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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: <b>Massachusetts</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Essex</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>JUN 27 1972</b>	

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Peabody City Hall**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**originally Peabody Town Hall**

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**24 Lowell Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Peabody**

STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025** COUNTY: **Essex** CODE: **009**

#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

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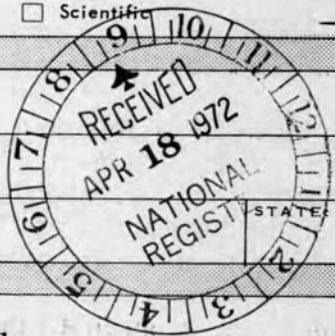
#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**City of Peabody**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**24 Lowell Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Peabody**

STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025**



#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**South Essex Registry of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**32 Federal Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Salem**

STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025**

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth, Archives Museum, Office of the Secretary**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1971**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Archives Museum, Office of the Secretary**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**State House**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Boston**

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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

The Peabody City Hall is a three-story rectangular structure with a high basement and mansard roof. The main block of the building measures 106' by 90'. The projecting vestibule and portico on the Lowell Street side measures 54' by 30'. The principal entrance to the building is on the north or Lowell Street side. Chestnut Street lies to the east and Church Street to the south and west.

Directly adjacent to Peabody City Hall are several other mid- and late nineteenth century buildings, which are generally well preserved and of good quality. Diagonally across Lowell Street is the fire station of the late 19th century, which in its materials (brick and granite) and details (arched windows and oculi) appears to have been designed to complement the City Hall. On Chestnut Street there is a row of wooden houses, most of which, with the exception of a funeral home, are free of inappropriate remodellings and retain most of their original detail. Other buildings of note are the Catholic Church, convent buildings and two Greek Revival houses to the rear of the City Hall.

The material of the City Hall building is brick with a rusticated foundation and all trim of granite from Hallowell, Maine. Granite curbing, apparently original surrounds the building lot. The present roofing material is asphalt shingles. The small central cupola is faced with copper.

One of the most distinctive exterior features of the building is its mansard roof, which as four straight-sided corner pavillions and a larger central one in which is located the principal entrance. The curved roof of the central pavillion is crowned with the small copper-clad cupola with a round headed window on each of the four sides. Two small round windows or oculi are found at the roof level on each of the projecting central bays of the east and west sides of the building.

The treatment of the walls is similar on all four sides of the building. The present new windows have frames of bronze-anodized aluminum and are double-hung sash with single panes of plate glass. Wooden panels are used on the upper parts of most windows. The basement and first-floor windows have plain granite lintels; those on the second floor have granite segmental arches and those on the third floor have curved arches of granite with keystones. The sills and lintels of the windows are continued as string courses all the way around the building, with the exception of the second-floor arches, which are separate. The architrave of the entablature also consists of a granite string course. Panel-brick detailing simulating triglyphs and metopes is used in the frieze above.

The central bay of the main facade is distinguished by an entrance portico supported by granite columns with composite capitals. The double doors are approached by a divided granite staircase. Above the entablature is a triangular pediment, capped by the curved roof of the center pavillion.

Although extensive exterior renovations have been done in the past year, the exterior of the Peabody City Hall remains very close to its original condition and appearance. These renovations included replacing the windows, pointing the brick-work and sandblasting the granite trim. The slate roof was replaced by asphalt shingling. The roof originally had copper cresting and oculi on the central and corner pavillions, and there was originally a balustrade above the central portico.

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7. Description

In 1928 tracings were done by George A. Barnaby of the architect's original plans. These show a somewhat different treatment of the central bay with no portico and slightly different fenestration. The second-floor windows, like those on the first floor, were to have had plain lintels rather than arches. Modifications in these plans were apparently made by the architect at the request of the building committee.

Although there have been some remodellings, particularly on the basement level, the interior of the Peabody City Hall retains its 19th century character. The vestibule contains two curving staircases leading to the Auditorium above. On the first floor is a large hall, now the Council Chamber, measuring 42' by 60' and seating 500. The most significant interior feature of the building is, however, the Auditorium, which, with stage and balcony, takes up the entire second and third floor levels. This Auditorium measures 102' by 70' with a minimum height of 33' and has a seating capacity of 1500. This hall has been allowed to deteriorate over the years, but it is in restorable condition. Of special interest are the remaining gas chandeliers; the balcony rail of cast iron finished with copper bronze; and the ceiling decorations done by Matthew L. Robinson of Boston, who also painted the original scenery and drop curtain.

8. Significance

Victoria sent a cablegram expressing the gratitude of her people for George Peabody's benevolence to her country. Included in the centennial activities was a banquet for 630 formally attired guests, who were served a variety of shellfish cooked five different ways, four kinds of fowl and game and three meat dishes, plus eight desserts and miscellaneous side dishes, after which a ball was held, affording much needed exercise.

The hall was used for many Essex County activities -- agricultural fairs, poultry exhibitions, teachers association conventions and Hibernian Society celebrations. In one peak year, as many as fifty organizations used the facilities, even including a show put on by the Kickapoo Indian Medicine Company to promote its remedies.

In 1916 Peabody became a city and shortly thereafter 1,500 citizens attended the inauguration of Peabody's first city government. The Great Hall was the scene of political rallies, church jubilees and in 1919, as part of the World War One Victory Celebration, 1,900 spectators watched boxing bouts. In 1922, 2,000 people attended a football rally. As the Great Hall seated only 1,500, some 400 or 500 spectators at these last events must have overflowed into the hallways outside. A high point in entertainment took place in 1936 when Governor James M. Curley was the featured speaker. In 1941 a large banquet in the hall climaxed the celebration commemorating twenty-five years of city government.

The Peabody High School graduation was held there for the last time in 1946, after which the final curtain fell on great events in the hall. At this time the State public safety officials prohibited the use of the Great Hall until extensive renovations could be made. As other, newer auditorium facilities in the city had already lessened the need for this space, city officials were reluctant to spend the money to rehabilitate it.

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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)

1883

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The City Hall in Peabody, built in 1883 as a Town Hall, is tremendously significant in the city's history, not only as the scene of local governmental activity but equally as the center of cultural and social affairs. As the town's population was 9,028, objections were raised to the size of the proposed building, a size since proven completely justified. The annual town meeting was of first importance and the raison d'etre for the construction of the Great Hall within. Because of the foresight of the town fathers, this large auditorium remained adequate to contain those citizens who wished to attend town meeting until Peabody became a city in 1916. At this time the population had grown to 18,625.

In the basement were the police court and headquarters, jail cells and the "transient quarters." On the first floor were town offices and the small hall seating 500. On the second floor with open space extending to the third was the aforementioned Great Hall. For many years this large hall with its balcony on three sides and stage on the fourth was the locale of nearly every important event in Peabody, beginning with the impressive dedication in 1883, attended by about 1,500 people.

For sixty-two years, from 1884 to 1946, the Peabody High School held its commencement exercises here. One of the earliest cultural events was a production of the opera "Virginia," produced by the Boston Bijou Theatre Company and attended by 1,000 people. To raise funds, various groups presented a miscellany of plays and entertainments, ranging from "Our Boys" (1890) and "Crown of Fame" (1891) put on by the Women's Relief Corps No. 52, to the Peabody Women's Club production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (1909). "Heroes of '76," described as a "dramatic cantata of the Revolution," was presented in aid of the Ladies Benevolent Society (1885) and in the early 1900's, musical comedies were popular, such as the 1913 "Little Em'ly," an offering by the Peabody I. O. O. F.

As the seats in the hall were removeable, the space could be converted and opened up for dining and dancing. A Japanese wedding and party were celebrated there and, at a later date, a Firemen's Ball, attended by over 800 people, hardy souls who danced until 5:30 a. m. In 1904 the Peabody Board of Trade held a Ladies' Night with a banquet and entertainment.

One of the most successful events in the hall took place on February 18, 1895. Afternoon and evening exercises celebrated the centennial of the birth of George Peabody, "America's first great philanthropist," for whom the town was named and whose charities not only encompassed this country but also extended across the Atlantic to Great Britain. In recognition of this celebration, Queen

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hurd, D. H., ed., History of Essex County, Vol. II, Philadelphia, 1888.

Statement of the Accounts of the Town of Peabody, for year ending January 31, 1883, Peabody, 1883.

The Peabody Press, May 3, 1882.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Anne Wardwell, Survey Director**

ORGANIZATION: **Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary**      DATE: **January 11, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**State House**

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**  
Secretary of the Commonwealth and  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical  
Title: **Commission**

Date: **April 6, 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: **6/27/72**

ATTEST: **[Signature]**  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Significance

Of course all town and city hall activity did not take place in the Great Hall as various forms of celebration and amusement. The serious business of a rapidly growing community was conducted in the city hall offices, while elsewhere drunks and tramps were being housed in the basement "transient quarters" and the City Council meetings were being held in the smaller hall on the first floor.

The Peabody City Hall is a fine and unusually well preserved example of late 19th-century civic architecture. The building is in the French mansard or Second Empire style, first used widely in this country in the 1860's and 1870's, although its continued use in the 1880's was not common. Boston's Old City Hall (1862-65) was undoubtedly the prototype as it was for so many other city and town halls near Boston during this period. Although the choice of the mansard style was a bit old-fashioned for the date (1883), the simplicity of wall surfaces and the absence of elaborate pilasters, moldings, etc. mark the building as belonging to the early 1880's. The panel-brick detailing in the entablature is also a characteristic feature in buildings of the 1870's and 1880's.

The architect, Rufus Sargent (1812-1886), lived in Newburyport for over forty years. His practice during the larger part of his life was primarily local and limited to Essex County and southern New Hampshire. Sargent appears to have been typical of the builder-architects of the period, whose work, in spite of a lack of formal architectural training, often shows remarkable sensitivity and sophistication. As Essex County and southern New Hampshire are more thoroughly surveyed, it will undoubtedly be possible to document his career more completely.

Today, with a population of over 48,000, the City of Peabody still appreciates and enjoys its City Hall. Rather than consider construction of a new building, they prefer to rehabilitate the existing one. To date, nearly \$200,000 has been spent on repointing the brick exterior, installing a new roof and reglazing the windows. Once the Great Hall area is strengthened and rebuilt for new usage and other areas reorganized, it can serve commodiously the city's purposes for at least another 100 years.



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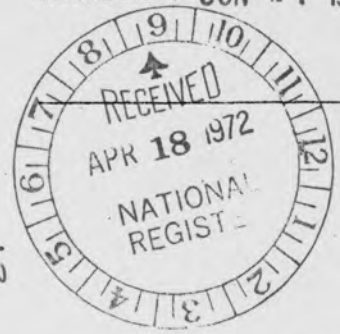
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Peabody City Hall

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Northeast Corner, North Front  
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## PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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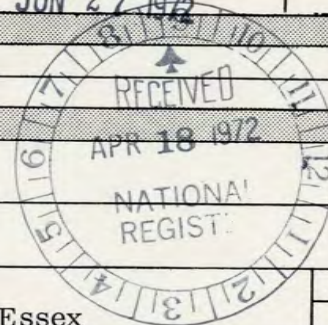
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Peabody City Hall, northeast corner, north, front facade on Lowell Street.



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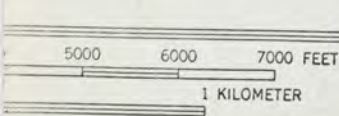
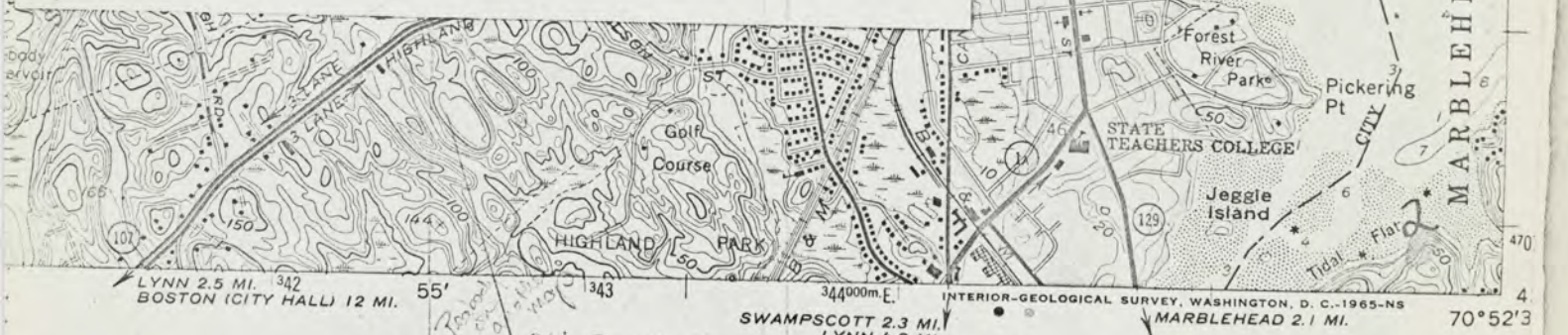
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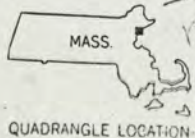
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The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton  
Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
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Dear Rog:

It has been brought to my attention, application has been filed with the National Register of Historic Places for the City Hall of Peabody, Massachusetts to be designated a National Historical Landmark.

The Peabody City Hall has already been designated a Historical Landmark by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The case for adding the National designation is, I believe, persuasive.

I hope that it will be possible for you to review the application, and to direct the Peabody City Hall to be designated a National Historical Landmark.

Very warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Edward W. Brooke

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The Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton  
Secretary  
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Dear Sir:

To correct a misunderstanding, I noticed in a copy of the letter sent to you by Senator Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts that the Peabody City Hall was proposed as a National Historical Landmark.

What it should of stated was that the City Hall was approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission for the National Register of Historical Places. The application is for it to be considered for the National Register, and not as a National Historical Landmark.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Wells

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The Honorable Rogers B. Morton  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to urge you to place the Peabody City Hall on the register of National Historic Landmarks.

It is my understanding that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has approved the City Hall as a Historical Landmark and that they have recently made application to the National Register. This building would be an excellent addition to the Register.

I support this application and hope you will act expeditiously to assure that the City Hall is placed on the National Register.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

  
Michael J. Harrington

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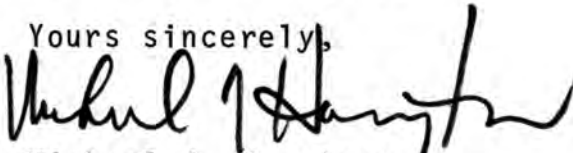
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ROBERT E. NAGLE, GENERAL COUNSEL

June 16, 1972

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
1100 L St. NW  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am writing in reference to an application by the Peabody Historical Commission to have the City Hall included on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Massachusetts Revolutionary War Bi-Centennial Commission have approved the designation of this historic building. I believe it meets the criteria set up by the National Register as a tangible reminder of the history of the United States and a "cultural property that is worth saving".

Therefore I join with the Peabody Historical Commission in urging prompt consideration of this application and I look forward to hearing of a favorable decision in the near future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Edward Kennedy*  
Edward M. Kennedy

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June 23, 1972

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Honorable Edward V. Brooke  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Brooke:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the nomination of the Peabody City Hall in Peabody, Massachusetts, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to have your views on this matter. The nomination for this property is presently undergoing professional review by the National Park Service. We will expedite this review and will notify you as soon as a final decision has been reached.

We appreciate your interest in the programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Interior

cc: Honorable John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman  
Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary, State House,  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133 w/cy inc  
Director, Northeast Region w/cy inc  
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Hon. Edward Brooke  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Brooke:

Secretary of the Interior Morton has asked us to acknowledge your inquiry concerning designation of City Hall of Peabody, Massachusetts, as a national historic landmark.

The Secretary appreciates your interest in this matter and the Assistant Secretary will provide you a reply at his earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Hartzog, Jr.

Director

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Hon. Michael J. Harrington  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Secretary of the Interior Morton has asked us to acknowledge your inquiry concerning the nomination of the Peabody City Hall in Massachusetts to the National Register of Historic Places. This will also acknowledge your letter to me.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Director

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Date Entered JUN 27 1972

Name

Location

Peabody City Hall

Peabody  
Essex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
Hon. Michael J. Harrington  
Director, Northeast Region

State Liaison Officer  
Hon. John F. X. Davoren  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical  
Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

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JUN 28 1972

Mr. John A. Wells  
Chairman  
Peabody Historical Commission  
City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960

Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for your letter of June 12 concerning the nomination of the Peabody City Hall to the National Register of Historic Places.

We have replied to Senator Brooke concerning this matter, notifying him that the nomination is presently undergoing professional review by the National Park Service and that he will be notified as soon as a decision has been reached.

We appreciate your calling this matter to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Murtagh (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National  
Register

cc: Honorable John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary,  
State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133 w/cy inc  
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Hon. Michael J. Harrington  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Secretary of the Interior Morton has asked us to thank you for your letter concerning the nomination of the Peabody City Hall in Peabody, Massachusetts, to the National Register of Historic Places. This will also acknowledge your letter to Director Hartzog.

We are pleased to have your views on this matter. The nomination for this property is presently undergoing professional review by the National Park Service. We will expedite this review and will notify you as soon as a final decision has been reached.

We appreciate your interest in the programs of the National Park Service.

A similar reply is being made to the Honorable Edward W. Brooke, United States Senate, who also inquired regarding the Peabody City Hall.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley

Director  
Office of Archeology  
and Historic Preservation

cc:  
Hon. John F. X. Davoren  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historic Commission  
Office of the Secretary, State House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133) w/c of inc.

SIMILAR REPLY SENT TO:

Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.  
(Senator Brooke)  
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Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter endorsing the nomination of the Peabody City Hall in Peabody, Massachusetts, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to have your views on this matter. The nomination is now undergoing professional review by the National Park Service. We will expedite this review and will notify you promptly as soon as a decision has been reached.

We appreciate your interest in the National Register program.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley

Director

Office of Archeology  
and Historic Preservation

cc: Honorable John F. X. Davoren  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical  
Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts) 02133 w/cy inc.

Director, Northeast Region) w/cy inc.

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**NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION**

Do Not Use This Space

1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER  
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2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)

3. GRANTOR: a. Federal agency  
Department of the Interior

b. Organizational unit  
National Park Service

c. Administering office - (1) Name  
Division of Grants

(2) Address - Street or P.O. Box 18th and C Streets, N. W.	City Washington	State D. C.	Zip Code 20240
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4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER: a. Code 25-74-00096-00 b. Title Peabody City Hall Development, Phase I

c. Purpose This 1883 municipal building with a French Second Empire style of construction contains an auditorium which originally seated 1500 people. A preservation planning study will be prepared.

5. GRANTEE: a. Name  
Massachusetts Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon, Exec. Dir., Mass. Historical Commission

b. Address - Street or P.O. Box 40 Beacon Street	City Boston	State Massachusetts	Zip Code 02108
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6. GRANTEE TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)

a. State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Inter-state <input type="checkbox"/>	c. County <input type="checkbox"/>	d. City <input type="checkbox"/>	e. School district <input type="checkbox"/>	f. Special unit <input type="checkbox"/>	g. Community action <input type="checkbox"/>	h. Sponsored organization <input type="checkbox"/>	i. Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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7. APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE Year: 75, Month: 05, Day: 05	8. ACTION DATE Year: 75, Month: 05, Day: 15	9. EFFECTIVE STARTING DATE Year: 75, Month: 05, Day: 15	10. ENDING DATE Year: 78, Month: 05, Day: 14
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11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)

a. New grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Continuation grant <input type="checkbox"/>	c. Supplemental grant (identify agency in item 16) <input type="checkbox"/>	d. Change in existing grant
(1) Increase in duration <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) Decrease in duration <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) Cancellation <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) Increase(\$) <input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Decrease(\$) <input type="checkbox"/>			

12. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

a. Federal - (1) basic \$ 2,000	(2) Supplemental \$	b. State \$ 2,000*	c. Local \$	d. Other \$
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13. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (if none, clarify in item 16)

a. Program Number 15.904	b. Supplemental Program Number
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14. AUTHORIZATION

a. Federal Budget Accounts 10-58-1040-0-1-405	
b. Public Laws	PL Title Sec. 89 665
c. U.S. Code 16 U.S.C. 470	

15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only)

a. City 24 Lowell Street, Peabody	b. County Essex
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16. REMARKS  
\*City of Peabody