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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC ^{**} South Lancaster Engine House *haha*

AND/OR COMMON South Lancaster Fire Station

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
283 South Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
South Lancaster

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd 14th

VICINITY OF

STATE
Massachusetts

CODE
025

COUNTY
Worcester

CODE
027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Fire static

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Town of Lancaster

STREET & NUMBER
Town Hall

CITY, TOWN
Lancaster

VICINITY OF

STATE
Massachusetts 01523

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Town Treasurer

STREET & NUMBER
Town Hall

CITY, TOWN
Lancaster

STATE
Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Inventory of the Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE
1974

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 South Lancaster Engine House stands on Main Street, in the center of South Lancaster, on one-half acre of land. Immediately to the south, separated from the firehouse by a tall hedge, is a triangular shaped green, Samuel Ward Park, formed by the intersection of Main Street and Bolton Road. Across the street from the engine house, is the campus of Atlantic Union College.

The fire station is two stories high with a hipped roof. The facade is three bays wide and the side elevations are three bays deep. The wall surface is clapboard with cornerboards except for a continuous shingled belt in an imbricated pattern, between the first and second floors. The belt flares out slightly at its bottom where it meets a built-up molding. The cornice is supported by slender, curving brackets set close together. Fenestration is paired sash windows with two lights over one, except for the center bays of the facade and elevations. On the first floor of the facade are two bays with new overhead doors. The center bay of the second floor has three round arched windows. The bay extends above the cornice to form a base for the bell tower. The roof of the bay curves inward and is topped by an open four-sided bell housing. The housing is topped by a curving hipped roof. On the side elevations, the second floor center bay extends beyond the cornice line to create a shed roof dormer. It has four large, two-light-over-one, sash windows. Above these windows are four square windows. Cornerboards and horizontal band moldings are used to set off the center bays.

The first floor interior consists of a large open area for two engines and work space. To the rear are two rooms and the stairs to the second floor. The second floor is an open hall.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATE§ 1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C.A. Woodruff

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The South Lancaster Engine House was built by the town in 1888, and is significant as the earliest fire station in the area still being used for its original purpose.

Little is known of the Fire Department before 1887. At Town Meeting of 1829, 13 fire wards were chosen. By 1848 a Fire Department Organization was formed. For a forty-year period, between 1838 and 1877, the only Fire Department expense was in 1848 when \$49.75 was spent for fire hooks and ladders. In 1877, however, a committee recommended the purchase of a "Halls Improved Fire Engine," the formation of an engine company, that a reservoir be built between the Bulfinch Church and Town Hall, and that a place be built for safe keeping of the new engine.

At the Town Meeting of June 18, 1887, it was decided that \$3,500 would be expended to build a station for the Fire Department in South Lancaster. Three persons were nominated to the building committee, John E. Thayer, Henry F. Hosmer, and Carter J. Lewis. Construction began in 1887, and was completed in March of 1888. Expenditures were \$45 for the architect Mr. C.A. Woodruff, \$2,000 for the construction to Mr. C. H. Harris, and \$1,445 to H.F. Hosmer for finish work. Since the building was completed, it has been in continuous use as a fire station. The only change has been the replacement of the original swinging doors with overhead doors.

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Property South Lancaster Engine House

76000307

State Mass.

Working Number 7.6.76.3703

Worcester

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 1

CONTROL

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OK 7.7.76

HISTORIAN

accept
J. Grosvenor
7/13/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Relgovich
accept

10-2-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

accept
Cole

accept *10-12-76*
BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Wm
10/20/76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered OGT 2 11 1976

Federal Register Entry 12-7-76

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATION NO. 2

South Lancaster Engine House
Lancaster, MA. *Worcester co.*
Ed Hopfman
1974

Clinton Daily Item
156 Church Street
Clinton, MA. 01510

Looking west

Photograph #1

JUL 6 1976

OCT 22 1976

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

D 28a South Lancaster Engine House
283 South Main Street
South Lancaster, Mass.

November 1975

Photographer: Ed Hopfmann
Lancaster, Mass.



South Lancaster Engine House
Lancaster, MA. *Worcester Co.*
Wendell Bartlett
1975
Lancaster Historical Commission
Lancaster, MA. 01523

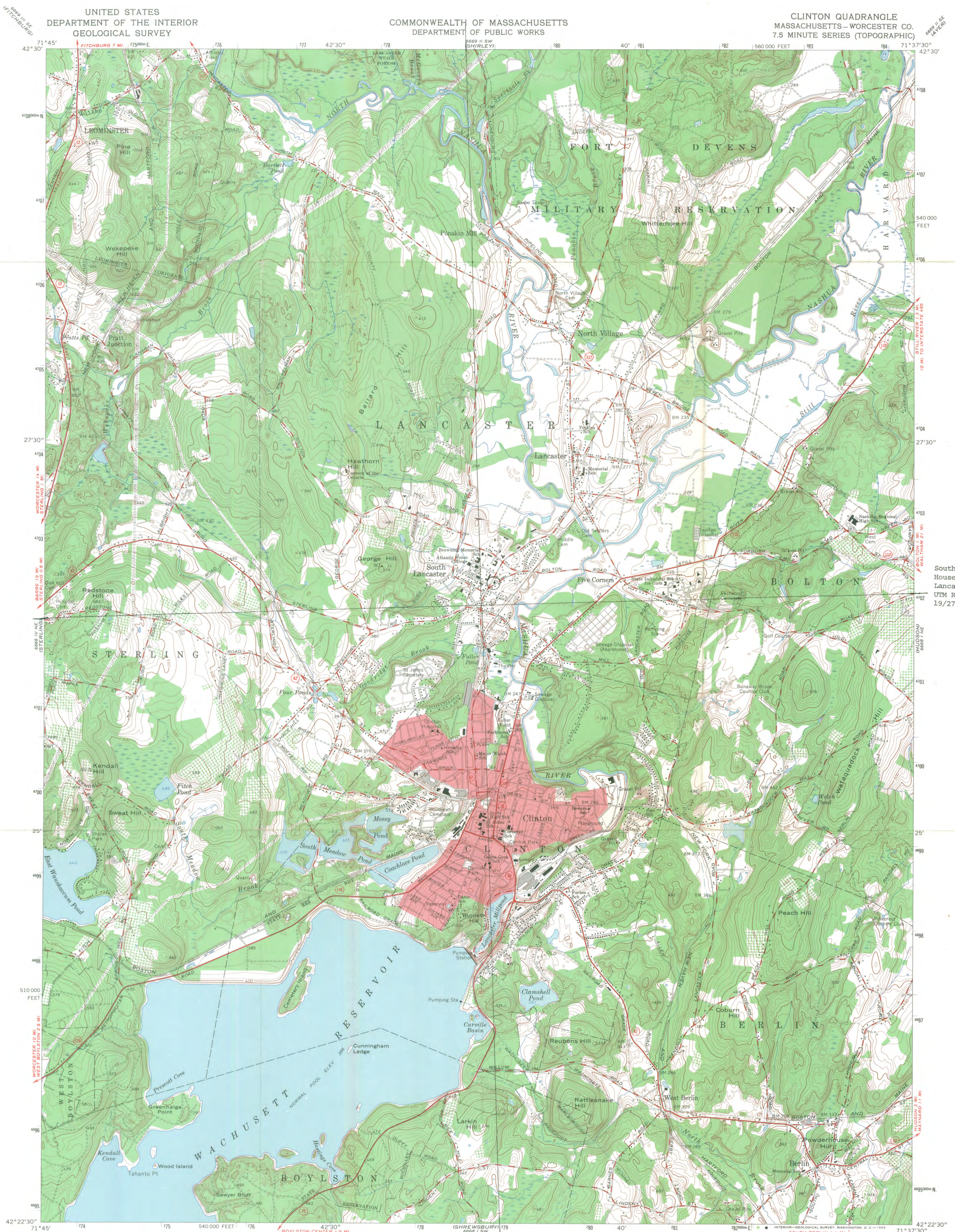
Looking northeast
Photograph #2

JUL 6 1976

OCT 22 1976

*Base South Lancaster Engine House (near
283 South Main Street
South Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photographer: Wendell Bartlett*

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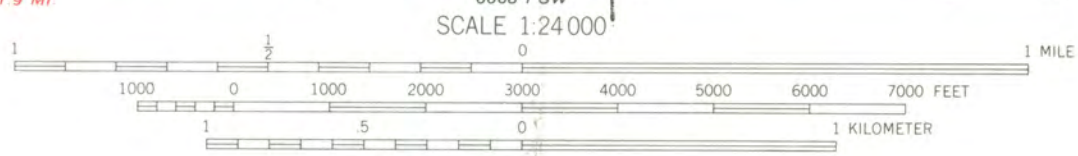


South Lancaster Engine House
Lancaster, MA.
UTM Reference:
19/279160/4702270

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1939. Topography by planetable surveys 1923 and 1940
Revised 1965

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

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



- ROAD CLASSIFICATION
- Heavy-duty ———
 - Medium-duty ———
 - Light-duty ———
 - Unimproved dirt - - - - -
 - State Route ○

CLINTON, MASS.
N4222.5—W7137.5/75

1965

AMS 6668 1 NW—SERIES V814

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST





PAUL GUZZI

Secretary of the
Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

(617) 727-8470

June 28, 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington, Registrar
National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find National Register nomination forms for the following four properties:

1. Lancaster, South Lancaster Engine House
2. Lexington, Simonds Tavern
3. Haverhill, Washington Street Shoe District
4. Northampton, The Manse

These properties have been voted eligible by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Reed Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

Pat

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director

PLW/mw
Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered

OCT 22 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tremont Nail Factory District	Wareham Plymouth County
South Lancaster Engine House	South Lancaster Worcester County
Town Hall	Lakeville Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Gerry E. Studds
Hon. Robert F. Drinan, Jr.
Hon. Margaret M. Heckler
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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Lancaster engine house entered to register of historic places

South Lancaster Engine House, Lancaster, nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, has been accepted, State Secretary Paul Guzzi, Chairman of the Commission, has been informed by Gary Everhardt, Director of the National Park Service in the United States Department of the

Interior. Built by the Town of Lancaster in 1888, it is significant as the earliest fire station in the area still being used for its original purpose.

History
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Elizabeth Reed Amadon, Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, praised the efforts made by the Lancaster Historical Commission and said the local members played an important part in the decision to have the Engine House placed in the National Register of Historic Places.

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 7/13/76
Reviewer: INITIALS: BG
 NR DOE

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: South Lancaster Engine House

OTHER NAMES: South Lancaster Fire Station

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 283 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN, S. Lancaster

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd 421

STATE Massachusetts VICINITY OF 025

COUNTY code
Worcester 027

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
 Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4 - unknown - 5 - unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - Not applicable-9

CONDITION - EXCELLENT - Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0
 GOOD - DETERIORATED - UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 FAIR - RUINS ALTERED - MOVED
 - UNEXPOSED - Reconstructed - Unknown
 - Unexcavated - Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- fire station

now- fire station

SIGNIFICANCE:

- | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | <input type="checkbox"/> settlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | <input type="checkbox"/> socio/cultural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban & commu- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | | planning |

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

oldest over fire station still used for its original purpose

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ~~Eastlake elements~~ ^(same) Queen Anne (?)

architect/m.builder: C. A. Woodruff

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

C. H. Harris

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES: personal

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1887-1888

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre)

1.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

description: frame, Clap boarding and shingled siding, 2 1/2 stories, rectangular, hipped roof, ~~no~~ cornice on side elevations, 2 front entrances originally had swinging doors which have been replaced by overhead doors, 3 round arched windows in center bay, center bay ^{raised} above cornice to form a flared base of open belfry, side doors, bracketed cornice; 1st story interior divided into large engine area with 2 back rooms and stairway, 2nd story is an open hall.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The South Lancaster Engine ~~with its Eastlake elements,~~ was built to serve the municipal fire department which was formed in 1848. It is the area's earliest fire station still used for its original purpose.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: South Lancaster Engine House
 2 OTHER NAMES: South Lancaster Fire Station
 3 date of entry: 10-22-76
 4 county code: 027
 5 LOCATION street & number: 283 S. Main St. city / town: South Lancaster vicinity of: state: MA county: Worcester 6 NPS REGION: North atlantic

7 OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (Agency name)
 8 ADMINISTRATOR:
 9 EXISTING SURVEYS HABS OHER NHL 10 FUNDED? YES NO 11 CONGRESS, DISTRICT: 4 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME: NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME: NO 15 ACRABR: .5 16 STATE who prepared form: SHPO LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION deteriorated altered original site ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated
 17 features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-28 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-89

18 ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE YES NO 20 SAVED? YES NO 21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO

22 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHAEOLGY - prehistoric-1 ARCHAEOLGY - historic-2 AGRICULTURE-3 ARCHITECTURE-4 ART-5 ENGINEERING-11 ENTERTAINMENT-25 EXPLORATION-17 HEALTH-27 INDUSTRY-13 INVENTION-14 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 LAW-16 LITERATURE-17 MILITARY-18 MUSIC-19 PHILOSOPHY-20 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RELIGION-22 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25 RECREATION-28 SETTLEMENT-29 URBAN PLANNING-31 OTHER (SPECIFY):
 23 CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' x fire station in area still in use as such. 'only'

24 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: FIRE STATION CURRENTLY: FIRE STATION 25 dates of initial construction: 1888 major alterations: historic events: 26 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

27 architectural style(s): Eclectic 28 architect: 29 master builder: 30 engineer: 31 landscape architect / garden designer: 32 interior decorator: 33 artist: 34 artisan: 35 builder / contractor:

36 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:

37 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Frame, clapboarding, shingling; 2 1/2 stories, rectangular, hipped roof with shed wall dormer, paired front vehicular entrances, front center tower with flared cap and domed open belfry, bracketed cornice, flared imbricated belt/course. Eclectic.

Oldest fire station in the area still being used for its original purpose.