

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For HCERS use only

received **JAN 29 1980**
date entered **MAR 25 1980**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name Maples Cottage

historic Same

and/or common

2. Location E of Shrewsbury on

street & number Oak Street not for publication

city, town Westborough Shrewsbury vicinity of congressional district Third

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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Administration and Finance

street & number State House

city, town Boston state Mass.

5. Location of Legal Description

Worcester County Registry of Deeds
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse

street & number 2 Main Street, Room #2

city, town Worcester state Mass. 01608

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets of
title the Commonwealth #2

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date November, 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town 294 Washington St., Boston state Mass.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Maples Cottage is located on a rise, northwest of the junction of Park and Oak Streets. It is a two-story house of transitional Federal/Greek Revival design consisting of a rectangular plan front section with an ell located east of center on the structure's rear wall. The structure is covered throughout with clapboards.

Front Section: The house's front section is of characteristic Federal design with a one-room deep floor plan, hammered granite foundation and low hip roof. The facade is on the south wall and consists, at the first story, of a center entrance flanked by two windows on each side and, at the second story, of five windows symmetrically placed. The entrance is framed by Doric pilasters; set between the pilasters are three-pane side lights with arched heads and a panelled door with two arched lights (added ca. 1860). Extending across the facade is a one-story porch supported by four Doric columns. Located at each corner of the front section of the house are pilasters which rise to moulded capitals and a broken entablature containing triglyphs. End walls, east and west, contain one window centered at each story, while the rear wall contains one window at the first story west of the ell, a blind window frame at the second story also to the west and no windows east of the ell. Windows of the front section are uniform by story, being oversized 6/6 sash set in moulded surrounds (ca. 1860) at the first story and 6/9 set in moulded surrounds at the second story. Chimneys of the front section have either been capped below the roof or removed.

Rear Ell: The rectangular plan rear ell which extends northward has panelled pilasters at its corners and an interior chimney slightly east of center on its end wall. The west elevation contains three unevenly spaced windows at both stories, all consisting of 6/6 sash set in moulded surrounds. The north elevation contains two symmetrically spaced window frames at both stories of which the eastern two are blind and the western two contain 6/6 sash. The east elevation of the ell contains an enclosed porch at the first story and three unevenly spaced windows (6/9 sash) at the second story. The porch has been enclosed by glazed panels containing eighteen panes each, and seems likely to have been added in the mid-twentieth century. Behind the porch, fenestration of the original exterior walls has been covered by modern panelling.

Boundary Justification: The house sits at the southern edge of the Lyman School on a 205 acre parcel shown as Lot #24 on the Westborough Assessor's Map #33. As the property contains other buildings and land which are unrelated to the significance of the Maples Cottage, only the Maples Cottage and land immediately surrounding it are included in this nomination; this area is a trapezoidal lot bounded by Oak Street (south) and by unnamed, paved driveways (east, north, and west), which provide access to the Lyman School. No other buildings stand on this lot.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input 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
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<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 dates 1830-1832 **Builder/Architect** Builder unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Maples Cottage possesses integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship as well as historical association with the early development of Westborough. Located in the original eighteenth century town center, its fine Federal/Greek Revival detail is representative of this area's major period of significance. Although Westborough was established as a town in 1717, there was little stimulus for growth until the opening of the Boston-Worcester Turnpike (Route 9) in 1810. The installation of the Boston-Albany Railroad in 1834, however, curtailed development and shifted the town center southward. The Maples Cottage remains as an important example of this early period of prosperity.

Occupation of the Maples Cottage site dates back to 1725 when Ebenezer Parkman, Westborough's first minister, built a house in this location. During the prosperous years of the early nineteenth century, this house was dismantled and between 1830 and 1832 William White constructed the Maples Cottage on its foundation, reportedly using materials salvaged from the earlier structure. White apparently farmed the surrounding land as had previous owners of the property.

In 1884, the Maples Cottage and its farm land (along with other properties in the area) was bought by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for use by the Lyman School, a reformatory for boys. The Lyman School, which had been located on Lyman Street, Westborough, used Maples Cottage as a staff residence from the 1880's until the mid-twentieth. At the same time, surrounding land was farmed by the school as part of its curriculum. Changes in the school's program in the mid-twentieth century have led to the abandonment of farming on the property and the elimination of a residential staff. At present, the Maples Cottage is vacant.

Unaltered from the mid-nineteenth century, the house contains an unusual combination of Federal/Greek Revival and Victorian architectural elements. The house's plan, scale, fenestration and hip roof are characteristic elements of Federalist architecture, while the corner pilasters and their decoration seem transitional to Greek Revival architecture, as does the Doric entry. It is unclear from physical evidence alone whether or not the facade's Greek Revival style porch is original or if it is an addition of the 1840's. Finally, the house's double front doors and over-sized first story windows seem likely additions of the 1850's or 1860's.

The Maples Cottage is also significant in a regional sense, showing the impact which the Boston-Worcester Turnpike had on the communities which it traversed. It is one of the few remaining buildings which demonstrate the wealth which the turnpike brought.

9. Major Bibliographical References

DeForest & Bates. The History of Westborough. Westborough, Mass.: Town of Westborough, 1891
 Fisher, Nahum. Map of the Town of Westborough, Massachusetts. 1833.
 Forbes. The Hundreth Town. 1889.
 Commemorative Booklet of Westborough. 1967 (250th Anniversary of founding).

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Shrewsbury

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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B

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C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Shown on Assessors' Map #33, Lot #24; building occupies only a small portion of Lot #24, therefore, only the area surrounding the house is included in this nomination. See also boundary justification and attached map.

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candance Jenkins, National Register Coordinator with Mrs. Constance Keller & B. R. Pfeiffer, Westborough Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date November, 1979

street & number 294 Washington St., Westborough, Massachusetts telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston, state Mass.

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 Patricia L. Weslowski

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Bruce Mac Douglas date 3/25/80
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrews date 3/21/80
 Chief of Registration

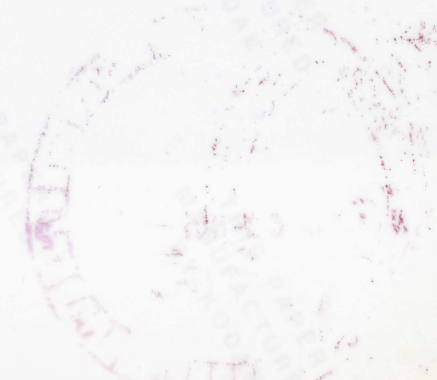


Maples Cottage
Westborough, Mass.
Worcester Co.
Brian Pfeiffer 1978
147 Brattle Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Photo #1 *of 1*
Facade, *facing north*

MAR 25 1980

JAN 29 1980



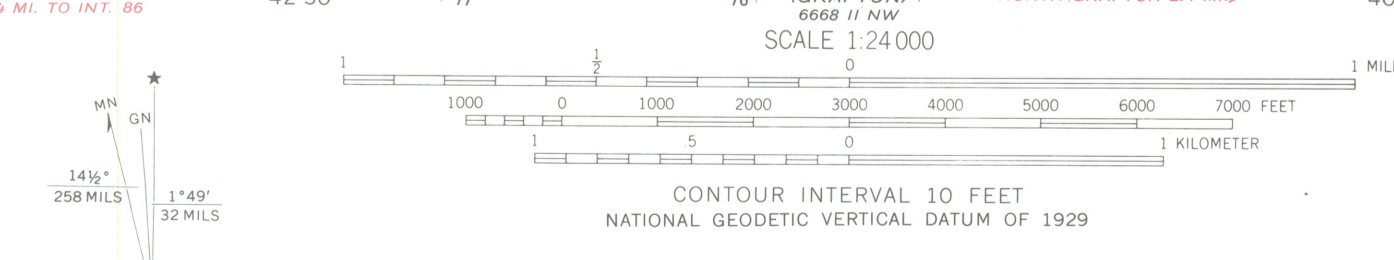
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Maples Cottage
Turnpike Road
Westborough, Mass.
UTM REFERENCES!
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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetair surveys 1941. 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
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
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to controlled inundation



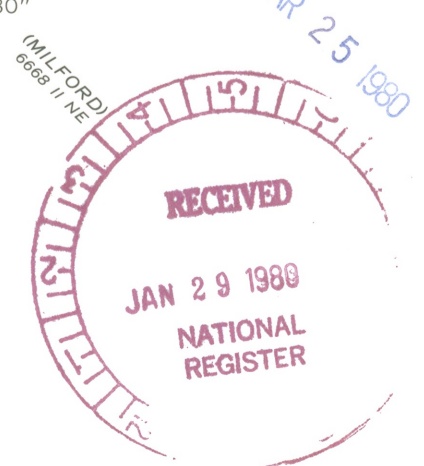
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route



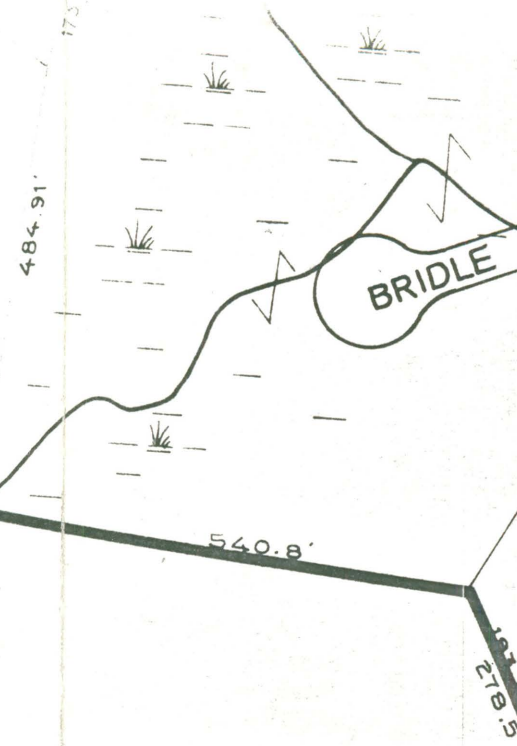
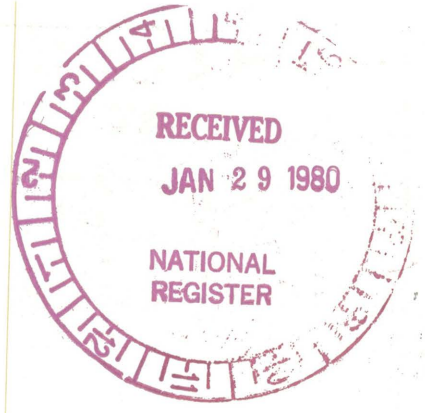
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N4215—W7137.5/7.5



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FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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AMS 6668 I SW—SERIES V814

Maples Cottage
Turnpike Road
Westborough, Mass.
Assessor's Map #33, lot #24



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Fisher, Nathan, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 1/07/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/23/13
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80001679

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 2-25-13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER E Beal DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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.



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

December 26, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Loether:

Re: Address changes for properties listed on the NRHP

As we digitize our inventory of historic resources, we are discovering discrepancies in property addresses due to renumbering, changing the address to a side street that abuts the parcel, or assigning a precise addresses where none had existed. In some cases, property owners have notified us of an incorrect address. We are, therefore, writing to request technical corrections in the National Register records for the following:

Bedford (Middlesex County)

Page, Christopher House, First Period Buildings of E. Mass NRTRA/IND—new address is 2 Meyers Lane (formerly 50 Old Billerica Road)

Brewster (Barnstable County)

Old Higgins Farm Windmill, NRIND 6/10/1975—new address is 51 Drummer Boy Road (formerly, off Lower Road)

Brookline (Norfolk County)

Brookline Town Stable, Brookline MRA 10/17/1985—new address is 235 Cypress Street (formerly 237)

Orrock, Rev. John House, Brookline MRA/IND 10/17/1985—new address is 64 Winchester Street (formerly 68)

Haverhill (Essex County)

John Greenleaf Whittier Homestead, NRIND 7/30/1975—correct address is 305 Whittier Road (had been incorrectly reported as 105 Whittier Road)

Oak Bluffs (Dukes County)

Dr. Harrison A. Tucker Cottage, NRIND 10/22/1990—new address is 61 Ocean Avenue (formerly 61 Circuit Avenue)

Wellesley (Norfolk County)

Eaton Moulton Mill, NRIND 5/13/76—new address is 35 Walnut Street (formerly 37)

Westborough (Worcester County)

Fisher, Nathan A. House, NRIND 3/25/1980, NRDIS/MPS 7/25/1994—new address is 34 West Main Street (formerly Turnpike Road) 80001679

Maples Cottage, NRIND 3/25/1980, NRDIS/MPS 7/25/1994—new address is 155 Oak Street (formerly Oak Street) 80001681

Sincerely,



Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

National Register of Historic Places

Archivist note to the record

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

Property Maples Cottage

ref no 80001681

State ma - Worcester

Working Number 1-29-80384

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 1

Maps 2/1

HISTORIAN

Built 1830-32 this two story wooden building is an example of transitional Federal/Greek Revival (though essentially Federal) architecture and is an important reminder of the period of prosperity of Westborough (1717-1834); the rear ell had some 20th cent. alterations. nominated for arch. & transportation - no justification for the latter.

accept
Patrick Andrews
3/21/80

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered MAR 25 1980

Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

Re-submit _____

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MAINE

Date Entered MAR 25 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fisher, Nathan, House	Shrewsbury vicinity Worcester County
Maples Cottage	Shrewsbury vicinity Worcester County
Lake Street Fire Station	Gardner Worcester County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Joseph D. Early
Honorable Robert F. Drinan

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.
Director, Maine Historic Preservation
Commission
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Augusta, Maine 04333

NR Byers/bjr 3/31/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAR 25 1980

Name

Location

Correction

The following National Register entries should be listed
under the state of Massachusetts instead of Maine.

Fisher, Nathan, House

Shrewsbury vicinity
Worcester County

Maples Cottage

Shrewsbury vicinity
Worcester County

Lake Street Fire Station

Gardner
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