

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Massachusetts

COUNTY:
Berkshire

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUN 19 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Citizens Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
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CITY OR TOWN:
Stockbridge (Interlaken)

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

COUNTY: Berkshire

CODE: 003

Congressional District # 1

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☒ Other (Specify) vacant

*see Historical Signif.

Comments:
to be leased
to a private
school

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Town of Stockbridge

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Stockbridge

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Berkshire County Registry of Deeds, Middle District

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Pittsfield

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☒ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Citizens Hall stands on a hill in the middle of a wide flat expanse of grass, with the Berkshire hill rising beyond. To the rear of the building, the land drops off in a woodland thicket, while dwellings built in the vernacular Greek Revival style flank it.

The 1870 Hall is two stories high and has a gracefully curved Mansard roof. The boarded walls terminate in wooden quoins at each corner. Interrupted only by a tower, a wide cornice with closely spaced and delicately detailed brackets encircles the Hall. Although the impression given is that of a nearly square building, the side facades are two bays wide and the main facade is five, with a three bay pavilion centered on it. The middle bay of this pavilion projects slightly to form a two-story entrance tower which rises through the roof of the building. The tower walls are topped by a bracketed cornice identical to that below the main roof. The uppermost member of this cornice extends to form part of the curb between the two slopes of the main roof. The straight sides of the tower's roof taper and culminate in a simple cornice. Above this rises the crown of the tower -- a lacy, ornamental iron balustrade.

The imposing main entrance in the tower is topped by a broken roundheaded pediment which is supported on each side of the door by a single elongated pilaster with ornamented capital. Beneath the pediment, the elaborately decorated entablature is broken by a semi-circular light over the door. The shape of this light echoes the curves of the roundheaded dormer windows. Above the entrance an elongated triple window, with round heads and outlined by slender and delicate moldings, rests on a thin sill which runs around the projecting tower as a narrow course. An oval, louvered opening with Baroque surrounds is set in the tower roof just above the cornice.

The rest of the openings are symmetrically placed on the wall surfaces of the building. On the first story, the sharp, straight lines and simple flat heads of the tall rectangular windows reflect the formality of the Italian Renaissance and contrast with the dormer windows which break through the main cornice. This interruption of the cornice, and the robust curved and scrolled decoration around the window openings, produce an undulating movement and an interplay of light and shade. These features and the effects they produce create the characteristic exuberance of the Victorian period.

The building as a whole is severely symmetrical, and the masses are clearly articulated by the flat planes produced by the horizontal board siding and the quoins which define the corners. The characteristic features of the Second Empire (Mansard) style are not fully developed here. The three-dimensional effect is reflected by the series of projecting masses on the main facade, while the decorative elements of the style are displayed only in the tower and roof.

The building is basically sound. Some work must be done on the foundations and a drainage problem rectified. Under the supervision of the Berkshire County Historical Society the School will restore the exterior of the building (repainting and glazing) and will rewire and add plumbing and heating.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☐ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☒ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Phi- | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | losophy | |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Science | |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Sculpture | |
| ☐ Art | Architecture | ☐ Social/Human- | |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | itarian | |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | ☐ Theater | |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | ☐ Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Citizens Hall, which was built in 1870, is primarily significant for its architecture. It is a small-scale version of the civic buildings constructed in the Second Empire (Mansard) and Italianate styles in major American cities following the Civil War. In Citizens Hall, that typically stone and brick architecture is translated into a wooden rural idiom and combined with elements which reflect the characteristic exuberance of the Victorian period.

The Hall is the architectural epicenter of Curtisville, a small community within the Town of Stockbridge, which grew up around twelve mills. The mills are gone but several small dwellings in Greek Revival vernacular style, a brick store building, a Federal brick church and a Greek Revival inn remain.

Historical records for Citizens Hall are scant and most are contained in the Selectmen's Report for the Town of Stockbridge for the year ending April 1, 1871. According to that report, Citizens Hall was designed by C. T. Rathbun. The construction of the building was the result of a new system of school administration begun in Stockbridge in 1866. Existing school districts were abolished and public education facilities were to be concentrated in the three business centers of the Town -- the Plains, Glendale and Curtisville. The two rooms on the first floor of Citizens Hall housed the Curtisville school and the second floor was the community assembly hall.

The Town of Stockbridge is negotiating the sale of the property to the Berkshire County Historical Society. The sale of the property is with preservation restrictions approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (General Laws, Chapter 184, as most recently amended). These restrictions cover the exterior of the building and certain interior features. The Society will lease the building to the Huxley High and Low School for educational purposes (thus the building reverts to its original use).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Manuscript--Hatch, J. D., "Citizens Hall," Stockbridge, 1971.

Selectmen's Report of the Town of Stockbridge, April, 1871.

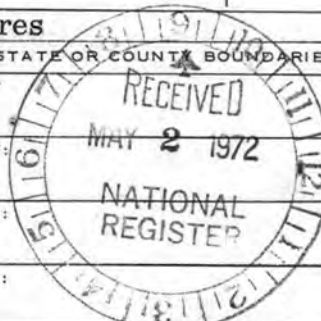
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: c. 2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Anne Wardwell, Survey Director	
ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary	DATE March 18, 1971
STREET AND NUMBER: State House	
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE Massachusetts CODE 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name John F. X. Danner
Secretary of the Commonwealth, and
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Title Commission

Date February 15, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/19/72

ATTEST:
William H. Huntley
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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DATE OF RECEIPT

5/2/72

YES

NO

NUMBER

REGISTER: JUN 19 1972

DATA PAGE

PHOTO (S)

PHOTO DESCRIPTION (S)

MAP (S)

MAP DESCRIPTION (S)

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RESUBMIT

REVIEW

HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

ARCHITECT

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

WRITER/EDITOR

DIRECTOR, OAHP

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

Federal Registry Entry

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Annual Edition Entry

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COMMENTS:

WORKING NUMBER 5.2.72.685

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Cong. dist. #1

OKAY

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Okay

Jules
6/1/72OK Chambers
6-5-72OK Miller
6/7/72
OK
6/9OK Marrison
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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003

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U. S. G. S. Stockbridge, Mass.

SCALE: 1 : 24,000

DATE: 1959

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.





Stockbridge, Mass
(Interlaken, Curtisville)

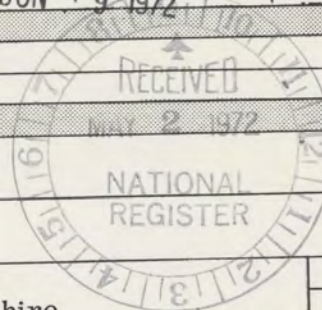
Citizen's Hall
East facade

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 025	COUNTY: Berkshire	CODE 003
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Massachusetts Historical Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Massachusetts Historical Commission, Archives Museum, Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston, MA 02133			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Citizens Hall, east facade			



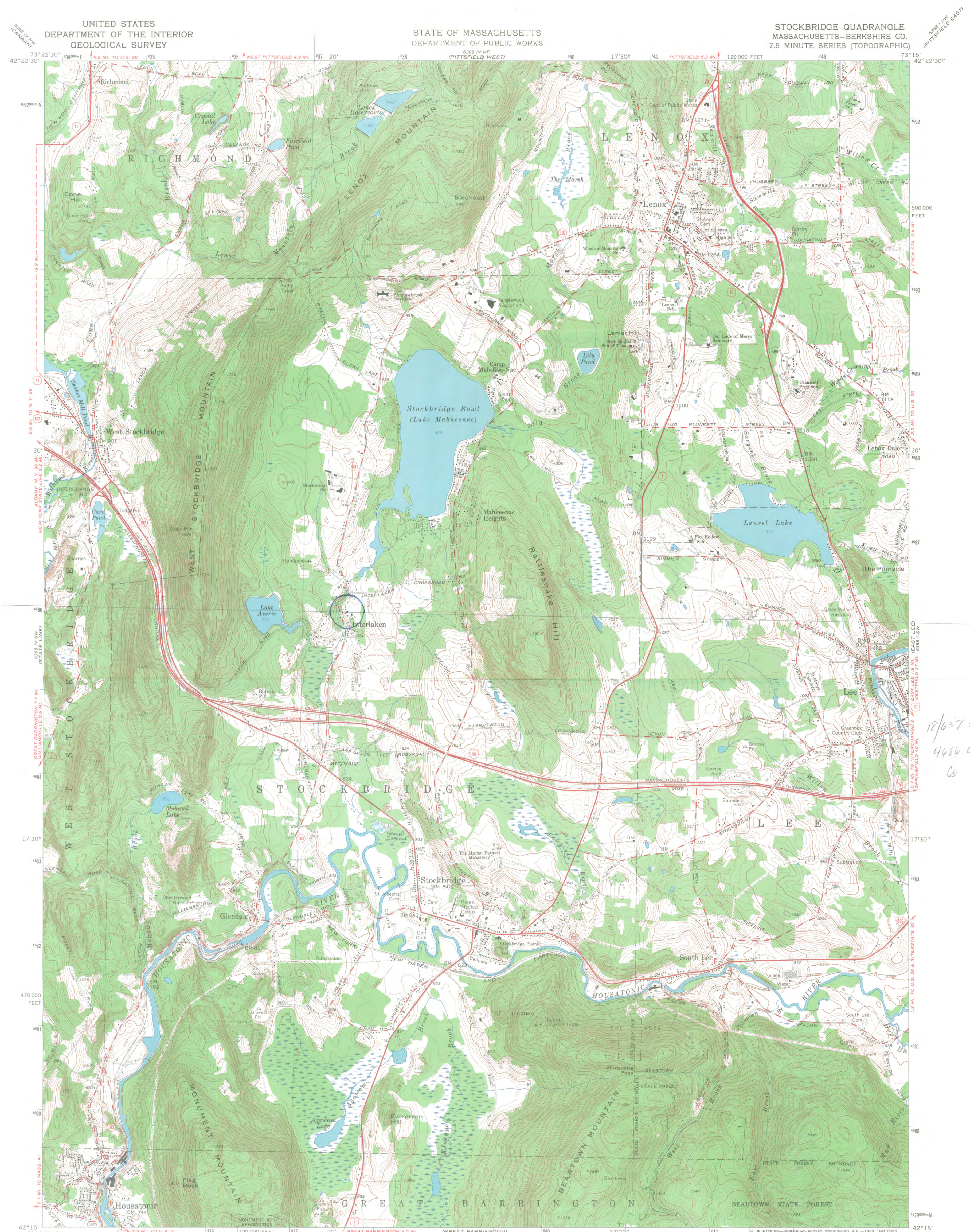
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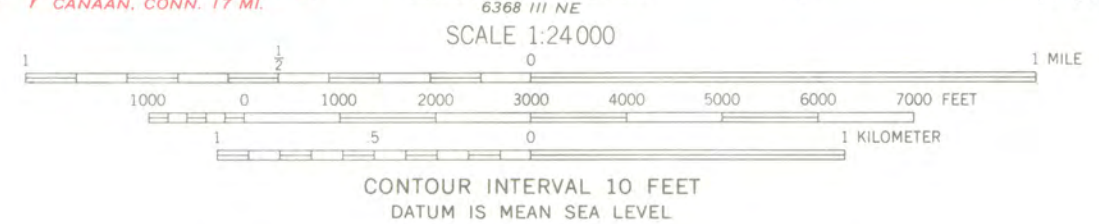
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, Massachusetts Geodetic Survey, and
Massachusetts Harbor and Land Commission
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1942. Field checked 1944. Revised 1959
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
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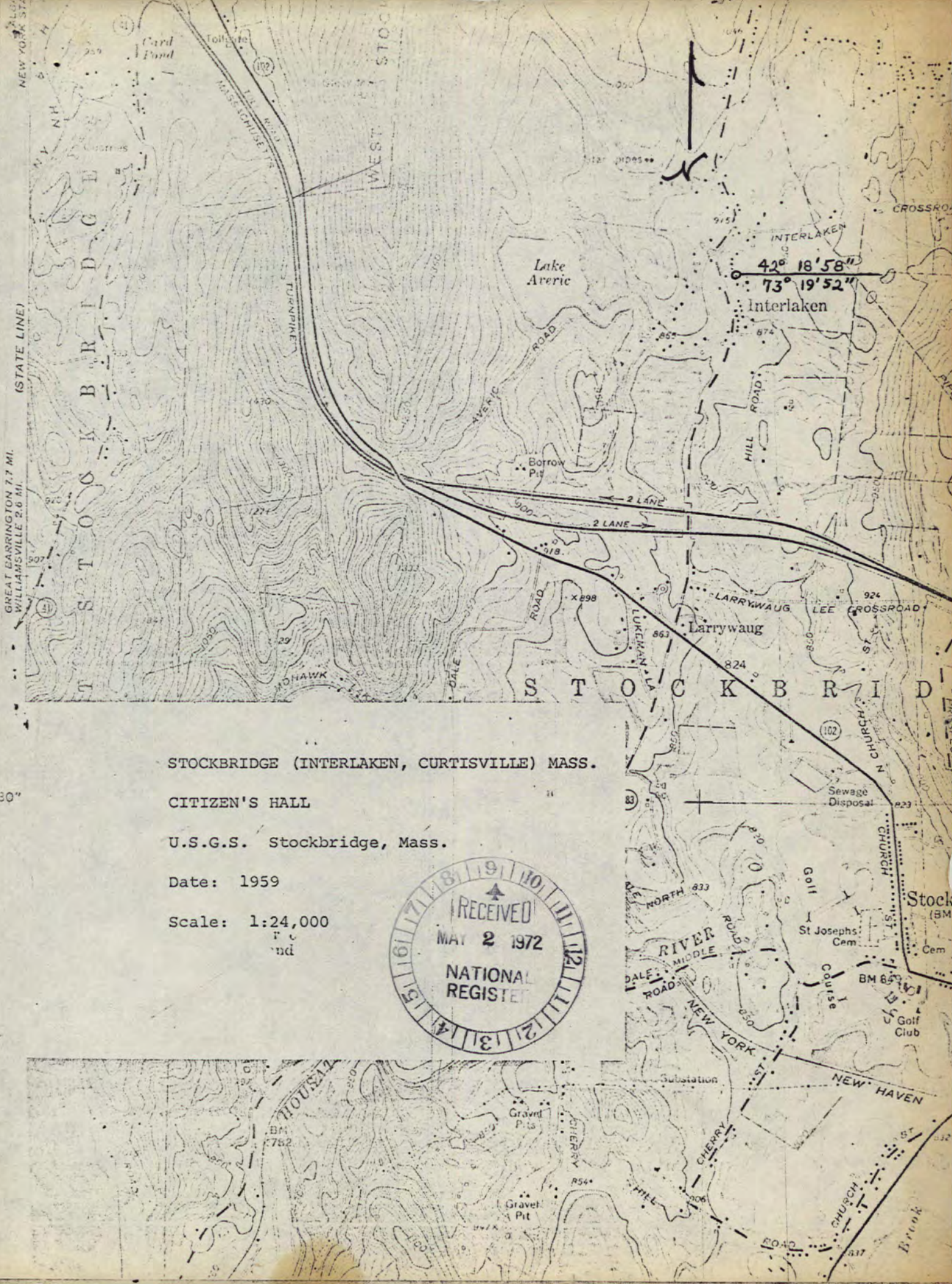


ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route



STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.
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1959

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STOCKBRIDGE (INTERLAKEN, CURTISVILLE) MASS.

CITIZEN'S HALL

U.S.G.S. Stockbridge, Mass.

Date: 1959

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUN 19 1972

Name

Location

Monument Square - Eagle Street
Historic District

North Adams
Berkshire County

↳ Citizens Hall

Stockbridge (Interlaken)
Berkshire County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Silvio O. Conte

Director, Northeast Region

State Liaison Officer
Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission
Office of the Secretary
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

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CITIZENS HALL (25-73-00049-00). *Stockbridge, Berkshire Co.* Private ownership. (Berkshire County Historical Society). A school-building constructed in 1870 to be used as a school and community center. Restoration, including the rebuilding of stairs and installation of utilities to code requirement. \$5,000.00.

CITIZENS HALL (25-74-00105-00). See above.
Continuing work, including electric service,
painting, interior and exterior repair. \$5,700.00.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION	3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	4. NUMBER
1. TYPE OF ACTION (Mark appropriate box) ☐ PREAPPLICATION ☒ APPLICATION ☐ NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (0-1) ☐ REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION	a. NUMBER 75050496	b. DATE Year month day 19 77 01 13	b. DATE Year month day 19 75 06 16	
4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT		5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 046-002-284		
a. Applicant Name : Massachusetts Historical Commission b. Organization Unit : c. Street/P.O. Box : 294 Washington Street d. City : Boston e. County : Suffolk f. State : Massachusetts g. ZIP Code: 02108 h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Elizabeth Reed Amadon, S.H.P.O. (617) 727-8470		6. PRO-GRAM (From Federal Catalog) a. NUMBER 1 5 9 9 0 4 b. TITLE Historic Preservation		
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Citizen's Hall Development Project, Stockbridge, Berkshire County "Repair the roof, flashing and metal cornice, install insulation, replace the deteriorated roof hatch, and install a roof louvre, repair two floors, the front door, and install locks." Source of nonfederal match is funds of Old Curtisville, Incorporated.		8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT A-State B-Interstate C-Substate District D-County E-City F-School District G-Special Purpose District H-Community Action Agency I-Higher Educational Institution J-Indian Tribe K-Other (Specify): Enter appropriate letter ☐ A		
10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts		11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING 5,689,170		
13. PROPOSED FUNDING		12. TYPE OF APPLICATION A-New C-Revision E-Augmentation B-Renewal D-Continuation Enter appropriate letter ☐ A		
a. FEDERAL \$ 1,800 .00 b. APPLICANT 1,900 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 3,700 .00		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. APPLICANT 9 b. PROJECT 1 15. PROJECT START DATE Year month day 19 77 01 13 16. PROJECT DURATION 36 months 17. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY 19 77 01 13		
20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code) National Park Service, Washington D.C. 20240		18. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 12d) A-Increase Dollars B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation Enter appropriate letter(s) ☐ ☐ ☐		
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT: a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved. b. If required by OMB Circular instructions therein, to approve: (1) Office of State Planning (2) (3)		19. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 25-76-00627-00		
23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE Elizabeth Reed Amadon, Exec. Dir. and S.H.P.O. b. SIGNATURE c. DATE SIGNED Year month day 19 77 01 13		21. REMARKS ADDED ☐ Yes ☒ No This application was submitted, pursuant to instructions, to clearinghouses and all responses are attached: No responses attached		
24. AGENCY NAME Department of the Interior		25. APPLICATION RECEIVED Year month day 19 77 1 24		
26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT National Park Service		27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Grants Administration Div.		
29. ADDRESS 18th & C Streets NW., Washington, D.C. 20240		30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION 25-76-00627-00		
31. ACTION TAKEN ☒ a. AWARDED ☐ b. REJECTED ☐ c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT ☐ d. DEFERRED ☐ e. WITHDRAWN		32. FUNDING a. FEDERAL \$ 1,800 .00 b. APPLICANT 1,900 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 3,700 .00		
33. ACTION Year month day 19 77 3 18		34. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and telephone number Stephen D. Newman (202) 523-5472		
35. CONTINUATION		36. STARTING DATE Year month day 19 77 3 18		
37. REMARKS ADDED ☐ Yes ☒ No		38. ENDING DATE Year month day 19 80 3 17		
38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION		39. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.) same as #35		