

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mass.	
COUNTY: Norfolk - Suffolk	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
DEC 11 1972	8:10

1. NAME			
COMMON: Paul's Bridge			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Hubbard's Bridge			
2. LOCATION			
Cong. District 11			
STREET AND NUMBER: Neponset Valley Parkway across Neponset River, 100 feet west of Brush Hill Rd.			
CITY OR TOWN: Milton - Boston (Readville)			
STATE Massachusetts	CODE 025	COUNTY: Norfolk - Suffolk	CODE 021-025

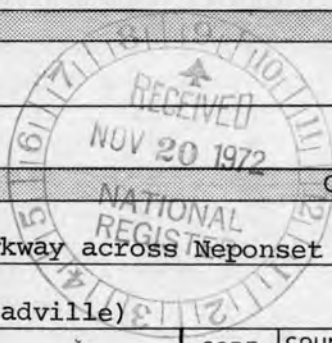
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☒ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☒ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☒ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Metropolitan District Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: 20 Somerset Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Mass.	CODE 025	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Metropolitan District Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: 20 Somerset Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Mass.	CODE 025	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Mass. Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary			
STREET AND NUMBER: State House 40 Beacon Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Mass.	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

Paul's Bridge, extending approximately 88 feet, carries the Neponset Valley Parkway across the Neponset River between the town of Milton and the Readville section of Boston. As built in 1849, the three arch bridge was 23 feet wide and constructed of unmortared stone, coursed between the spandrels and filled with rubble at the embankments. Each round arch measures 20 feet at the springline. The rough cut voussoirs were unmortared blocks which rose to the heavy rectangular coping. A fence of wooden siderails with iron stanchions extended from the coping of each elevation.

Between 1932 and 1935, the bridge was widened and, before completion of the project, solid stone parapets were constructed to replace the fence. The north face of the bridge was kept intact, its joints pointed and raked. This face was reinforced with a concrete backing; its coping was removed and reset with smaller blocks. The south elevation was rebuilt approximately 17 feet to the south using the same blocks. Sidewalks were added to each side. No further alterations have been made.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☒ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1849

1849

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

☐ Philosophy

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☐ Architecture

☒ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

☐ itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☒ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Paul's Bridge is the third bridge to stand on this site, one of the three Milton crossings over the Neponset River in the 18th century and, at that time, the only link between the towns of Milton and Dedham.

The bridge is located within the Neponset River Reservation which forms an essential green link between the Stoney Brook and Blue Hills Reservations, planned and developed by Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot, the famous architectural firm founded by Frederick Law Olmsted. The Neponset Valley Parkway, running over the bridge, was designed to connect these two reservations.

The redesign of the bridge in 1932-5 was made by Arthur A. Shurcliff, FASLA and founder of the AIP. He studied and worked in the office of Olmsted Brothers until 1905 and was the chief landscape consultant to the Metropolitan Parks (District) Commission and landscape architect for the Restoration of Williamsburg from 1928-1944.

Although the present bridge was constructed in 1849, an early bridge, known as "Hubbard's bridge" was located here prior to 1759, at which time it was rebuilt, the cost to be met in proportion to the province tax of each town. It served as an early river crossing for local farmers. By its 1807 reconstruction, the bridge had been renamed "Paul's bridge" for the owner of the adjacent land in Dedham.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Report of the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, January, 1900. Public Document No. 48, Boston, Wright and Potter Printing Co., State Printers, 1900, p. 25.
 Teele, A.K. History of Milton, 1640-1887. Boston, 1887
 Milton Tercentenary Committee, "Three Hundred Years of Milton, 1662-1962". Milton, 1962.
 Hamilton, E. P. A History of Milton, Milton, Mass., 1957.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
		Norfolk	021
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
		Suffolk	025
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Sidney N. Shurcliff, Shurcliff, Merrill & Footitt, Anne Wardwell, Mass. Historical Commission
 ORGANIZATION for Milton Historical Society DATE October 16, 1972
 STREET AND NUMBER: 45 Bromfield Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Mass. CODE: 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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. K. [Signature]
 Title: Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date: October 17, 1972

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

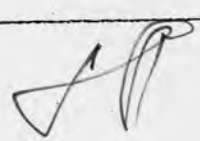
Date: 12/14/72

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: 12/8/72

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY	<u>Paul's Bridge</u>		STATE	<u>Mass</u>	Norfolk - Suffolk
Working number	<u>11-20-72 1780</u>				
TECH REVIEW	Photos	<u>1</u>			
	Maps	<u>1</u>			
REVIEW					11-29-72 ok
HISTORIAN					O.K. Child
ARCHEOLOGIST					KH 12-5-72 OK
ARCHITECT					
BRANCH CHIEF					
EDITORIAL REVIEW					
KEEPER					OK Rogers 12/1/72

National Register write-up		Acknowledge	<u>11-22-72</u>
Federal Register entry	<u>1-2-73</u>	Send-back	
		Re-submit	
		Register no.	<u>DEC 11 1972</u>



Milton - Boston

Paul's Bridge

view south elevation

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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2. LOCATION

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Mass.

COUNTY

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TOWN

Milton-Boston

STREET AND NUMBER

Neponset Valley Parkway over Neponset River

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Massachusetts Historical
Commission

DATE

1972

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Massachusetts Historical
Commission 72.528

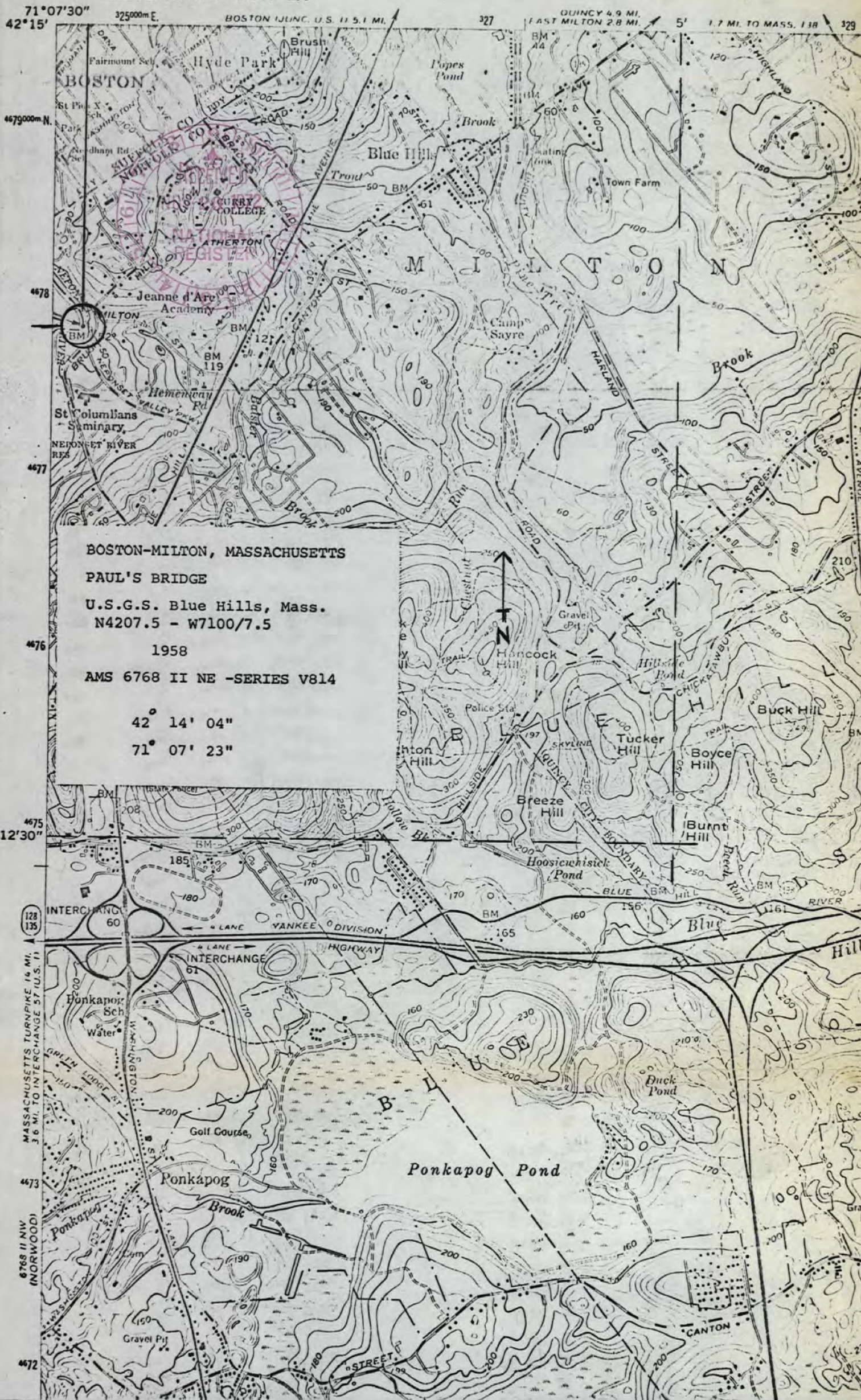
4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of South elevation



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



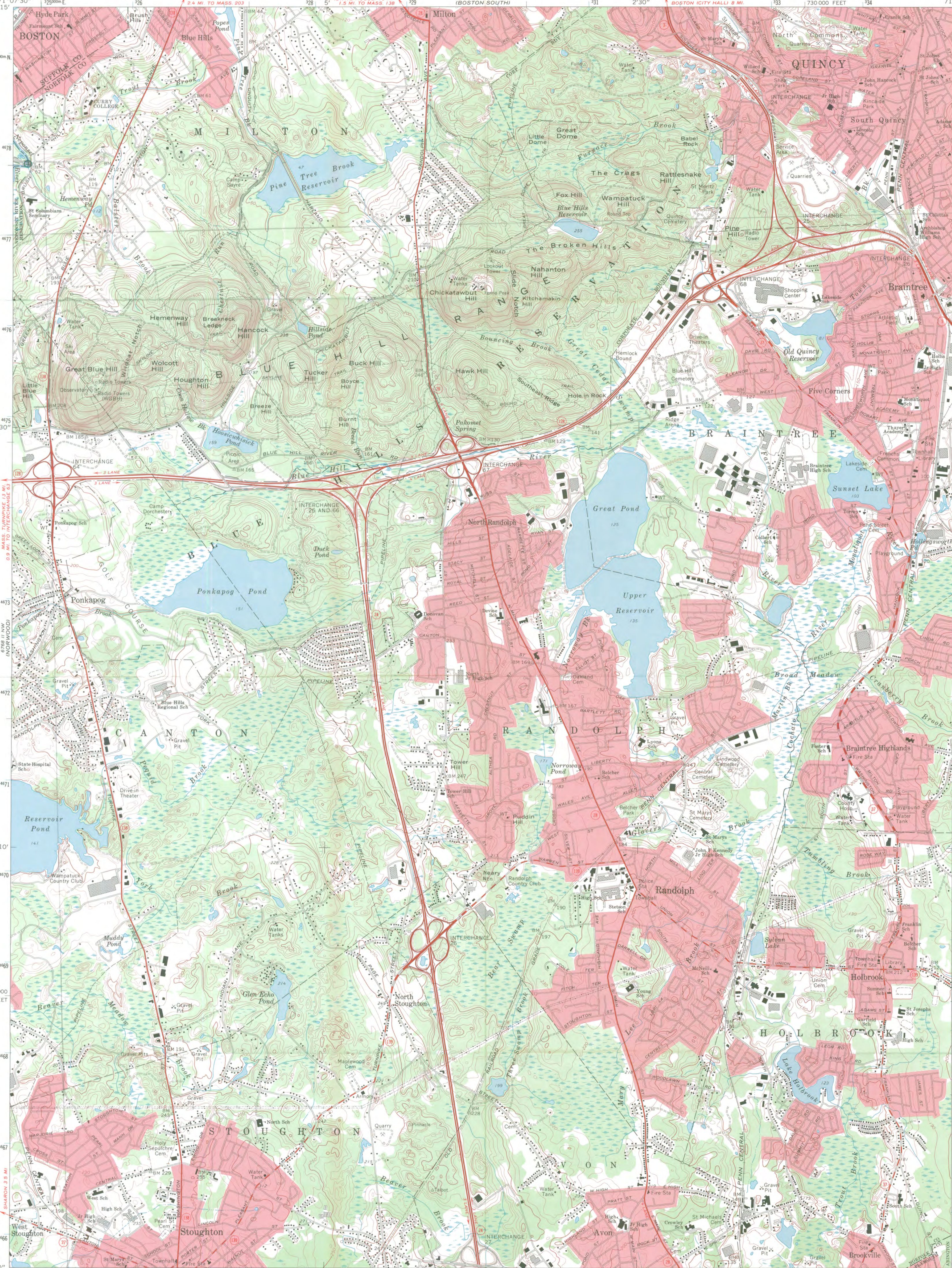
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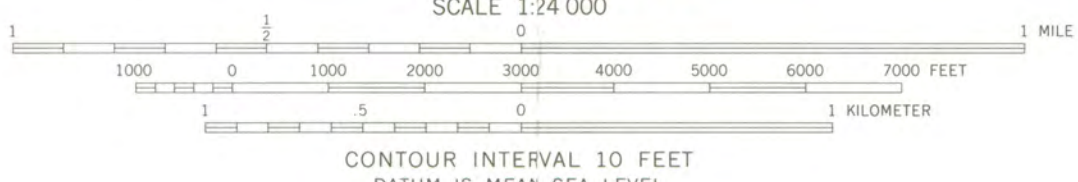
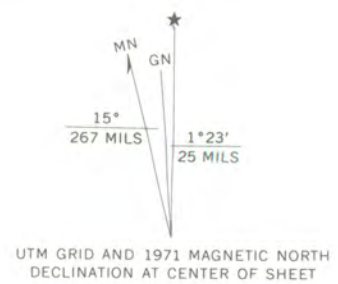
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Topography by plane-table surveys 1936. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route



BLUE HILLS, MASS.
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1971

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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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Mass.	Norfolk-Suffolk	Milton
STREET AND NUMBER		
Neponset Valley Parkway Over Neponset River		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. Blue Hills, Mass.	1958	1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary
State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Massachusetts Historical Commission
40 Beacon Street, Boston, 02108



November 13, 1972

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Chief of Registration
The National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
1100 L Street
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Jerry,

Herewith submitted is the National Registerform for Paul's Bridge,
Milton-Boston, Mass.

May we urge that immediate attention be given this submission? One
of two alternatives for a federally aided highway threatens the structure
itself. The historical statements, which will be included in the draft
environmental impact statement, indicate that the structure will be
submitted to the National Register.

Sincerely yours,

Anne R. Wardwell
Acting Survey Director
Mass. Historical Commission

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Encs.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ~~MASSACHUSETTS~~

Date Entered DEC 11 1972

Name

Location

Paul's Bridge

Milton - Boston (Readville)
Norfolk - Suffolk Counties

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy

Hon. Edward W. Brooke

Hon. James A. Burke

Director, Northeast Region

State Liaison Officer

Hon. John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission

40 Beacon Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

45 BROMFIELD STREET ■ BOSTON ■ MASSACHUSETTS 02108 ■ (617) 542-7080

SIDNEY N. SHURCLIFF, FASLA, AIP
VINCENT N. MERRILL, FASLA
DOUGLAS B. FOOTIT, ASLA

December 29, 1972

Mr. William Murtagh
Keeper, National Register
801 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Just a line to let you know that our group here is delighted to learn that Paul's Bridge has been placed on the National Register. Fortunately this comes after Governor Sargent cancelled the proposed extension of Route I-95 directly through the bridge so that we will not be charged with having obstructed the highway construction. Even though that, in part, is what we were trying to do.

Mrs. John Houghton, who was instrumental in having the application filed with you, wants you to know that it was Mrs. Preston Parish (Anne) who inspired her to start the proceedings. Apparently it will mean a lot to Mrs. Parish if you will congratulate her for her part in it.

We have rented a house "Afterglow" next to the Plantation Inn January 13th through 31st and will ask Arthur Finney if we have any chance of seeing you there.

Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Sidney N. Shurcliff

SNS/MJ