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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Clara Barton Homestead

AND/OR COMMON

Clara Barton Homestead

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3 mi. W of Oxford on
Clara Barton Road

CITY, TOWN

Oxford vic.

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

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

Unitarian-Universalist Women's Federation

STREET & NUMBER

25 Beacon Street

CITY, TOWN

Boston

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

02108

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

1 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

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 Clara Barton Homestead in Oxford is sited on a corner lot of about 4/5 acre; set back 25' from Clara Barton Road and 5' in from Ennis Road.

The house lot is a part of the larger Clara Barton Diabetic Camp. The surrounding area is wooded; the stone wall lined Clara Barton Road was declared a Scenic Road in 1975 by the town.

The house is a simple "Cape" in style of 1½ stories and has a ridge roof with gables to the side and a center chimney. The fenestration is 6/6 and is framed by wooden blinds.

The facade is five bays wide with a center entry. The entrance is framed by an arched lattice-work trellis. The side elevations are 4 bays deep. On the eastern side of the house is an el 5 bays wide and 3 bays deep.

One interesting feature of the house is the internal well in the kitchen. The interior is almost unchanged from its appearance during Ms. Barton's lifetime. The only change is a small caretaker's apartment in a converted shed to the rear of the house.

Just east of the house of the Clara Barton Homestead is the barn. It is a simple 2 story ridge roofed structure sheathed in shingles with 6/6 fenestration. The barn is used by the Diabetic Camp during the summer recreation.

Surrounding the house and barn are the 5 modern administration buildings and 9 cabins of the Diabetic Camp.

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 1818

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Captain Stephen Barton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Clara Barton Homestead is significant as the birthplace, and home for thirty-two years, of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. She was born here on December 25, 1821 and lived here until she went to Bordentown, New Jersey.

Captain Stephen Barton, Clara's father, built the house in 1818. He was a veteran of the Indian Campaigns.

The Barton family was prominent in local affairs. Clara taught in Oxford and it was said "aid(ed) much in...improving the schools of the town." In later years she often returned to Oxford and this house.

In 1921 the Unitarian-Universalist Federation of Women acquired the property and the Federation maintains it as a museum house. The house contains many of the original Barton Family furnishings and belongings.

"The spot dearest to me, the most like home, is the old house where my youth was passed, where I played and romped and studied, and as I thought, worked. It has many a time come to me to buy that house and hold it just for old memories sake." *

*Barton, Clara; unpublished letters

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Daniels, George F; History of the Town of Oxford Massachusetts etc., Oxford: 1892.
Freeland, Mary DeWitt; The Records of Oxford, Mass., Albany:1894.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4/5 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Richard J. Lundstrom, Secretary

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor and Oxford Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 7, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amador

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

3/29/77

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9-22-77

ATTEST:

John W. Cole

DATE

9-22-77

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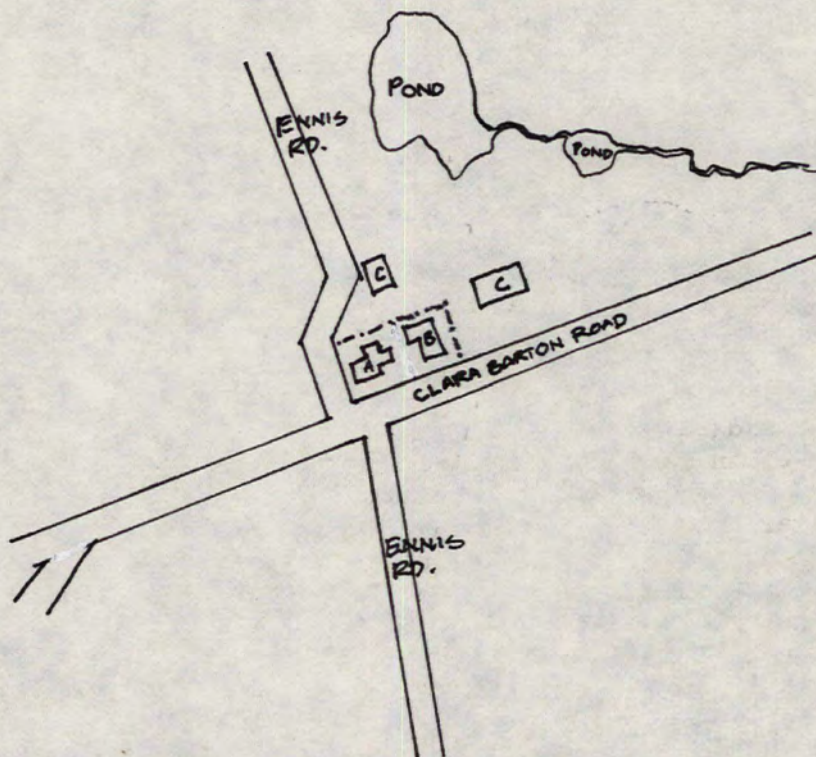
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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Property Sketch Map
Clara Barton Homestead
Oxford, Massachusetts



A - HOMESTEAD
B - BARN
C - DIABETIC CAMP
SCALE: 1" = 400'

Property Barton, Clara, Homestead

State Massachusetts Working Number 4.12.77.576

Worcester

77000202

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 1

Nothing incorrect

CONTROL

pl
4.18.77

HISTORIAN

Return ACCEPT
Franklin (version)
9.6.77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

will call after
2nd review accept
Leborich
5.25.77 9/7/77

Should the barn be included?

Barn included as 19THC + as property is

little else known about barn

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
9/20/77

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Huntington
9.22.77

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry 11-1-77

Send-back _____

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Clara Barton Homestead
Oxford, Massachusetts
1976

Richard J. Lundstrom
Oxford Historical Commission
Town Hall
Oxford, Massachusetts

Photo #1 ⁷²
Looking north by north-east towards the
Clara Barton Homestead

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Clara Barton Homestead
Oxford, Massachusetts
1976

Bruce D. Barter
317 Main Street
Oxford, MA 01540

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Looking north towards the barn of the
Clara Barton Homestead.

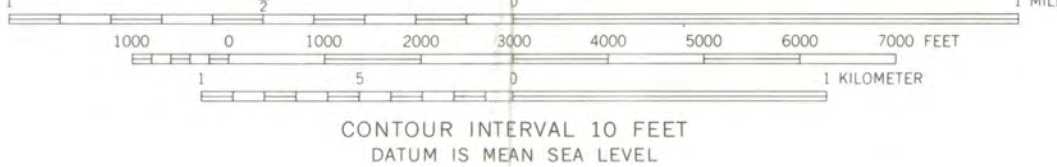
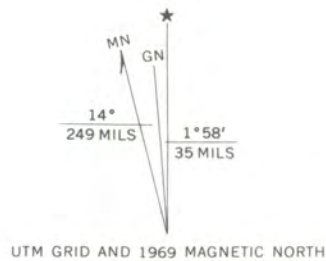
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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Topography by planetable surveys 1937. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1969
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject to
controlled inundation to 501 feet by Hodges Village Dam and
524 feet in Buffumville Reservoir



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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

SEP 22 1977
LEICESTER, MASS.
N4207.5—W7152.5/7.5

1969
AMS 6668 III NW—SERIES V814



Clara Barton Homestead
Oxford, MA.
UTM Reference:
19/260740/4670740
640

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MASSACHUSETTS

STATE

Date Entered SEP 22 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Barton, Clara, Homestead	North Oxford vicinity Worcester County
Milford Town Hall	Milford Worcester County
Gay Farm (Negus Hill)	Petersham vicinity Worcester County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy

Hon. Edward W. Brooke

Hon. Edward P. Boland

Hon. Joseph D. Early

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon

Executive Director, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

294 Washington Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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Mott

9/27/77

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Barton, Clara, Homestead				② OTHER NAMES:				③ date of entry: SEP 22 1977		④ county code: 27	
⑤ LOCATION street & number SW of North Oxford on Clara Barton Rd.				city / town North Oxford		vicinity of North Oxford		state MA		county Worcester	
⑥ NPS REGION: NA											
⑦ OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)								⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:			
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL				⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 2nd		⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL		if state who prepared form?	
⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO				⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO				⑮ ACREAGE		⑯ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION ☐	
⑰ CONDITION				⑱ FEATURES:				⑲ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO			
☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair				☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated				☐ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated			
☐ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown				INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7				EXTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8			
ENVIRON ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9											
⑳ ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown				㉑ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO				㉒ SAVED? ☐ YES		IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☐ no	
㉓ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE :				㉔ CLAIMS: explain							
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ART-5				☐ 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			
☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ EDUCATION-10				☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25				☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) _____			
㉕ functions				㉖ dates of initial construction:				㉗ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:				major alterations:							
CURRENTLY:				historic events:							
㉘ architectural style(s):				㉙ architect:				㉚ master builder:			
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㉜ landscape architect / garden designer:				㉝ interior decorator:				㉞ artist:			
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㊲ NAMES give role & date											
PERSONAL:											
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