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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ***

Royalston Common Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Multiple

CITY, TOWN

Royalston

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☒ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple

STREET & NUMBER

Multiple

CITY, TOWN

Royalston

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts 01608

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Royalston Village Improvement and Historical Society
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Royalston Town Hall, Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Royalston, 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 Royalston Common Historic District is located around a triangular shaped common, which is bounded by Main Street on the east and a small unnamed residential road on the north and west. Thirty-four buildings compose the historic district: twenty-eight private residences, four public buildings and two large barns. The district is surrounded by an untouched rural landscape of fields, woods, hills and valleys.

The residences in the district, with the exception of three houses - "White Heather" c. 1900, Waters house c. 1900 and a Queen Anne style house on Northeast Fitzwilliam Street c. 1890 - were all built before or during the mid 1800's. They vary in style from Federal to Greek Revival, but have many unifying characteristics. Some of the common details include: two-story wood frame construction; clapboard siding, painted white; symmetrical facades, frequently of five bays; small paned windows, graced with fluted shutters; and large doors with fan and side lights. Several outstanding and representative residences in the historic district include the following:

The Bullock Mansion (#21) a large two-story Federal dwelling, stands on the west side of the common. It was built in 1807 incorporating a small 1769 house, which was used for the kitchen. A two-story ell extends from the north side of the house. This ell was originally a store with a curved ceiling ballroom on the second floor. The facade of the house is symmetrical, with five bays. A fine classical portico shelters the door which is surrounded by fan and side lights. The house is adorned with an elaborate Gothic Revival style balustrade, a late nineteenth century addition.

The Columns (#10), built in 1838, is a Greek Revival temple form house. It is located just off the common, where Main Street intersects with Route 68. The two and one-half story, white clapboard house is dominated by a large Doric tetrastyle portico. The portico protects the five bay, central entrance facade.

The Adams Burr House (#14), located on Main Street north of the common, was built in 1855. This two and one-half story house, with a medium pitch ridge roof, exhibits many Greek Revival details. A simple cornice carries across the gable ends of the house, forming pediments. The white clapboard, five bay facade has a central entrance. Its small entrance porch is stick style. A two-story ell extends from the north side of the house.

The small Greek Revival cottage (#2), built in 1850, is typical of the houses which line Main Street in the south end of the historic district. It is a two-story side aisle house, gable end to the street, with a recessed entrance. The doorway is framed by side and transom lights. A simple cornice defines the pediment and pilasters grace the corners.

The public buildings within the district include the First Congregational Church, the Town Hall, the Library and the Old School House. Unlike the private residences in the historic district, the public buildings vary markedly in their date of construction, type of building material and architectural style. However, their variation does not detract from the unity of the historic district.

The First Congregational Church (#19) designed by local architect Chauncey Chase and built in 1851, is a Greek Revival style meetinghouse. Located on the east side of the common, it is a one-story structure, with a pedimented portico. The portico, which

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shelters three recessed round-arched doors, is supported by two Doric columns and two square pilasters where the portico adjoins the main building. A simple entablature encircles the building; square pilasters define the corners. The square base of the steeple rises from the front of the main structure of the building and houses the clock. A round-arched belfry rests directly upon the base and is topped with an octagonal spire.

The Town Hall (#18) is a vernacular Second Empire building, erected in 1867. It stands on the east side of the common. The two and one-half story, white clapboard structure supports a steep mansard roof. The facade of the building is composed of three main bays, with a rusticated first story and bracketed eaves. A heavy bracketed canopy hangs over the central entrance. The building is topped with an octagonal cupola.

The Old School House (#13), constructed in 1835, stands at the intersection where Main Street meets the Athol Road. It is a two and one-half story, white clapboard building. A central entrance, capped with a dentilated cornice, and three bays make up the facade of the school. A fine modillioned cornice forms the pediment. A two stage square tower and octagonal belfry rise from the roof.

The Public Library (#22) the only brick building in the district, was erected in 1911. It is a simple Greek Revival structure of one story, located on the east side of the common. The facade of the library is composed of three bays, two round-arched windows and a projecting, pedimented portico. The doorway is recessed and framed by two Ionic columns. A brownstone entablature, with a modillioned cornice encircles the library.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Royalston Common Historic District is significant for its architecture and its community planning. It is an outstanding example of a nineteenth century New England common, retaining its 1850's shape and fine buildings.

Toward the middle of the eighteenth century, Worcester County auctioned off unsettled areas to proprietors who would be responsible for their settlement. In 1752, a group of Bostonians bought 28,357 acres and were required to lay out a common, and "to build a meetinghouse, training field and burying ground." Settlement around the common progressed slowly until about 1800, when a new meetinghouse, several houses and general stores were erected. By this time, Royalston had become the marketplace for the surrounding towns and farms. The role of a marketplace for Royalston, however, was short lived and by the mid-nineteenth century the common had assumed its current residential character. Prosperous mill owners from South Royalston built elegant houses and several dignified public buildings around the common between 1830 and 1860. It is largely these buildings that line the common today and give it its triangular shape.

Eighteenth and nineteenth century New England town planning was based largely on the concept of a centrally located common. Royalston common is a particularly fine example of such a common. The size of the town, its untouched rural setting and the location of the buildings around the common, illustrate well the form and character of this nineteenth century town plan.

The architectural significance of the Royalston Common Historic District is derived from the age and unity of the buildings. The buildings, with five exceptions, were built in the early nineteenth century and have a purity of architectural style. They include Federal and Greek Revival buildings, spanning a period of about one hundred and fifty years. The vernacular transition of styles found in these buildings provides an informative record of rural architectural development.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Commonwealth State Archives, Royalston Assessor's Records

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about 30 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C	1,8	7,3,0	2,9,0	4,7,2,8	1,3,0	D	1,8	7,3,0	2,0,0	4,7,2,9	2,4,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The town of Royalston has no official property boundaries.

The boundaries of the Historic District extend:

From the Town Hall south on Main Street 1300'

From the Town Hall north on N.E. Fitzwilliam Road 2400'

From the Town Hall north on N. Fitzwilliam Road 1800'

From the Town Hall east on Rt. 68 700'

From the Town Hall west on Rt. 68 1100'

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Andrea M. Gilmore, Penelope Behrens

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN

Boston.

DATE

July 1976

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amadon

TITLE

Executive Director Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

7/19/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Attest

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/12/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/6/76

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NAMES OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1. The Anchorage
2. Greek Revival Residence
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4. Greek Revival Residence
5. Waters House
6. Large barn of wood frame construction
7. White Heather
8. Old Store and Post Office
9. The Bastille
10. The Columns
11. Lightening Rods
12. Federal Style Residence
13. Old School House
14. The Parsonage
15. Adams Burr House
16. Pierce-Stow House
17. Bacheller-Chase House
18. Town Hall
19. First Congregational Church
20. Sheds of wood frame construction
21. Bullock Mansion
22. Public Library
23. Greek Revival Residence
24. Federal Style Residence
25. Barnet Bullock House
26. Raymond House
27. Nash House
- 28.-34. Small Greek Revival Residences

PROPERTY OWNER LISTING
ROYALSTON COMMON HISTORIC DISTRICT
ROYALSTON, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS

TOWN OF ROYALSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Attention: Mr. Joseph R. Orfant

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Dear Sir:

Your inquiry to Mr. Alan B. Thayer has been turned over to me for reply and I shall proceed to identify the properties located within the Historical District of Royalston. Previous to which I'll make comment about the location of some of the buildings.

MASS. HIST. COMM.

The Adams-Burr House #15 is west of the common; Greek Revival House #2 is in the north end of district. The church, #19, is a two story building on the west side of common. The Town Hall #18 is also on the west side; likewise the Library #22.

Using the map and list identifying buildings by numbers I'll give you the names of the owners, as of January 1, 1977, with their current addresses, as requested.

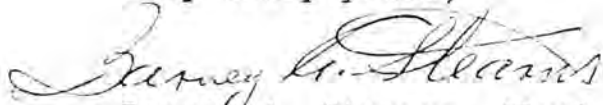
- | | |
|--|--|
| #1. Mr. & Mrs. James M. Barclay
Royalston
Mass. 01368 | #2. Mr. & Mrs. Gordon E. Poirier
Royalston
Mass. 01368 |
| #3. Natalie S. Wells
Royalston
Mass. 01368 | #4. Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Bosco
Royalston
Mass. 01368 |
| #5 Josephine E. Waters
#6 Royalston
Mass. 01368 | #8. Mr. & Mrs. Jay C. Richardson
#7 Royalston
Mass. 01368 |
| #7
#8, 17, 20 and 21
Royalston Academy, Inc.
c/o Katherine S. B. Cole
1148 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10028 | #9, 10, 11 and 16
Calvin Bullock Estate
c/o Hugh Bullock
1 Wall Street
New York, N. Y. |
| #12. Harold L. Newton
Royalston
Mass. 01368 | #14. First Congregational Church
c/o Barney A. Stearns, Trustee
S. R. Rd., Royalston
Athol, Mass. 01331 |
| #15. Katherine S. B. Cole
1148 Fifth Avenue 10028
New York, N. Y. 100028 | #18. Town Hall, Royalston
c/o Selectmen
Royalston, Mass. 01368 |
| #13. Royalston Historical Soc.
c/o Pauline C. Smith
Royalston, Mass. 01368 | #19. Same as #14 |

Continued

- | | |
|---|--|
| #22 Phineas S. Newton Library
c/o Harold L. Newton
Royalston, Mass. 01368 | #23 Mr. & Mrs. John F. Spaulding
59 Tower Road
Hingham, Mass. 02403 |
| #24 Lillis W. Bowers
Royalston
Mass. 01368 | #25. Dwight K. Stowell D. D. S.
Royalston
Mass. 01368 |
| #26 Mr. & Mrs. Robert C.
Kymalainen
Royalston, Mass. 01368 | #27. John Nash et al
c/o John Nash II
12 West Park Road
Iowa City, Iowa 52240 |
| #28 Humphrey L. Nash Jr.
Royalston
Mass. 01368 | #29. Julia M. Johnson
Royalston
Mass. 01368 |
| #30. Mr. & Mrs. Leslie G.
MacManus
Royalston, Mass. 01368 | #31 Mr. & Mrs. John L. Poor
Royalston
Massachusetts 01368 |
| #32 Mrs. Elsie Vangel /
c/o George P. Theodore
Royalston, Mass. 01368 | #33 & 34
Estate of Elsie B. Jewett
c/o Fay Jewett
Royalston, Mass. 01368 |

Hope that this information will be helpful in keeping our great town on the map. Should there be other questions by your office please get in touch with me.

Very truly yours,


Barney A. Stearns, Clerk
S. R. Rd., Royalston
Athol, Mass. 01331

Property

Royalston Common Historic District

State

Mass.

Working Number

7.29.76 3827

76000304

Worcester

TECHNICAL

Photos

Maps

UTM appears in context
Acreage missing

11.23.76 CONTROL

OK - 7.30.76

HISTORIAN

Acreage missing.

Accept
E. Smith
11-1-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Call for acreage then

Accept
m. J. Hurry
11-16-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

active
accept
Cole
11-22-76

KEEPER

Wm
12/6/76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry

2-1-77

Re-submit _____

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Royalston Common Historic District
Royalston, MA *Worcester Co.*
Christine Boulding, Photographer
1976

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington St., Boston, MA 02108
View of the Common area looking north
on Main St., towards Fitzwilliam Rd.

Photo #1 *of 9*

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Royalston Common Historic District
Royalston, MA *Massachusetts*
Christine Boulding, Photographer
1976

Massachusetts Historical Commission
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View of the southern approach to the
Common along Main St.
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Royalston Common Historic District
Royalston, MA *Worcester Co*
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1976

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington St., Boston, MA 02108
parade of the Public Library (22),
facing the Common on the west side
Photo #3 *29*

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



Royalston Common Historic District
Royalston, MA *Worcester Co.*
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1976
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington St., Boston, MA 02108
Facade of the First Congregational Church
(19), facing the Common on the west side
Photo #4 *29*

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



Royalston Common Historic District
Royalston, MA *Royalston CD*
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1976

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Facade of the Old School House (13)

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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Royalston, MA *Worcester Co.*
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1976

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Facade of the Bullock Mansion (21),
facing the Common on the west side
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Royalston, MA *Warcester Co.*
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1976

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Facade of the "Old Store and Post Office" (8),
facing the Common on the east side
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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Royalston Common Historic District
Royalston, MA *Worcester Co.*
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1976

Massachusetts Historical Commission
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Facade of "White Heather" (7), facing the Comm
Common on the east side
Photo #8 *79*

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Royalston, MA *Worcester Co.*
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1976

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Facade and south side of the "Lightening
Rod House" (11)

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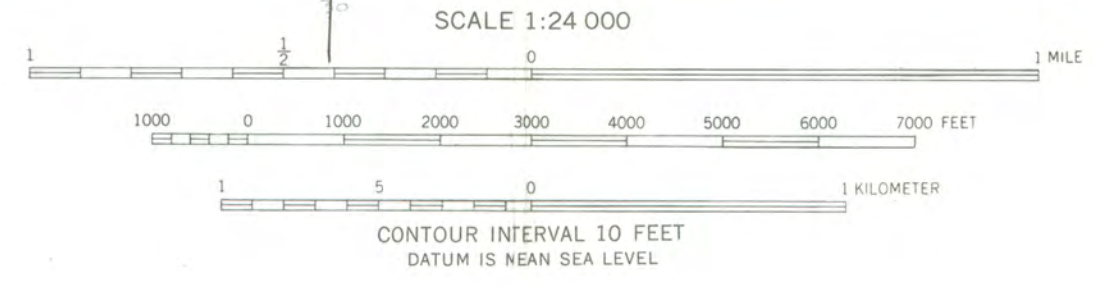
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Historic District
Royalston, MA
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D.) 18730200/4729240

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by plane-table surveys 1943-1944. Revised 1954
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts (Mainland)
and New Hampshire coordinate systems
Broken blue lines indicate areas subject to inundation
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

14°
TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1954



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



ROYALSTON, MASS.—N. H.
N 4237.5—W 7207.5/7.5

1954

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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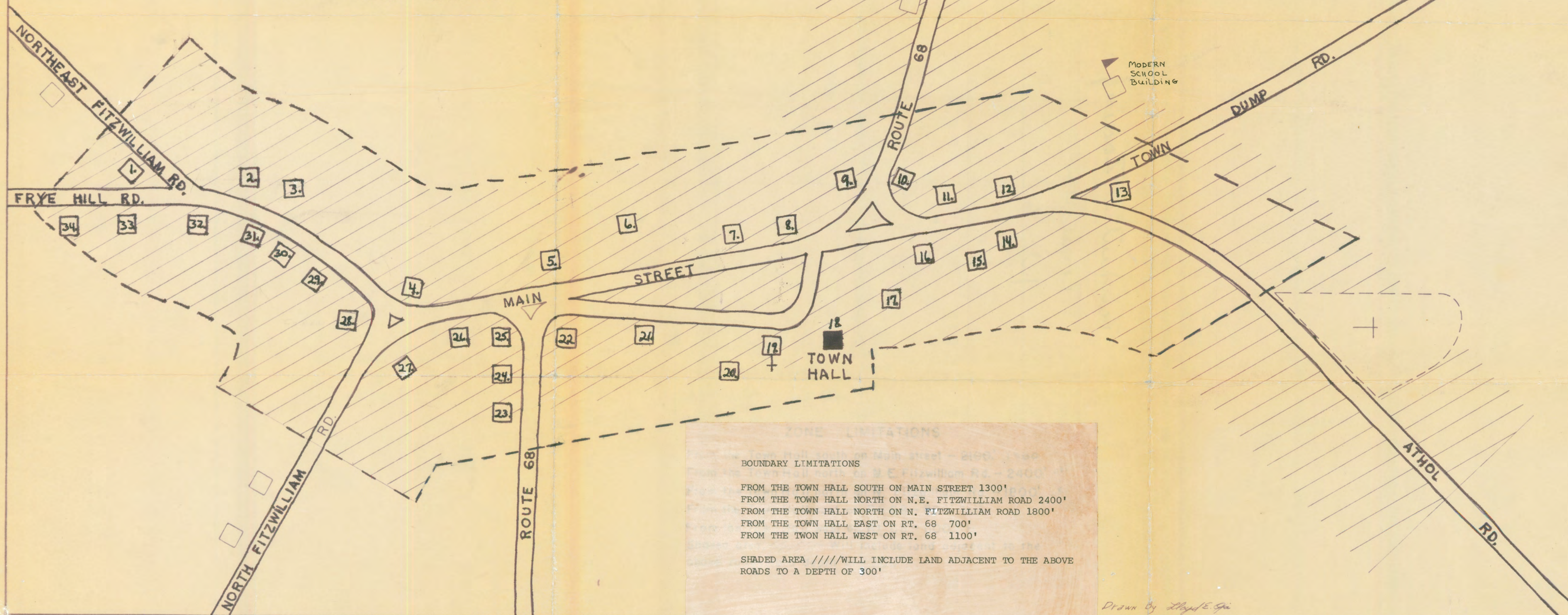




RESIDENTIAL ZONE
OF THE TOWN OF
ROYALSTON

SCALE
1" = 200'
NOV. 9, 1962

--- DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



BOUNDARY LIMITATIONS

FROM THE TOWN HALL SOUTH ON MAIN STREET 1300'
FROM THE TOWN HALL NORTH ON N.E. FITZWILLIAM ROAD 2400'
FROM THE TOWN HALL NORTH ON N. FITZWILLIAM ROAD 1800'
FROM THE TOWN HALL EAST ON RT. 68 700'
FROM THE TOWN HALL WEST ON RT. 68 1100'

SHADED AREA //// WILL INCLUDE LAND ADJACENT TO THE ABOVE
ROADS TO A DEPTH OF 300'

Drawn by Lloyd E. G.

Residential Zoning

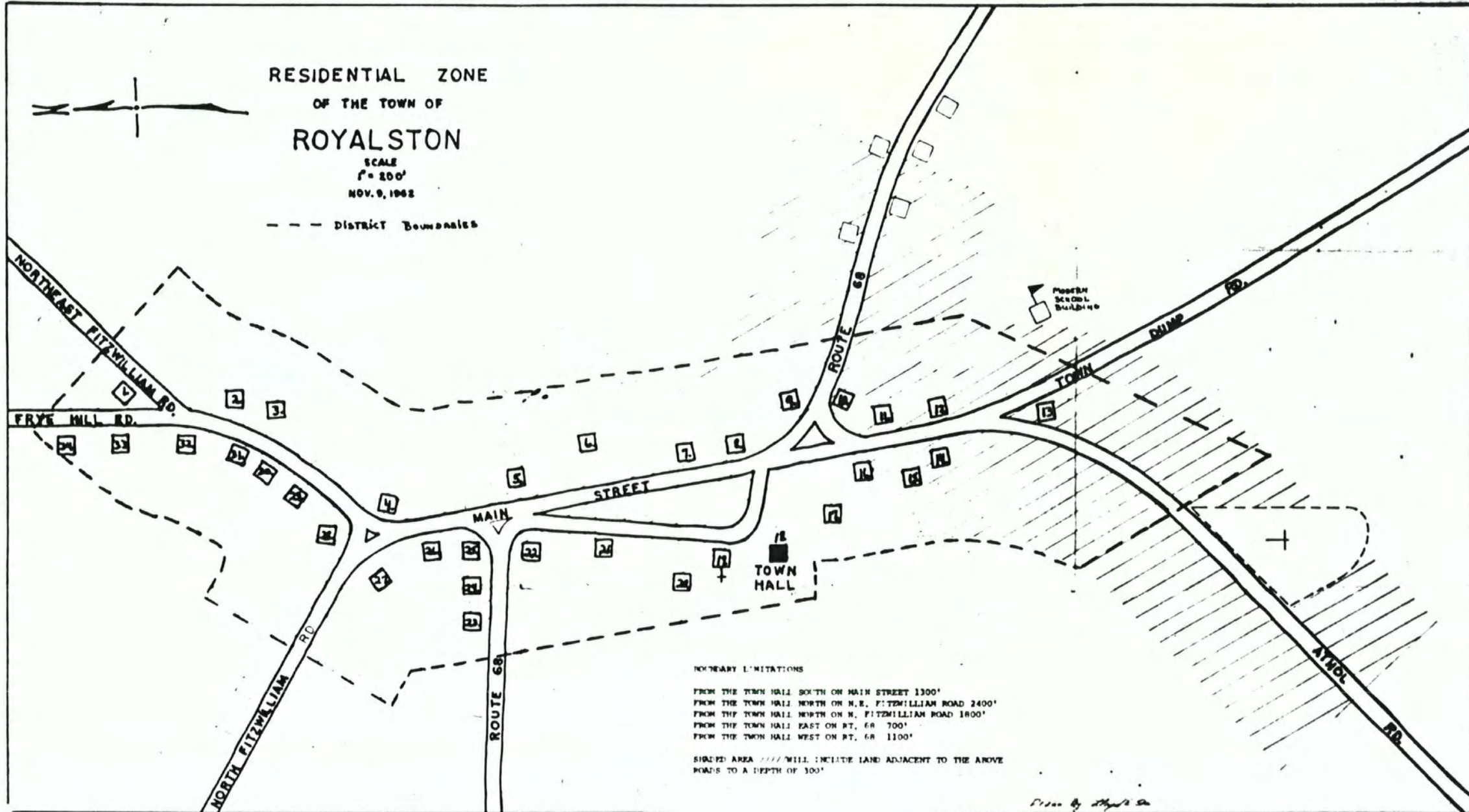
Royalston

July, 64.

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OF THE TOWN OF
ROYALSTON

SCALE
1" = 200'
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--- DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



BOUNDARY LIMITATIONS

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FROM THE TOWN HALL WEST ON RT. 68 1100'

SHADED AREA //// WILL INCLUDE LAND ADJACENT TO THE ABOVE
ROADS TO A DEPTH OF 100'

Drawn by *Maple St.*

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered DEC 12 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kittredge Mansion	North Andover Essex County
Royalston Common Historic District	Royalston Worcester County
Coolidge, Calvin, House	Northampton Hampshire County
Train, Samuel, House	Weston Middlesex County
Rocks Village Historic District	Haverhill vicinity Essex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Paul Tsongas
Hon. Edward P. Boland
Hon. Silvio O. Conte
Hon. Robert F. Drinan

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Hon. Michael J. Harrington

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

12/16/76

Mott

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11-11-76
Reviewer INITIALS: MJL

NR

DOE

DEC 12 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Royalston Common Historic District

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Main St., sections of Frye Hill Rd., and Athol Rd.

CITY, TOWN Royalston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF 025

COUNTY Worcester

code 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

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
☒ GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
☐ FAIR 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- community

now- same

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
 ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE recreation
 ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING MILITARY SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN settlement
 ART EXPLORATION MUSIC socio/cultural
 COMMERCE INDUSTRY PHILOSOPHY TRANSPORTATION urban & commun
 COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT OTHER (SPECIFY) planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&

appropriate date)

personal

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 19th C.

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

19th C.

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Community ^{containing} ~~encompassing~~ 2 large barns, 4 public buildings, and 28 dwellings ~~in~~ ^{various} architectural styles from Federal to Queen Anne; Majority of houses were ~~built~~ ^{built before} by the mid-19th C. and are ~~2-story~~ ^{predominantly} 2-story clapboarded structures with small-paned windows and entrances with ~~fanlights and side lights~~ ^{fanlights}; Notable are the First Congregational Church (1851) and the Federal ^{style} Bullock Mansion (1867).

Excellent example of 19th C. New England community planned

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

around the comm.