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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**HISTORIC Third Meetinghouse

AND/OR COMMON

Grange Hall**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1 Fairhaven Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mattapoisett

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12th

STATE

Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

CODE

025

COUNTY

Plymouth

CODE

023**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☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: Grange Hall**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Grange #215, c/o Mrs. Herbert LaFleur, Master

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 23

CITY, TOWN

Acushnet

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02743**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Plymouth County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Russell Street

CITY, TOWN

Plymouth

STATE

Massachusetts 02360**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDSMassachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts --02108

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 Third Meetinghouse, built in 1816, faces south onto Route 6, and is one of the last remaining buildings which once faced the old town common. The building sits on a quarter of an acre of lawn and is surrounded by a few small nineteenth century buildings and the twentieth century commercial development which has grown up along Route 6. The Meetinghouse, in spite of these commercial intrusions, retains its rural, small town feeling and associations and is a visual landmark on the highway.

The Meetinghouse was originally built with a steeple and flush facade. The building was remodeled in the Italianate manner in 1857 for use by the Mattapoisett Academy. Except for the loss of the rounded Italianate dome and banneret weathervane, both destroyed by the hurricane of 1938, the building looks now essentially as it did in 1857.

The 2 story rectangular clapboarded building rests on a cut granite foundation. It is four bays wide and four bays deep, with a pedimented 2 story central pavilion on the facade. The central pavilion, one bay in depth, is articulated by wide cornerboards each containing a slender 2 story recessed panel with a round arch at the top. The cornerboards and panels are repeated on the four corners of the main body of the meetinghouse. The pediment of the pavilion and the larger pediment of the facade behind it have the same heavy triangular boxed cornice incorporating modillions interspersed by dentils. This decorative cornice continues all the way around the building. Above the pediment of the facade rests the base and the first stage of the tower. The first stage of the tower is octagonal, with louvered roundheaded arched openings in four sides and recessed rectangular panels in the alternate sides. A corbel table above the arches, and a boxed cornice with modillions and dentils similar to the cornice on the meetinghouse complete the tower.

All of the windows on the facade have round arches on top, with hood mouldings over the arches. The larger windows on the front of the pavillion are 6/6 (with a fan shaped variation on the first floor); the rest of the windows are 4/4. The side elevations have eight sets of paired windows set into four 2 story arched recessed panels. The top of the panels have double hood mouldings; dentils and a recessed square panel separate the arched second floor windows and the flat lintels of the first floor windows. There are two doors in the building, each covered by a cantilevered porch, quarter-circular in plan, on the facade flanking the central pavilion.

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 1816;1857

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Third Meetinghouse is significant not only for its architectural importance to Mattapoissett, but also for the contributions it has made to the political development of the town and in the field of education.

The Meetinghouse is situated on what is now Route 6, which was the major route between Cape Cod and New York before the construction of Interstate 195. Most of Route 6 has been developed and commercialized; the Third Meetinghouse is one of the few buildings of architectural quality remaining in the area. The meetinghouse, with its decorated double pediments and round arched windows stands out as a visual landmark by the roadside.

After the roof of the Second Meetinghouse was destroyed by the 1815 hurricane and because the town's occupation was turning from farming to ship building, the congregation decided to locate the Third Meetinghouse closer to the sea. The Third Meetinghouse was used by the congregation for twenty-eight years until the parish outgrew the building and moved to the present Congregational Church. The meetinghouse was also used for town meetings during this time, and housed a memorable session lasting from March 6, 1837 to July 10, during which the issue of separation from Rochester was discussed. This separation was finally carried out in 1857 when Mattapoissett was incorporated, and the old town of Rochester was left landlocked.

In 1854 the building was taken over by the Mattapoissett Academy, founded by interested citizens of the community. The school started with 133 pupils, 36 from other towns and 7 from other states, a male principal and two female teachers. The Academy closed in 1862, but the building was opened as the public Barstow School in 1871 and continued in use as the school for twenty-eight years. One member of the school board during this time was Charles Bryant, who had been instrumental in helping Seward convince the U.S. Senate to purchase Alaska and was subsequently the first governor of that territory.

In 1915 when the Grange #215 bought the building they held many of their community functions in the Third Meetinghouse. The plans for the future use of the building are still being developed. There is strong community support for keeping and using the building, because the Third Meetinghouse has served the public in Mattapoissett longer than any other building in town.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dexter, Lemuel LeBaron, History of Third Meetinghouse, 1926
Leonard and others, Mattapoisett and Old Rochester, Grafton Press, 1907
Mendell, Charles S. Jr., Historical Summary of Mattapoisett, 1957

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY $\frac{1}{4}$ acre

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1 | 9 | | 3 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christine Boulding, Assistant Survey Director, and Barbara Spaulding

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

September 22, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amason

TITLE Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 10/14/75

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

Attesting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 1/2/96

ATTEST:

Ronald M. Brubaker

DATE 12/31/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acg

Property Third Meetinghouse

State Mass.

Working Number 10.20.75.1843

Plymouth

TECHNICAL

Photos 1

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
10.23.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
work done
12/3/75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Husarek
12/2/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
12-4-75

BRANCH CHIEF

accept
Husarek
12.10.75

KEEPER

Accept
Greenberg
12/31/75

National Register Write-up

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Mattapoissett

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Plymouth

STATE

MA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Priscilla A. Hathaway

DATE OF PHOTO December 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Mattapoissett Historical Commission, Town Hall

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO

1

south facade and west elevation of Third Meetinghouse

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Grange Hall

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Mattapoisett

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY Plymouth

STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U.S.G.S., Marion, Mass. quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000

DATE 1962

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

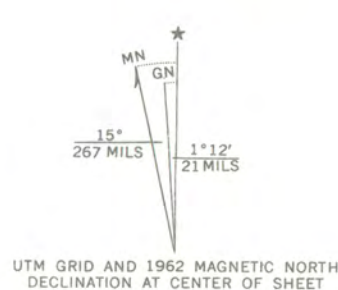
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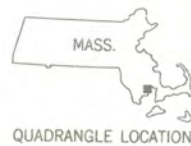
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Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 251 and
252 (1961). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information furnished
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works



SCALE 1:24,000
1 MILE
1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
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SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET



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

MARION, MASS.
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1962

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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Location

Third Meetinghouse

Mattapoisett
Plymouth County

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy Also Notified
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Gerry E. Studds

Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

PR MMott/je 1/20/76

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
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vicinity of:

state: MA

county: Plymouth

6 NPS REGION: North Atlantic

7 OWNER: ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)

8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS: ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL ☐ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 12

10 SOURCE of NOMINATION: ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL if state who prepared form?

11 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME: ☒ NO

12 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME: ☒ NO

13 ACREAGE: .25

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17 ACCESS: ☒ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown

18 ADAPTIVE USE: ☒ YES ☐ NO

19 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

20 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☒ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☒ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☒ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25 ☐ ART-5 ☒ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20

22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐

23 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: MEETINGHOUSE, SCHOOL CURRENTLY: FRATERN-PATRIOT. ORGAN.

24 dates of initial construction: 1816 major alterations: 1857, 1938 (damaged by hurricane) historic events:

25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION:

26 architectural style(s): Italianate elements.

27 architect:

28 master builder:

29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer:

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32 artist:

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35 NAMES give role & date
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