

STATE:
Massachusetts

COUNTY:
Essex

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort Pickering

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Fort Pickering, Fort William, Fort Anne

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Winter Island

CITY OR TOWN:
Salem

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

COUNTY:

CODE: 009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Open space

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
United States Coast Guard

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Essex County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Salem

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory or Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House, Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Pickering is located on the eastern and southern side of Winter Island. This 38 acre, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long island is situated on the western side of Salem Harbor and is connected to Salem Neck by a causeway. The fort site, which occupies roughly two acres, commands the western approach to the Harbor. The present structures were built in 1863 by the Department of War and are generally in a ruinous, but restorable, condition.

The original defenses, set up at the site in 1644 or before, were similar to others in the Bay Colony. They were simple, unsophisticated earth and wood structures, which received sporadic attention during the seventeenth century. By 1706 the fort was rebuilt under the direction of the royal engineers who had originally been sent by King William III to fortify the colonies.

The first full description of the eighteenth century fort site was given in 1794 after Congress had passed legislation for improving coastal defenses. Engineers' plans of that date indicate that Fort William was irregular in shape with dimensions of 155' x 165'. It contained separate structures for barracks, magazine and lodgement for the captain of the fort. The main battery of five heavy pieces faced the harbor behind a parapet of loose stone and earth.

In October, 1794, Salem ceded the area of Fort William to the United States. A new fort was immediately begun under the direction of S. Rochefontaine, the engineer in charge of fortifications in the New England area. This fort was constructed of masonry and sods with a brick citadel for the garrison to live in, under which were a powder house and a bombproof. Never garrisoned, the fort deteriorated until 1799 when it was repaired and renamed Fort Pickering. An engineer's report from 1811 describes Fort Pickering as an enclosed work of masonry and sods mounting six heavy guns, covered by a block house, a brick magazine and barracks for one officer and thirty men.

Once again the fort deteriorated and in 1861 the government allocated monies to repair it.

The outline of the present site of Fort Pickering strongly resembles that of the 1794 plans by Rochefontaine. The main structures are an earth-covered block house, which is partially surrounded by a stone wall, and an earthen embankment. The embankment walls, approximately 4' high, are covered by earthen revetments and are in excellent condition in some places, notably at the southern end. The block house has two brick vaults, openings of which are outlined in granite; a well preserved granite wall, approximately 8' high, runs the length of its western side. About 20 yards south of the blockhouse is a rectangular mound 20' high, containing a vault in its southwestern corner. The location of this structure corresponds to the barracks location in Rochefontaine's drawings. Complete enclosure of the fort is prevented by an access way to a nearby Coast Guard facility.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1644, 1794, 1864, 1898

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political. | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Pickering is the oldest remaining fortified site in Salem and one of the oldest in Massachusetts. Although the exact date of its construction is not known, the fort was in existence by 1644. The fort was named for King William in 1699; it was renamed for Queen Anne in 1704 but throughout the eighteenth century was known locally as Fort William. In 1774, Fort William served as a garrison for the 59th British Regiment under the command of Colonel Hamilton; this regiment later participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill. During the Revolution, the fort was garrisoned and protected the large fleet of privateers operating out of Salem Harbor.

Fort William was ceded to the United States government in 1794 and was rebuilt at that time. Its name was changed in 1799 to Fort Pickering in honor of Timothy Pickering, a resident of Salem who was Secretary of War and then Secretary of State under President Washington and again under President Adams. In the same year, the famous frigate Essex was built under the protection of Fort Pickering's guns. The fort was still considered important to coastal defenses in 1864, when it was again rebuilt by the federal government to include powder magazines and additional earthworks. It was garrisoned during the Spanish American War in 1898 but was later abandoned.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England, ed. by Nathaniel Shurtleff, 5 vols., Boston, 1854
 Chronicles of the First Planters of Massachusetts Bay, 1623-1636, ed. by Alexander Young, Boston: Little, Brown Co., 1846
 Essex Institute Historical Commission Records
 Salem in 1700, Sidney Perley, Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 9, p.121
 1794 Engineers' Plans, S. Rochefontaine, Essex Institute

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE					
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	42	0	31	36
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	70	0	54	02
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"				
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: C. two acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Miss Anne Wardwell, Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE: April 30, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House, Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston

STATE: Massachusetts

CODE: 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: John F. Donovan
 Title: Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date: June 28, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/8/73

ATTEST:
W. Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2/8/73

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 ZONE 19
 E 346600
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PROPERTY FORT PICKERING STATE Mass.

Working number 7.17.72.1065

Essex

TECH REVIEW
Photos 1
Maps 1

REVIEW

11-1-72

OK
Chas. Barber
11/2/72

HISTORIAN Not nationally significant.

ARCHEOLOGIST

ARCHITECT

OK KH
2/5/73

BRANCH CHIEF

OK R...
2/7/73

EDITORIAL REVIEW

KEEPER

OK 50...
2/8/73

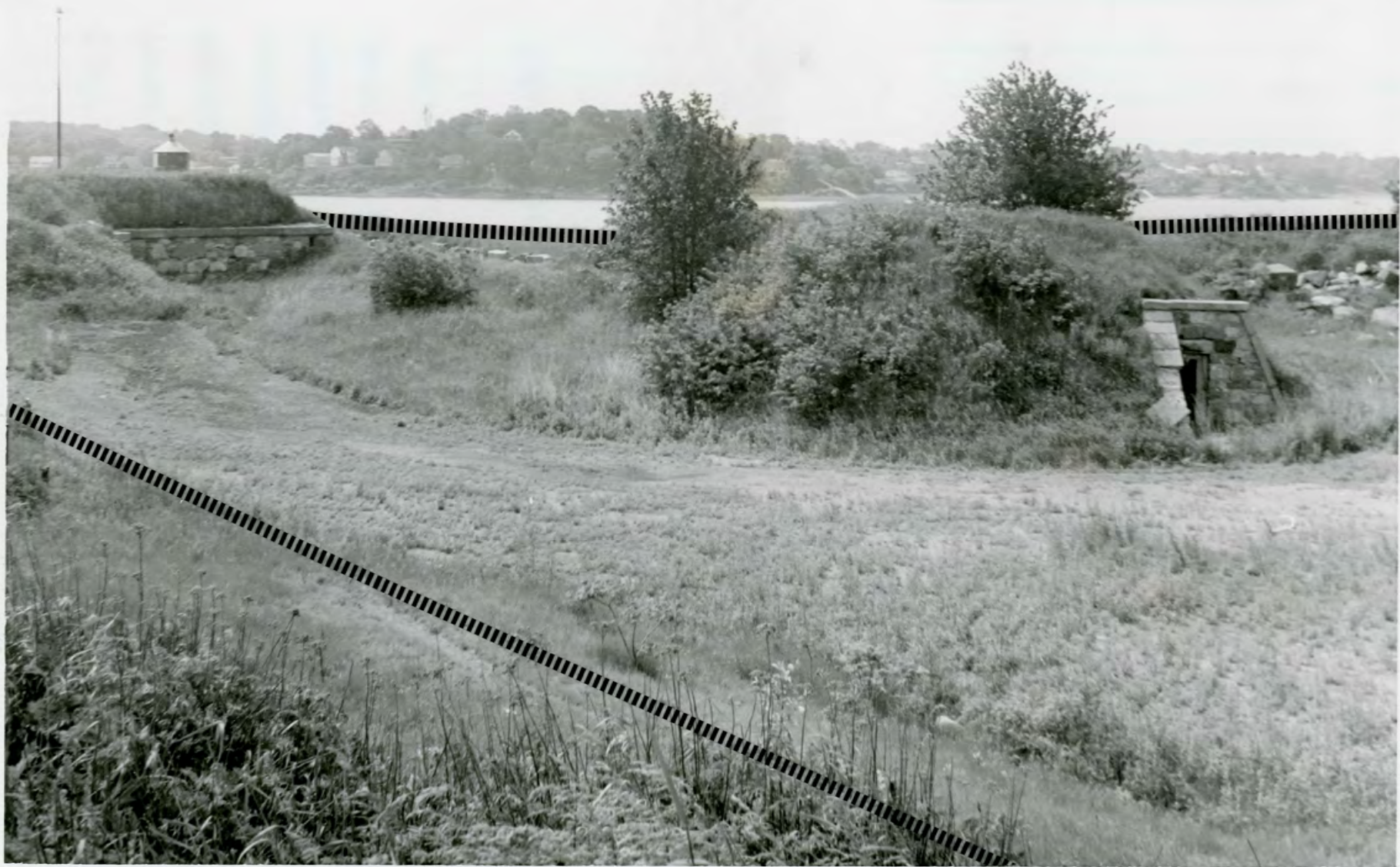
National Register write-up _____
Federal Register entry 3/6

Acknowledge 7/17/72

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

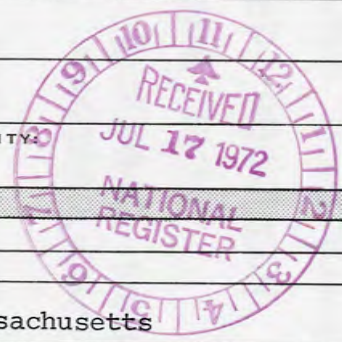
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 025	COUNTY:	CODE 009
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Fred Abodeely, Salem News			
DATE OF PHOTO: June, 1972			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Salem Evening News, Salem, Massachusetts			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Remains of Fort Pickering as seen when facing south on Winter Island. Broken lines indicate approximate boundaries of the Fort.			



RE VIEW ME DATE PHOTO OWN ADD NAME CITY

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009

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. Marblehead North

SCALE: 1:24,000

DATE: 1956

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.





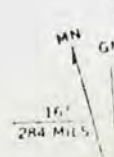
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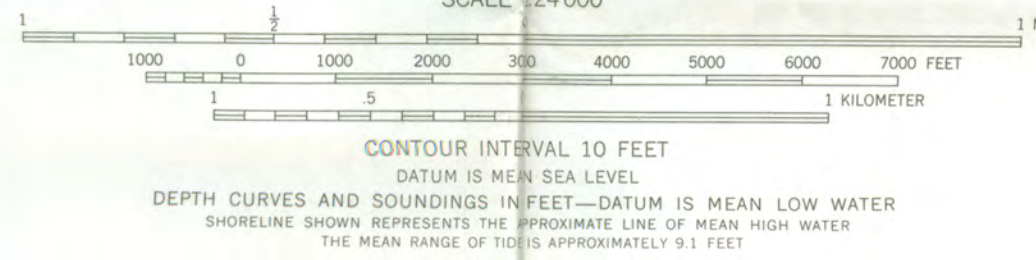


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241 (1970). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road

○ Interstate Route □ U.S. Route ○ State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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MARBLEHEAD NORTH, MASS.
N4230-W7045/7.5
1970
AMS 6669 III SE—SERIES V814

5/15/73

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered FEB 8 1973

Name

Location

Fort Pickering

Salem
Essex County

Fort Taber District

New Bedford
Bristol County

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