unpublished, Whaling Museum Archives\*
  - (2) Pumped Storage Power Station, Northfield Mountain, Mass.
  - (3) First Book of Genesis - Chapter 28 - Verse 2.
  - (4) Deed - Thacher to Ezra Hawes, June 4, 1806, Book 97, Page 234.
- \* Typed copy available if desired. (continued)

# 10. Geographical Data UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 1/4 ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED  
 Quadrangle name New Bedford, South Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Northeasterly by the Southwesterly line of Middle Street, seventy-eight and 75/100 (78.75) feet;  
 Southeasterly by lands now or formerly of Louise M. Chase and Robert I. Walker, one hundred  
 forty-three and 85/100 (143.85) feet; (continued)

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Brian Pfeiffer, Consultant with	Harriet Tucker
		R.C. Mulready
organization	Massachusetts Historical Commission	date November 1979
street & number	294 Washington St.	telephone (617) 727-8470
city or town	Boston	state Mass. 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 Patrick Weslowski 1/22/80  
 Executive Director  
 title Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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

for Bryan M. Dwyer date 9/11/80  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrews date 4/10/80  
 Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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

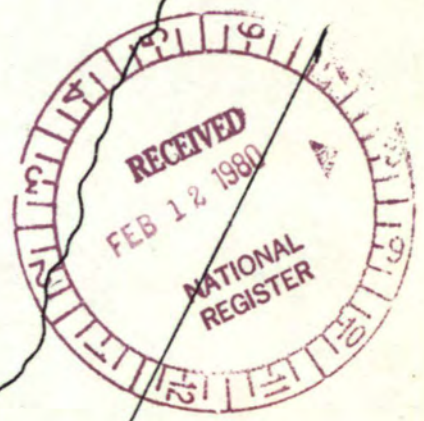
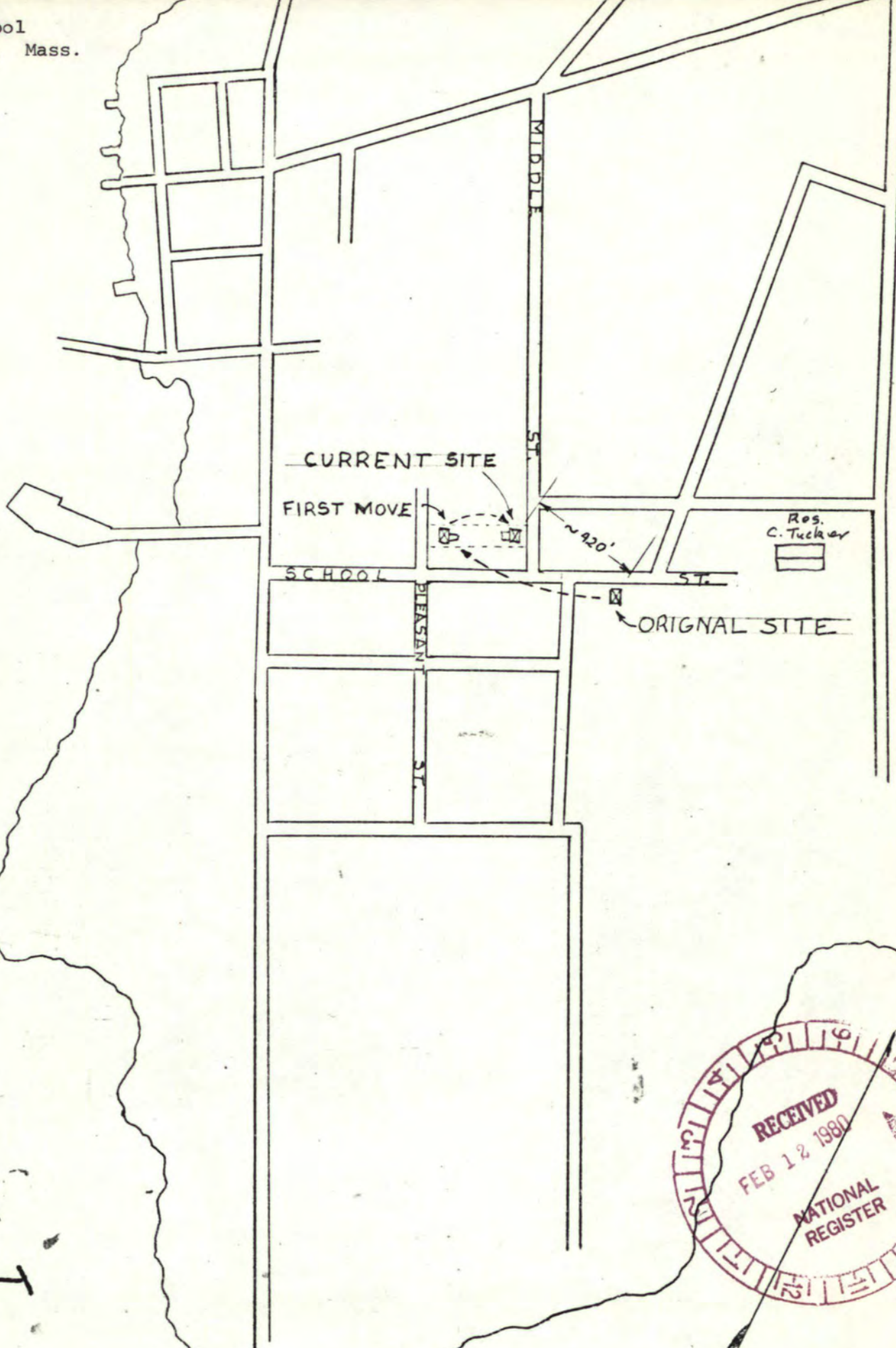
CONTINUATION SHEET

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9. (5) Deed- Thacher to Sturtevant, June 15, 1814, Book 97, Page 48.  
(6) Deed -Thacher to Cushing, June 29, 1814, Book 97, Pages 309 & 310.
  
10. Southwesterly by Lot 1 on plan hereinafter mentioned, seventy-seven and 84/100 (77.84) feet; and  
Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Henry F. Hiller, one hundred forty-one and 64/100 (141.64) feet.

Hill School  
Dartmouth, Mass.

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SKETCH MAP # 1



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Property Hill School

State Ma-Bristol

Working Number 2-12-80 455

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 3

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

*This building is eligible for architecture and education. Built in c.1805 it is an example of a pre-public educ. school type - a subscription school supported by the village households. Built specifically as a school, its architecture is unusual for a school bldg. of that period - 2 story timber frame construction designed in the Federal style. In the 1880's the bldg. was joined to a 2 story addition in the rear. The bldg. has been moved twice, but is near its original location. 1/4 an acre.*

**HISTORIAN**

*accept  
Patrick Andrus  
4/10/80*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

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

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

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Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

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



The Hill School

Front View

2250

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The Hill School  
4 Middle St.  
Dartmouth, Mass.

*Bristol Co.*

R.C. Mulready August 1978  
114 Tall Timbers Lane  
Glastonbury, Conn. 06033

Photo # 1 of 3  
Front View

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The Hill School

Rear View (1977) 90°

The Hill School  
4 Middle St.  
Dartmouth, Mass.

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Bristol Co.

R.C. Mulready July 1977  
114 Tall Timbers Lane  
Glastonbury, Conn. 06033

Photo #2 of 3  
Rear View

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The Hill School

Rear View (1978)

90°

The Hill School  
4 Middle St.  
Dartmouth, Mass.

Bristol Co.

R.C. Mulready  
114 Tall Timbers Lane  
Glastonbury, Conn. 06033

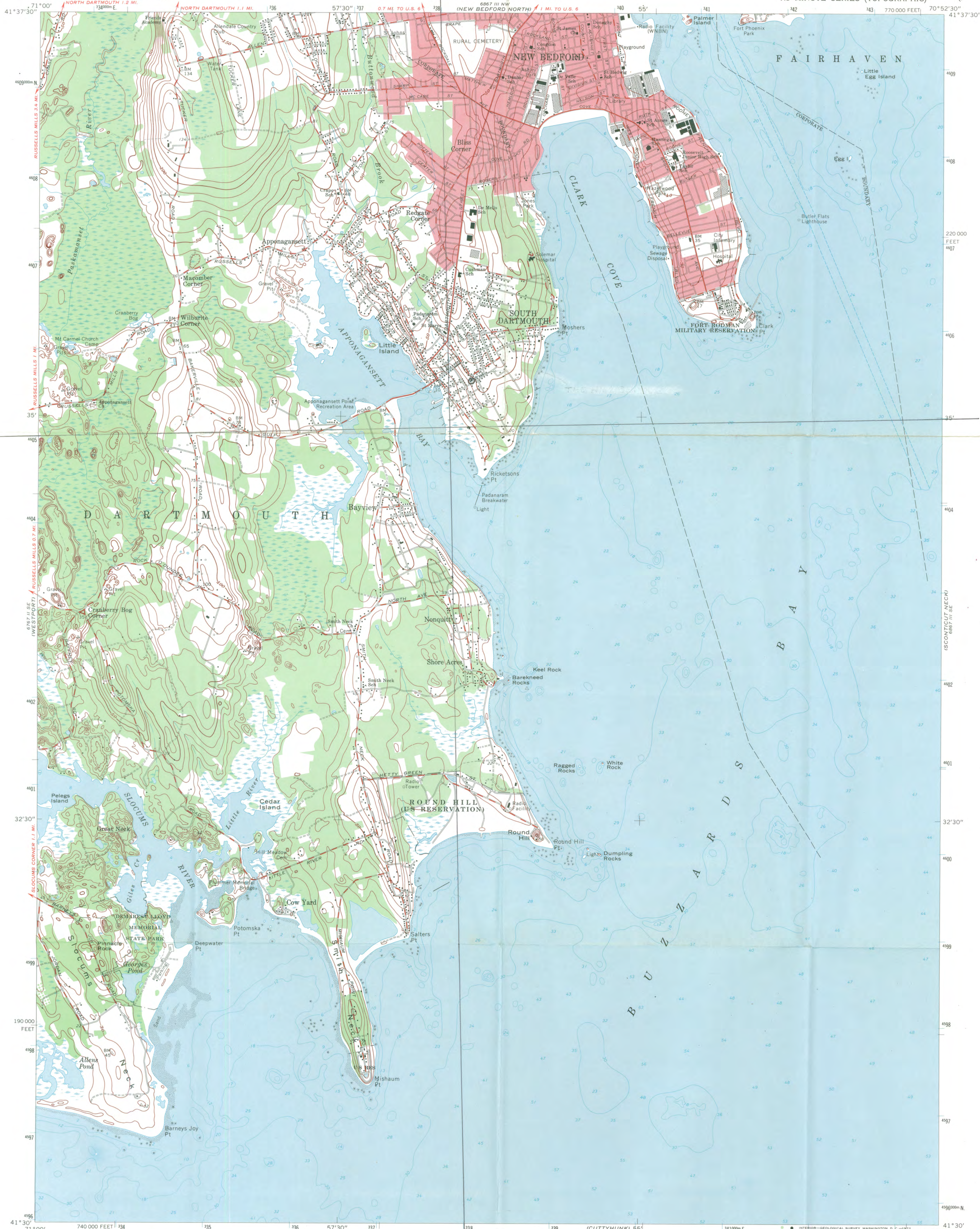
August 1978

Photo #3 of 3  
Rear View

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Hills School  
4 Middle Street  
Dartmouth, Mass.  
UTM REFERENCES:  
19/338260/4605530

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by planetable surveys 1936. Revised 1963  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 252 (1961),  
237 (1962), and 249 (1963). This information is not intended for  
navigational purposes  
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 area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information furnished  
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works

SCALE 1:24 000

1 000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET  
1 5 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 METERS

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 3.7 FEET

UTM GRID AND 1963 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -

NEW BEDFORD SOUTH, MASS.  
N4130—W7052.5/7.5

1963  
AMS 6867 III SW—SERIES V814





**MASSACHUSETTS  
HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Office of the Secretary of State**

294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
02108  
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY  
Secretary of State

January 28, 1980

Ms. Carol Schull, Acting Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
Heritage, Conservation & Recreation Service  
440 G Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Schull;

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Attleboro- First Parsonage of the  
Second Church (local)  
\* Bedford- David Lane House (local)  
\* Boston- Charles Street Jail (national)  
Dartmouth- Hill School (local)  
\* East Longmeadow- Swetland-Pease  
House (local)  
Framingham- First Baptist Church (state)  
Lancaster- Founders Hall (state)  
Marlborough- Peter Rice House (local)  
Medford- Edward Oakes House (local)  
(All of the above are enclosed)

Medford- John McGill House (local)  
Middleborough- C. P. Washburn Grain-  
mill (local)  
Middlefield- Stone Arch Railroad Bridge  
District (state)  
Natick- Rev. Stephen Badger House (state)  
Newton- St. Mary's Church & Cemetary (local)  
New Bedford- Central New Bedford  
Historic District (local)  
Newton- Echo Bridge (state- resubmission)  
Sharon- Stoneholm (local)  
(These are enclosed under separate cover)

These have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

*Christine Boulding*  
Christine Boulding  
Survey Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CB/cj



\*These properties were notified under the new procedures.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 11 1980

Name

Location

Hill School

South Dartmouth  
Bristol County

Middlefield-Becket Railroad Bridge District

Middlefield vicinity, Becket and  
Chester  
Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden  
Counties

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Honorable Gerry E. Studts  
Honorable Silvio O. Conte

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

NR Byers/bjr 4/21/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.