

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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1. Name

historic PITTSFIELD & NORTH ADAMS PASSENGER STATION AND BAGGAGE & EXPRESS HOUSE

and/or common PITTSFIELD & NORTH ADAMS PASSENGER STATION AND BAGGAGE & EXPRESS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 10 Pleasant Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Adams

N/A vicinity of

congressional district First

state Massachusetts

code 025

county Berkshire

code 003

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☒ unoccupied	☒ commercial
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government
	☐ being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial
		☐ no	☐ military
			☐ museum
			☐ park
			☐ private residence
			☐ religious
			☐ scientific
			☐ transportation
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Donald Dilego

street & number 10 Pleasant Street

city, town Adams

N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Berkshire County North Registry of Deeds

street & number 65 Park Street

city, town Adams

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 January, 1979

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street

city, town Boston

state Massachusetts

7. Description

ADAMS: Pittsfield and North Adams Passenger Station

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The former Passenger Station and Baggage & Express House of the Pittsfield and North Adams Railroad stand east of the Pittsfield and North Adams railroad bed and west of Pleasant Street, near the east end of Armory Court in Adams Center. Although assigned a street number, both structures are sited in reference to the railroad bed rather than the street. Both buildings have rectangular floor plans, and are one-story high, enclosed by hip roofs which have a steeper pitched central section enclosing the actual structures and a shallower pitched outer section which provides a covered walkway around each structure.

The larger of the two structures is the Passenger Station, which is built of red brick (now painted white) and trimmed with brown sandstone, both rock-faced and dressed. The Passenger Station's opposite elevations (east and west; north and south) are identical to each other, except for modern alterations.

The west elevation faces the railroad bed and rests on a plinth of dressed sandstone. Symmetrically arranged, this elevation has at its center a group of three windows whose sills are formed by a course of rock-faced stone which extends around the entire building. Now partially blocked, these windows contained 4/1 sash and have flat-archheads of radiating brick. Flanking this central grouping are two large arches with brick and stone voussoirs. Partially filled in with brick to form a straight-sided opening (by original design) each of these arches contains a central door of nine wood panels with chamfered sides and moulded tops and bottoms. Flanking the central door are two 6/2 sidelight windows set over panelled bases. Surmounting each door and its sidelights is a tripartite transom glazed with small square panes. Placed symmetrically in pairs along the wall are laminated, curved braces which support the roof's projecting eaves and exposed decorated rafters. The east elevation although originally identical to the west has been altered by the blocking of several windows and by the replacement of its three central windows with a single plate glass window (mid-20th century).

The Passenger Station's south elevation rises from a dressed sandstone plinth to a continuous band of rock-faced sandstone which form the window sills. Above this tone course, at the elevation's center are three windows, each of which has a semi-circular head of radiating brick; all three windows are currently blocked. Flanking this group of windows are two pairs of laminated braces which support the eaves. The north elevation differs from the south in that its easternmost window retains 2/1 sash and both of its outer windows retain a semi-circular transoms of small square panes; elsewhere windows are blocked.

The Baggage & Express House stands north of the Passenger Station and is connected to the station only by a concrete railway platform. The Baggage & Express House is a wood-frame structure on a brick foundation. The building's major elevations (west & south) are sheathed with a wainscot of vertical tongue and groove boarding; above the wainscot the walls are clapboarded. The west elevation contains two entries symmetrically placed, and the south end contains one, also symmetrically placed. Each of these entries contains double doors; each door rises from a cross-braced panel with chamfered edges, to two small panels, to a light of 16 small square panes over two large panes. While some of the lights have been damaged, the doors remain essentially intact. The roof of the Baggage & Express House is supported by 3 laminated braces on the west elevation and two on the south elevation.

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The other elevations (north and east) of the Baggage & Express House were originally less ornate and have undergone subsequent alteration. The north elevation is entirely covered with clapboarding and is partially blocked by an added shed which provides access to the cellar. Centered on this elevation is a single 15/2 window (damaged), above which the eaves and braces have been shorn back approximately 2-3'. The east elevation abuts a neighboring property and has been covered with plywood panelling at its north end. At its south end, a small clapboard covered addition (ca. 1930-40) has been built beneath the eaves. This addition has two blocked windows on its east side and a single door on its south side.

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/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☒ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1889-94 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The former Pittsfield & North Adams Railroad Passenger Station and Baggage & Express House possesses integrity of location, design, materials and setting, as well as historical associations with the Pittsfield and North Adams Railroad by which they were built as Adams's main depot. They meet criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Passenger Station, with its brick construction, arched windows and entries, sandstone trim and deep eaves supported by laminated wood brackets, combines elements of the Romanesque Revival and Queen Anne styles. Despite alteration to windows of the east elevation and the partial blocking of windows on other elevations, the essential features of the station remain intact including panelled entries and its railroad platform. Located north of the Passenger Station is the wood-frame Baggage and Express House which was listed in local directories as the local office of both the American Express Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company as early as 1889-1890. Although built to a similar but miniaturized plan of the Passenger Station, the Baggage & Express House is more fancifully decorated, particularly in its ornately panelled double doors and wooden siding. Exact construction dates for the two structures are unknown; however, both appear on the town atlas of 1894. In addition the town's first directory (1889-1890) lists the two buildings without street addresses, but in the same way as subsequent listings, suggesting that the present buildings stood by 1889.

Important to the development of Adam's industries, the Pittsfield & North Adams Railroad was built through Adams in 1845-1846. When originally opened, the railroad maintained a depot slightly north of the town's center between Depot and Hoosac Streets. However, with the growth of the present downtown and the increase in local population, the Passenger Station and Baggage House were built on Pleasant Street and a separate freight house perhaps the former depot was maintained north of Pleasant Street. Following their completion, the Passenger Station and Baggage House remained in active use until the mid-twentieth century. The two structures now remain as important remnants from the railroad's major period of activity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Smith, J. E. A., ed. History of Berkshire County, Vol. I, New York, J. B. Beers & Company, 1885.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .27 acres

Quadrangle name Windsor, Mass.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property includes only the lot described in Berkshire County North Registry of Deeds, Record Book 607, page 388 and illustrated on Berkshire County Plan, Roll Map 46 (copy attached).

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director with
Brian Pfeiffer, ACT for Massachusetts

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date March, 1981

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 Peter L. Weselowski

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date 2/17/82

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

date 4/1/82

for
filing
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service 82004950

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Pittsfield, North Adams Passenger
Station, Baggage Express House
State, County: MA, Berkshire
Federal Agency: _____Working No. 3/3/82-598
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 4-1-82 / 4-17-82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/1/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECTEntered in the
National Registerphotos 3
maps 4

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheetNomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below1. Name2. LocationX 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☒ Public Acquisition		Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Wds _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Pittsfield & North Adams Railroad Passenger
Station

Adams

Berkshire County

Massachusetts

Photo Credit: Brian Pfeiffer

Negatives Filed: ACT for Massachusetts

Identification: East elevation

Date: July 1979

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Pittsfield & North Adams Railroad Passenger
Station and Baggage & Express House
Adams
Berkshire County
Massachusetts

Photo Credit: Brian Pfeiffer

Negatives Filed: ACT for Massachusetts

Identification: West elevation of the
passenger station. South &
West elevation of the baggage
& express house.

Date: July 1979

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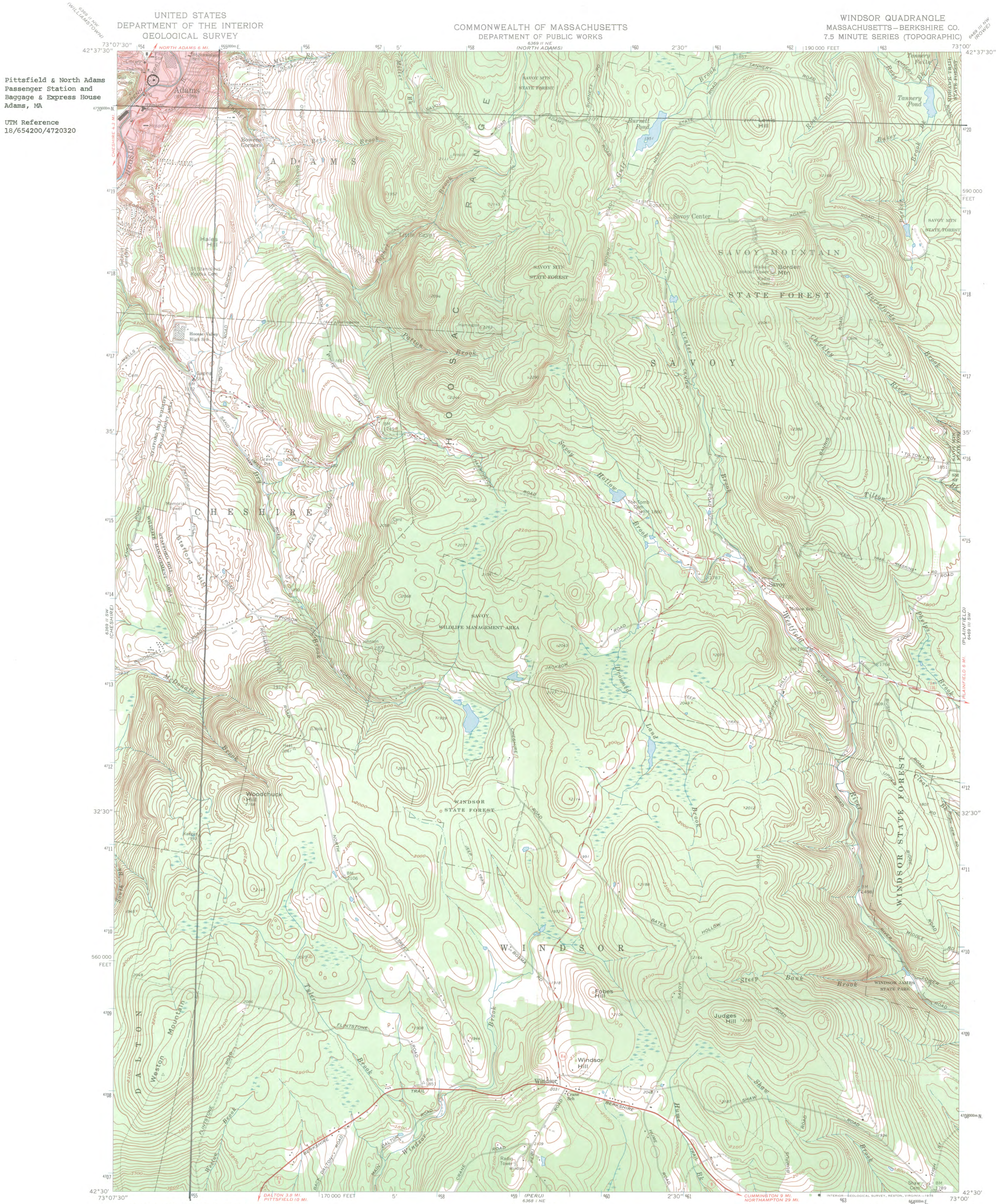
Pittsfield & North Adams Railroad & Express
House
Adams
Berkshire County
Massachusetts

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Negatives Filed: ACT for Massachusetts
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South elevations.
Date: July 1979

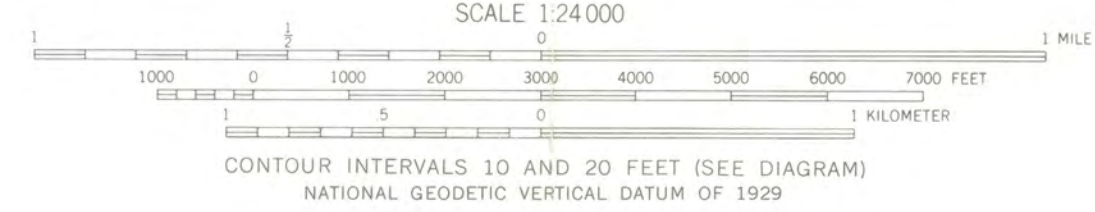
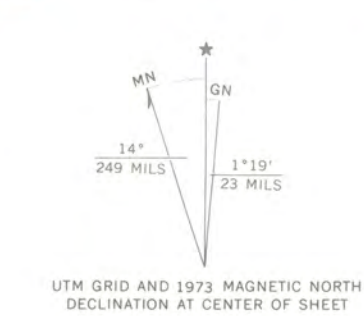
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Pittsfield & North Adams
Passenger Station and
Baggage & Express House
Adams, MA

UTM Reference
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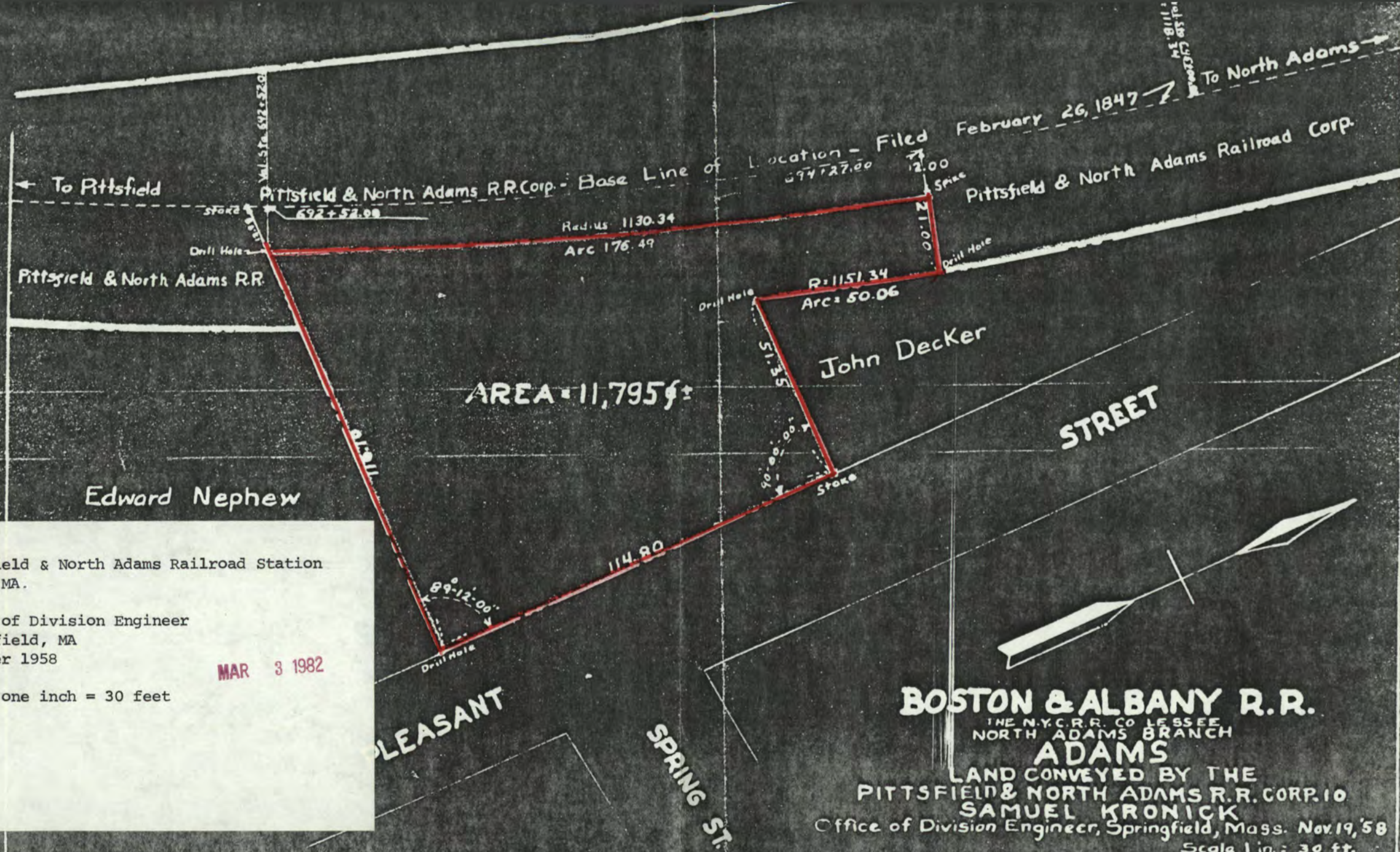
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1942. Topography by planetable surveys 1943 and 1944
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1973
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



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



WINDSOR, MASS.
N4230-W7300/7.5
1973
AMS 6369 II SE-SERIES V814





**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

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

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
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617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

February 17, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper
National Register Division
National Park Service
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following National Register nomination forms:

Adams: Armory Block (local)
Adams: Barrett Block (local)
Adams: Berkshire Mill #1 (local - DOE 6/81)
Adams: Jones Block (local)
Adams: Mausert Block (local)
Adams: Pittsfield & North Adams Passenger Station and Baggage and
Express House (local)
Adams: Simmons Block (local)
Lawrence: American Woolen Mill Housing District (local)
Melrose: Town Center Historic District (local)
Milton: Belcher-Rowe House (local)
Needham: Davis-Mills House (local)
Needham: Joshua Lewis House (local)
Needham: Townsend House (local)
Peabody: Nathaniel Felton Houses (local)
Stockbridge: Glendale Power Station (local)
Stockbridge: Wheatleigh (state)
Webster: Main Street Historic District (local-DOE)
Westfield: Octagon House (local)
Weymouth: Old South Union Church (local)

All were voted eligible by the State Review Board at their meeting on 2/10/82 and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Comments by owners and other interested parties are attached. Owners and chief elected officials were notified of pending Review Board consideration on December 23, 1981.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director

MAR 3 1982

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APRIL 1, 1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Barrett, P. J., Block	Adams Berkshire County
Berkshire Mill No. 1	Adams Berkshire County
Jones Block	Adams Berkshire County
Pittsfield and North Adams Passenger Station and Baggage & Express House	Adams Berkshire County

<u>Notified</u>	
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy Honorable Paul E. Tsongas Honorable Silvio O. Conte	State Historic Preservation Officer Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission 294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108
Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, NPS North Atlantic Regional Office, NPS	