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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

May 4, 2011

Mr. J. Paul Loether
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005



Re: Name correction for 170 Franklin Street Street, Stoneham (Middlesex County) MA

Dear Mr. Loether:

We are writing to request a technical correction in the National Register records for the above referenced property.

We have been informed by the Stoneham Historical Commission that the property at 170 Franklin Street is listed as the Elisha *Wright* Homestead, when it should be listed as Elisha *Knight* Homestead.

The property was individually listed on the National Register on April 13, 1984 as part of the Stoneham Multiple Resources Area.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

XC:Marcia M. Wengen, Stoneham Historical Commission

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Knight, Elisha, Homestead
NAME:

MULTIPLE Stoneham MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/31/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/16/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 84002863

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6.27.11 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 6.27.11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

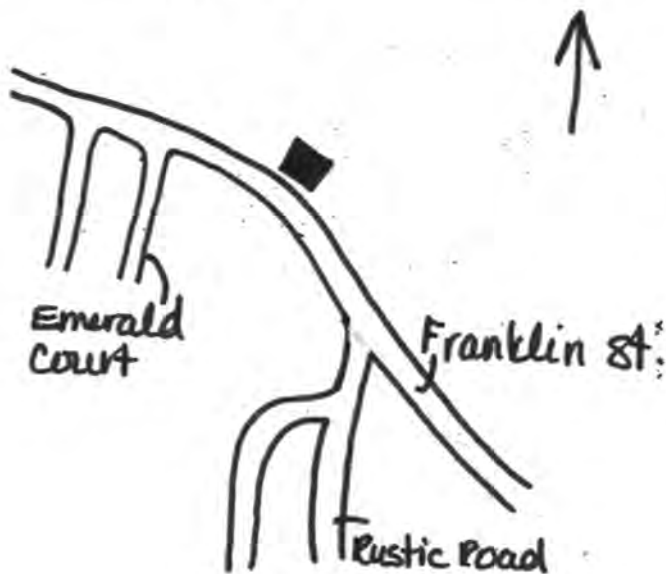
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's
location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Carole Zellie

Recorded by (ed. Candace Jenkins, MHC)

Organization Landscape Research

Date April 1979

Assessor's Map #8-106 (partial)

Town Stoneham Roll 5:7A

Address 170 Franklin Street

Historic Name Elisha Wright Homestead

Use: Original Elisha Wright

Present agriculture: Weiss Farms, Inc.

Ownership: ☐ Private individual
Private organization Weiss Farms

Public

Original owner Elisha Wright

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1750

Source Town Records, va

Style Colonial vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings several 20th century barns
too recent to contribute

Major alterations (with dates) entry

sash, c. 1875

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 1.5± acre

Setting unique farm in 20th century
residential

Boston North Quad 1:25,000

UTM: 19 328430 470 9450

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The Elisha Wright House is one of Stoneham's best preserved mid-eighteenth century houses, and is the only one to preserve its original agricultural setting and use. Constructed c. 1750, it has an asymmetrical five bay facade with its entry slightly west of center and an extra window just east of the entry. It rises two stories to a pitched roof, now covered with asphalt, which is pierced by a single chimney at the eastern end. Presumably a center chimney was removed in the mid-nineteenth century. A one story ell extends from the center of the rear elevation and a two story ell projects from the northeast rear corner. The entire house rests on a raised granite foundation and is sheathed in clapboards with simple cornerboards, a boxed cornice and slightly projecting window architraves. Although the windows contain mid-nineteenth century 2/2 sash, they retain the smaller eighteenth century size. Windows in the ells are generally

(cont. below)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The Elisha Wright House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant as Stoneham's only remaining eighteenth century farm and sole intact example of the town's agricultural origins. The Wright House meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

This property has always been connected with agriculture. The house was the homestead of Elisha Wright in the mid-eighteenth century and later passed into the Green family, who had large landholdings in the Franklin Street area. At the turn of the nineteenth century, the property was owned by the Outram family. The Wright-Green-Outram farm adjoins and includes a large lowland and swampy area which is described in early town histories and depicted on early maps.

In addition to the house, the farm includes several twentieth century barns which do not directly contribute to its significance due to their late date.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (cont.)

larger. The entry treatment, with bracketed hood, dates from c. 1870 and may be part of the same remodeling which removed the center chimney and added the 2/2 sash.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Stevens, History of Stoneham
1858, 1874 Map of Stoneham

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

2/26/84

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Turnbull, R. P., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

Attest

62. Wiley, Caleb, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

Attest

63. Williams-Linscott House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

Attest

64. Williams, Micah, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

Attest

65. Wood, Charles, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

Attest

66. Wright, Elisha, Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

Attest

CENTRAL Square H.D.

Keeper

11/17/90

Attest

Keeper

Attest

Keeper

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Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wright, Elisha, Homestead (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-13-84
☐ RETURN
Entered in the National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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 sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period Areas 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 _____

UTM 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

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Wright, Elisha, Homestead

Stoneman MRA, Ma

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TOWN OF STONEHAM ASSESSOR'S MAP

DATE - PRESENT

SCALE - 1" = 200'

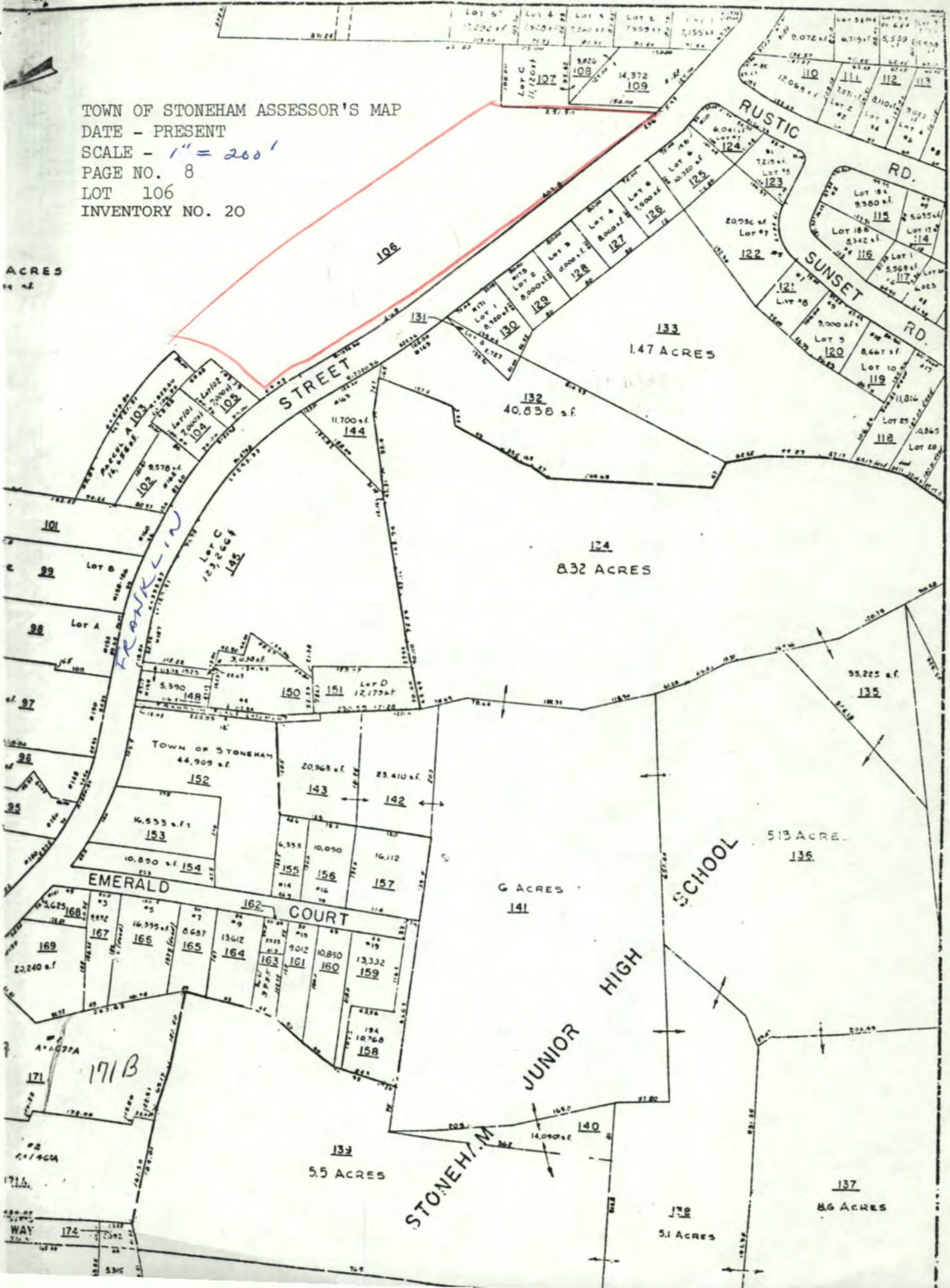
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LOT 106

INVENTORY NO. 20

ACRES

14.42



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295

WEISS FARMS, Inc.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

170 FRANKLIN STREET
STONEHAM 80, MASS.

May 29, 1984
Stoneham Historical Commission
431 Main Street
Stoneham, Mass. 02180
attn: Mr. Nieuwenhuis

Gentlemen:
Please be advised that we do not
want to be included in the National
Register of Historic Places. We appreciate
the consideration but must decline
for many reasons. Your immediate
reply of this is expected; thanking
you in advance.

Saul Weiss



STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Stoneham, MA 02180

July 26, 1984

Mr. Saul Weiss
170 Franklin Street
Stoneham, MA 02180

Re.: WEISS FARM

Dear Mr. Weiss:

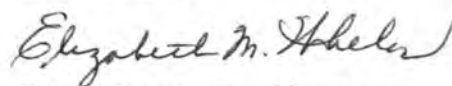
The Massachusetts Historical Commission has informed the Stoneham Historical Commission that you must send a notarized letter to

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of Interior
National Headquarters
1100 L Street
Washington, D. C. 20240

informing her of your wish to have the property excluded from the National Register.

If the Stoneham Historical Commission can be of any service to you, please call me.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth M. Whelan
Secretary

EMW/w

617
438 1324

WEISS FARMS, Inc.

Chick Knight

Stoneham MA

DAIRY PRODUCTS

170 FRANKLIN STREET
STONEHAM 80, MASS.

August 23, 1984
National Register of Historic Places
Department of Interior
National Headquarters
1100 L. Street
Washington, D.C. 20240
Ms. Carol Shull

Dear Ms. Shull,
As advised by the Stoneham Historical
Commission, I am writing you to please
be advised we do not want to be
included in the National Register of Historic
Places. Thanking you in advance!

Sincerely,
Saul Weiss

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 1, 1990

Elaine E. Moore

SAUL WEISS
PRESIDENT
WEISS FARMS INC.
170 FRANKLIN ST.
STONEHAM, MA. 02180



617/727-8470
Sally Zimmerman
owner

file copy NA

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Mr. Saul Weiss
President
Weiss Farms, Inc.
170 Franklin Street
Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180

Dear Mr. Weiss:

This is in response to your letter of August 23, 1984, objecting to the inclusion of your property, the Elisha Wright Homestead, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, in the National Register of Historic Places. We apologize for not responding sooner, your letter was inadvertently filed with the nomination without a response.

The Elisha Wright Homestead was listed in the National Register as part of the Stoneham Multiple Resource Area on April 13, 1984. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and the National Register regulations, 36 CFR 60, a copy of which is included for your reference, the State notified you of the proposed nomination of the property prior to submitting the nomination to the National Park Service. Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register must be afforded the opportunity to object to or concur with the nomination of their property to the National Register prior to listing. The Elisha Wright Homestead was listed in the National Register because it meets the National Register criteria for evaluation and you did not object to listing until after the property was listed. The property can only be removed from the National Register in accordance with 36 CFR 60.15(a).

We would like to emphasize that owners of private property listed in the National Register are free to maintain, manage or dispose of their property as they choose. In Massachusetts, properties are nominated to the National Register by Ms. Valerie A. Talmage, the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer. You may wish to contact Ms. Talmage, Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116; telephone (617) 727-8470, to inquire about any State or local laws which may effect your property.

If we can provide further information or assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull (Sgd.)

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
Interagency Resources Division

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Valerie A. Talmage, Massachusetts SHPO

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Reading File

Record Center

FNP:BSavage:343-9536

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