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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Boston Post Road Historic District

and/or common same

2. Location

Both sides of the Boston Post Road from Plain Bldg.

street & number Multiple; See attached list N/A not for publication 5+ only

city, town Weston N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Massachusetts code 025 county Middlesex code 017

3. Classification

<u>X</u> district	Ownership <u> </u> public	Status <u>X</u> occupied	Present Use <u>X</u> agriculture	<u>X</u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u>X</u> commercial	<u>X</u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u>X</u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u>X</u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u> in process	Accessible <u> </u> yes: restricted	<u>X</u> entertainment	<u>X</u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> being considered	<u>X</u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
		<u> </u> no	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple; See attached list

street & number

city, town N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

street & number 208 Cambridge Street

city, town Cambridge state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Assets of
title the Commonwealth: HABS has this property been determined eligible? yes X no
date 1972: 1934 (Lawyer's Office/Alpheus Bigelow Jr. Law Office)
1980: 1936 (Golden Ball Tavern) X federal X state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission: Washington, D.C.

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

Weston: Boston Post Road Historic District

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date (see text)

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Boston Post Road District in Weston runs east to west for $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Waltham line to the Wayland line, dividing the town into two nearly equal parts. The district encompasses the historic town center of Weston, as well as the best preserved section of the State's major 18th century east-west connector. Exhibiting residential, commercial, and public buildings which date from the 18th through 20th centuries, the district retains a rural atmosphere. Totalling approximately 760 acres in size, the Boston Post Road District contains 170 major buildings and many barns and outbuildings.

Upon entering Weston from the east on the Post Road, the landscape is dominated by the interchanging ramps for Route 128 (not included). Past this, the gently curving Post Road becomes a tree-shaded highway with fine homes well spaced and set back from the street. On either side of the road the land is gently rolling, with a slight drop-off on the north to the valley of Three Mile Brook. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile westward into the district, the roadway splits to include Crescent Street (the old Post Road) and an 1855 by-pass which is currently termed the Post Road. In the middle third of the district, a 1931 by-pass circumvents the center of town in a southerly direction. Upon leaving Weston on the west, the character of the road changes dramatically to commercial strip development.

At either end, the Boston Post Road District is residential in character; its rural atmosphere is perhaps more pronounced in the western section. In the middle (north of the 1931 by-pass) is Weston's town center, which is dominated by the Weston Town House (33) and extensive Town Green (P2). The center consists of two other public buildings (115, 119), an 18th century tavern (116), three churches (31, 35, 117), a few one and two story commercial buildings, and several residences converted to business use.

The significance of the Boston Post Road arose in prehistoric times, when the main native trail from the Boston basin to the Connecticut River Valley followed this axis. As a colonial period highway, the Post Road continued as a primary east-west connector and was the focus of settlement; high-style Georgian features distinguish this era of building. During the early 19th century, limited new construction and remodelling occurred on the Post Road. The late 19th and early 20th centuries were generally even less active, although almost all of the area's public buildings -- executed in late Victorian and Colonial Revival styles -- date from this period.

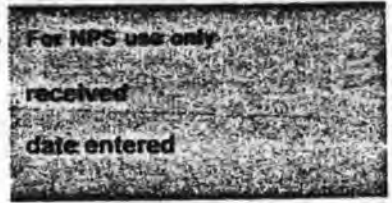
The district thus contains examples of architecture extending over a period of 250 years. Within the district are public buildings, residences, commercial buildings, barns (three of them -- 74, 139, and 165 -- possibly 18th century), stables, outbuildings, two schools, two 1850's school buildings converted into residences, five churches, a former church which is now a residence, four parks, two old cemeteries, and two 18th century taverns. Two properties (41 and 139) are already listed in the National Register, and two (139 and 179) have been recorded by HABS.

Most structures are 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories in height and of wood frame construction.

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In general, buildings and grounds are well preserved and well maintained. The district has no out of scale intrusions; recent buildings are, for the most part, one or two story residences of Colonial or Georgian Revival styles which harmonize with the historic structures. The largest number of these occur beyond the west end of the 1931 by-pass. Buildings are all on their original sites except for the following: buildings 40, 70, 85, and 166 have been moved on their own property, building 70 three times; buildings 29, 36, 112, 131, and 150 have been moved to new sites, building 29 two times.

The Georgian style in the Post Road District is typically represented in a two story, 5 bay structure with gable, hip, or gambrel roof, interior chimneys, and a rear ell. The Golden Ball Tavern, 1768 (139), is probably the district's best example of this style; listed in the Register in 1972, the building has a double hip roof, a classically framed doorway with fluted pilasters and transom, and 12/12 sash windows. More typical designs in this style include the Joseph Livermore House, (Photo), 1725 (78), Joseph Harrington House, 1725 (70), Nathaniel Coolidge's Vineyard, ca. 1777 (74), Josiah Smith Tavern, (Photo), 1757 (116) and the Artemus Ward House, 1785 (40).

Federal period buildings along the Post Road are usually 2 stories high and 5 bays long, with a gable roof, interior chimneys, and a rear ell. Decorative details are generally confined to the entrances, featuring attenuated classical enframements and occasional fanlights. The district's high-style standard for the period is the Lemuel Jones House (3), a remodelled 18th century structure; this 3 story, hip roof house displays a pedimented 2 story portico and corner pilasters. The district is also notable for its non-residential structures of the period: the Alpheus Bigelow, Jr., Law Office, 1811 (179) and the Isaac Fiske Law Office, 1805 (133) -- both one story structures with hip roofs. Typical buildings of the period include the Abraham Hews House, 1765/1824 (128), the Alpheus Bigelow, Jr., House, 1827 (84), and the Charles Harrington House, c. 1800 (99).

The Post Road's Greek Revival style is characterized by 2 story buildings with gable roofs, about evenly divided between traditional 5 bay, center entrance facades and contemporary 3 bay, front gable designs. Columned porches, pilasters, and rear ells are also popular. Representative examples include the Charles Bigelow House, 1837 (17), John Paradee House, 1856 (114), William Lawrence House, 1835 (93), and Alfred Hobbs House, 1835 (165).

The Italianate style is sparsely represented and traditional in design, closely related to the area's Greek Revival format. The few, early examples here are generally 2½ stories high with an end gable roof, center entrance, paired eaves brackets, and corner pilasters. The best surviving designs are the Nathaniel Sibley House, 1854 (86), Dr. Otis Hunt House, 1848 (111), and George Smith House, 1853 (112).

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Later Victorian styles are increasingly restrained. Several large, but plain Queen Anne and Stick style houses (62, 113, and 6) and a modest Mansard cottage (46) reveal a generally inactive building period.

On the other hand, historical revival styles are prevalent in the Post Road district. These multifarious buildings are generally 2 to 2½ stories in height, with hip or ridge roofs, often an academic entrance, and a plethora of wings, porches, pavilions, and dormers; wood shingles are frequently used for wall sheathing. Eight public buildings demonstrate a variety of academic designs from medieval to colonial revival; all of these are constructed of masonry (31, 33, 35, 50, 108, 115, 117, 119). Domestic structures, largely following Colonial Revival influences range from the compact dignity of the Albert Horatio Hews House, 1880 (62) to the pretentiousness of Mrs. Francis Sparhawk Sears House, 1919 (20).

8. Significance Weston: Boston Post Road Historic District

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates (see text)

Builder/Architect (see text)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Boston Post Road District is important on both a local and state level. First, it is the historic center of Weston, which thrived on the travelers' economy of the 18th and early 19th centuries. Second, Weston contains the state's best preserved segment of this major east-west connector as it appeared in that era. The district contains important examples of architecture from that period as well as a significant collection of buildings from a much later period of suburbanization. The Post Road District retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting, and location; it meets criteria A and C of the National Register.

First settled in the mid-17th century, the Town of Weston was incorporated in 1713. The area now comprising Weston was originally part of Watertown, known as the "Farmer's Precinct" or "Watertown Farms." The remoteness of the meetinghouse in Watertown led the settlers in 1665 to request a church of their own. The first church building was begun in 1695 and completed in 1710; the present church (31) is the fourth on the site.

During the colonial period, Weston's economy was based primarily on agriculture and grazing, serviced by a commercial center which emerged around the meetinghouse and spread along the Post Road. This center included a dry goods store, a tannery/shoemaking shop, a redware pottery, some doctors, and probably lawyers as well. Stores most likely occupied parts of houses during this period, while small shops were located in outbuildings.

The Boston Post Road, which was the primary route to New York for over a century, was a catalyst for development here. Originally an Indian trail, the first Post Rider traversed this road in 1673; in 1783 the first stagecoach travelled the road. Weston boasted 4 to 5 taverns within a mile and half of each other along the Post Road, but only two are known to survive: Josiah Smith's Tavern, 1757 (116), and the Golden Ball Tavern, 1768 (139).

The Post Road in Weston was the scene of much activity before and during the Revolution. In 1774, a group of irate citizens organized the "Weston Tea Party," painting themselves like Indians and raiding the Golden Ball Tavern (139), bent on capturing its Tory landlord. Fortunately, he was out of town at the time, but a great deal of windows and crockery was smashed and the liquor supply seized.

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A tablet in Lamson Park (P3) commemorates Colonel Lamson and the 103 Weston men who gathered nearby to march to Lexington on April 19, 1775. Also passing through Weston over the Post Road were the artillery brought from Fort Ticonderoga to relieve the siege of Boston, prisoners from the battles of Bennington and Saratoga, Burgoyne's defeated army, General Knox, and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Revere (who mentioned stopping at the Golden Ball Tavern for breakfast).

Notable travellers in the federal period included the troops sent to quell Shay's rebellion, Presidents Washington and John Adams, and General Lafayette.

Although the Post Road continued to carry as many as 40 stagecoaches a week by 1830, new turnpikes located north and south of Weston reduced the importance of the Post Road early in the 19th century. Commercial stagnation gradually set in, with cottage industries and crafts sustaining the area. Foremost among these were the Sibley Machine Shop behind the Nathaniel Sibley House (86) and the Shattuck School and Desk Factory behind the Luther Harrington House (11). Of special note is the pottery established by Abraham Hews in 1768 which operated for over a century in Weston -- first, probably, near the Abraham Hews House (128) and then at the Abraham Hews, Jr. House (48).

The later 19th century saw increasing development of the Post Road District, although suburbanization was the only new trend which directly affected or related to the district. After the middle of the century, Weston was served by two railroads running through the town, with one of a total of six stations located in the town center. The resulting ease of transportation between Boston and Weston caused many large country homes to be built throughout the district, beginning c. 1870.

Population increased steadily during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and both elaborate and modest suburban homes clustered around the Post Road. Development peaked around the turn of this century with the construction of virtually all of the district's institutional buildings. These include the town hall (33), four churches (31, 35, 50, 117), a library (115), and fire station (119) -- all designed by Boston architects.

The later 20th century has been dominated by Boston-oriented suburbanization in the Post Road District as well as Weston as a whole. Several houses here have been converted to commercial use, but building activity is otherwise characterized by residential infill, especially in the western part of the district. Due to the foresight of its citizens in establishing parks and acquiring conservation land, however, the District still retains its rural atmosphere.

Typical of a small town center, residents of the Post Road District have included an array of locally prominent citizens: farmers, town officials, ministers, military men, merchants, professionals, a few small manufacturers, and well-to-do suburbanites.

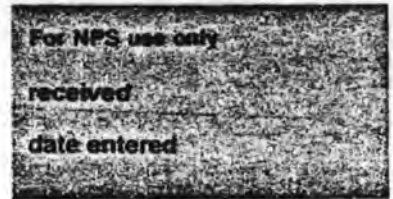
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The architecture of the district reflects this social heterogeneity as well as the various trends of historical development. The best-developed styles found along the Post Road are from the Georgian and Federal Periods; especially notable is the district's collection of intact taverns and law offices. The Victorian residential styles are prettily designed but minor in general significance. The large scale but aesthetically modest institutional buildings from the turn of the century are the second most impressive category of buildings. A number of builders and architects are known to have worked here, beginning with housewrights Jeduthan Baldwin (29) and John Paradee (114) and extending to the local architect Samuel Mead (20, 23, 32), noted Boston architects such as Peabody and Stearns (31), Joseph Chandler (32), and several lesser known regional architects (Fox, Jenny and Gale; Bigelow and Wadsworth, Clifford Albright, inter alia).

A sampling of representative buildings with historical significance follows. The Nathaniel Sibley House (86) was built in 1854, although use of the property for grist and saw mills goes back to 1679. In 1831 Messrs. Coolidge, Sibley, and Treat bought the property and erected a machine shop and a mill for cotton yarns, which continued under the sole ownership of Nathaniel Sibley from 1859 to 1890. Also manufactured here were iron and steel hardware, wood planing machines, the Sibley dove-tailer, and the Sibley pencil sharpener. The house is noteworthy as a relatively unchanged example of the Italianate style.

The imposing, three story Federal style Lemuel Jones House (3) incorporates a house built by Lemuel Jones before 1757; the present appearance dates from c. 1807, when unrealized plans for use as a tavern were made. The building was occupied from 1815 to 1822 by the Massachusetts Senator, James Lloyd, who sold to Jean Mark Gorgas, a descendent of Huguenot nobility. The property is now used as a school.

Across the street stands the house (90) built in 1842 for J. M. Gorgas' son, Jean Louis Gorgas, later a general in the Civil War. The house is an aspiring, though still traditional, example of the Greek Revival style.

The Edward Fiske House (6) was built c. 1867; it is the first example of the Stick Style in Weston. The assessment on the house when built was the highest in town for a residence.

In 1884, Robert Winsor built his House (23) and Stable (22), the latter now a residence, in a simple Shingle style. Winsor was a partner in Kidder Peabody and Co. and a local land developer; this was his first house in town and the first house designed by the young Weston architect, Samuel Mead. Three other Winsor houses were built across the Post Road on what is now Winsor Way (only two are extant).

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The Dr. Otis Hunt House (111) was built in 1848 for Dr. Hunt and stood on the north side of the Post Road until the late 19th century. Interrupting several doctors' occupancies was the Rev. Edmund Sears, minister of the First Parish Church and author of the hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The house is a particularly lovely example of the Italianate style in Weston.

The Elisha Jones House (29), 1755, is an exceptionally fine Georgian building with an interesting history. The house was originally built for Elisha Jones, Weston's first recorded storekeeper, by housewright Jeduthan Baldwin; it originally stood on Highland Street. Jones was active in town government for 28 years, filling several important civic posts, but because of his Tory sympathies in 1776 he was forced to flee to Boston, where he served under General Gage. The house was confiscated by the Commonwealth and sold in 1782 to Col. Thomas Marshall, one of George Washington's officers. The house was moved twice in the 1880's, and additions were made in 1921 and 1932.

The First Parish Church (31), 1888, is the fourth church building on this site; it replaces a series of structures dating from 1695, 1721 (with extensive renovations in 1800), and 1840 (a temple front Greek Revival structure). The handsome cobblestone structure was designed by Peabody and Stearns in an English Gothic style and holds a dominant place in the town center near the Town Green (P2). The Church contains stained glass windows by Tiffany and Connick along with a bell cast by Paul Revere.

Just behind, on Church property stands the David Lane Estate Ice House. Built in 1853 in a lavish Italianate manner, the ice house is a rare survival of its period and the only remaining structure of the estate of David Lane, a silk importer in the China trade.

Two important civic buildings face the large, roughly elliptical Town Green (P2), which was carved out of a swamp in 1917 by Arthur Shurcliffe, landscape architect. To the north is the Weston Town Hall (33), an imposing Colonial Revival structure of 1917 by the Boston architects Bigelow and Wadsworth. The present structure replaced a Greek Revival style town hall which stood directly on the Post Road.

Opposite the Town Green on the south is the Weston Public Library (115), 1898, Fox, Jenney, and Gale, architects. The Library was founded in 1857 and was originally located in the old Town Hall.

Adjacent to the Library is the Josiah Smith Tavern (116), built in 1757 and enlarged in 1763. In addition to innkeeper, Smith also acted as Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, Selectman, and Delegate to the Provincial Congress in Concord. The building later housed a store, school, and shoe shop; under the ownership of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, it now contains town offices and meeting rooms.

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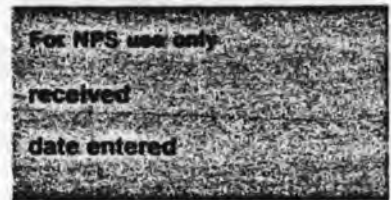
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The old commercial center is best represented by the Hersum Block, (125), which dates to 1890. This wood-frame, Italianate style block is the only originally commercial structure of its period remaining in the District, and by its small size and uniqueness illustrates the limited commercial function of the area.

The Abraham Hews House (128) was built in 1768 by Abraham Hews, who established a small redware pottery; sometime after 1794 the pottery was moved down the road to the property of Abraham Hews, Jr. Hews Sr. marched to Lexington with Col. Lamson on April 19, 1775 and filled a number of civic positions as well. The delicate federal styling appearing on the house at present probably results from Marshall Jones, who purchased the property in 1824. Jones established a harness and paint shop in the carriagehouse next door (127); he also served as Selectman and Town Treasurer.

The intersection of the Post Road and Concord Road -- a triangle filled by Soldiers Park (P6) -- features several properties of historic significance. The Rev. Samuel Woodward House (41), 1753, was the home of the second ordained minister of the First Parish Church. The house is already listed in the National Register.

On the south side of the intersection lie two historic cemeteries: the Farmers Burying Ground (P10), Weston's oldest with the earliest interment dating to 1703, and, farther west, the Central Cemetery (P13), first interment 1792.

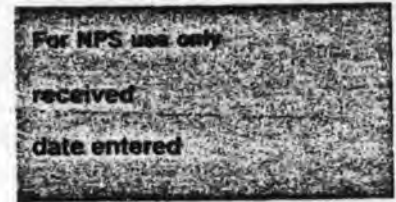
Prominently located opposite the Central Cemetery is the Fiske-Field House (44), a distinguished Federal style building of 1805. The house was built by Isaac Fiske, a Harvard graduate who practiced law in Weston for 30 years; the Fiske Law Office (133), also built in 1805, stands across the street. (The law office is now owned by the Town and serves as headquarters for the Weston Historical Society). Fiske served over many decades as town clerk, selectman, representative to the General Court, and Registrar of Probate Records for Middlesex County. From 1816 to 1869 the house was occupied by the Rev. Joseph Field, the fourth ordained minister of the First Parish Church, under whose leadership the church quietly changed from Congregational to Unitarian.

Farther west on the Post Road stands the Abraham Hews, Jr. House (48), built in 1824. The family pottery operated on this site from c. 1815 until 1871, when the business was moved to Cambridge; shards are still found behind houses 46 through 49. Not only a successful businessman, Hews was appointed Weston's first postmaster in 1812 and acted as Surveyor of Wood, School Committee member, and Assessor; Hews gave the land nearby for the second building of the First Baptist Church, constructed in 1828. The simple, refined Federal style house is noteworthy for its brick ends.

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The Albert Horatio Hews Mansion (62), 1880, reflects the later period of prosperity for the pottery, which was known as A.H. Hews & Company after 1871. Albert Horatio Hews owned one-third of the expanded business, which by 1889 employed 80-100 men and manufactured 7 million pieces of pottery. The house is one of the district's most distinguished examples of the early Colonial Revival style and is excellently preserved.

The First Baptist Church (50), 1923, replaced the second Baptist Church building, which was constructed on this site in 1828. The Baptist Society was formed in Weston in 1784, first occupying a small building on the south side of town. The congregation first protested paying the tax for the town-supported First Parish Church in 1780.

Opposite the First Baptist Church is the Golden Ball Tavern (139), 1768, whose property includes an 18th century barn. Both Isaac Jones and the tavern he built played a significant role in Weston's history. Despite being considered a Tory at the beginning of the Revolution, Jones was re-elected Selectman before the end of the war and continued in office for 10 years; for six years he was representative to the General Court. The building is open as a museum, is included in the HABS, and is already listed in the National Register.

The West Center School (150), 1852, was one of six schools built by the town in the 1850's. This small Greek Revival structure was moved from Highland Avenue in 1931 when the By-Pass was constructed; it is now used as a residence.

The Joseph Harrington House (70), c. 1725, is set far back and down from the road, behind an orchard -- its third location on the same property. The land was originally granted to Rev. Henry Green in the 1642 division of lots and was purchased by Joseph Harrington in 1685. The main part of the house was probably built c. 1725, making it one of the oldest houses in Weston. The property still contains $47\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land.

Nearby is Nathaniel Coolidge's "Vineyard" (74), c. 1777 -- an awkward but earnest transition between the Georgian and Federal styles. Nathaniel Coolidge, Sr. was one of the earliest settlers of the area, an original member of the First Parish Church, and donor of the land for the first meetinghouse. The property passed from father to son until 1774, when Nathaniel Coolidge, 3d, deeded his "Vineyard" to John Flagg, who, in 1777, sold to Enoch Greenleaf, a merchant dealing in West Indian and English goods. Although Greenleaf had Tory sympathies during the Revolution, he loaned large sums to the Town. The present house was probably built by Enoch Greenleaf; an attached barn may also date from the 18th century.

The Alpheus Bigelow, Jr., House (84), 1827, is a large Federal style building. A graduate of Harvard, Bigelow later studied law with Isaac Fiske (see 44 and 133) and Tyler Bigelow. The Bigelow Law Office (170) was built across the road in 1811 and has been recorded by HABS.

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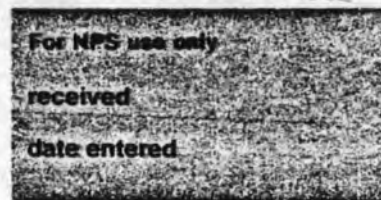
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The Boston Post Road District clearly exhibits a high potential for the preservation of numerous and varied archaeological remains, reflecting over 200 years of historic occupation, and an undetermined period of use by Native Americans.

Documented use of the historic Boston Post Road as an Indian trail in the 17th century suggests the presence of Native American sites dating to at least as early as European contact. These deposits, if they do exist, are most likely now in isolated pockets due to later historic development. Identification and careful excavation of these deposits could yield materials for analysis and interpretation relevant to our understanding of prehistoric exchange networks, and the interface between the European and Native American cultures.

Subsurface remains of structures, old roadbeds, and discrete and scattered trash deposits for documented and undocumented activities of the historic period would contain evidence on changing aspects of regional transportation; local agriculture, industry and commerce; and the lifeways of the district inhabitants from the mid-17th through 20th centuries. The supplementation of literature references, for instance, to saw and grist mills (86) and field observations, such as the continued presence of red-ware shards (46-49) provide a valid and imperative basis for an intensive archaeological survey and evaluation of the district.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Ripley, E., Weston, A Puritan Town
Train, Arthur, Puritans Progress
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 760 acres

Quadrangle name Natick, MA

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

B 119 | 3110770 | 4692690
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification see attached sketch map

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Massachusetts Historical Comm. date July 16, 1982

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA

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 Valerie Talmage

title Acting Executive Director date 9/28/82

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

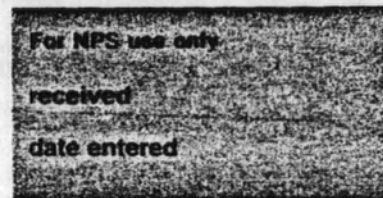
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Old Farmers Almanac

Weston Town and Church Records

Barber, John W., Historical Collection of Massachusetts, 1839.

Floyd, Margaret H. Architectural Study of the Boston Post Road in
Weston.

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UTM REFERENCES:

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O: 19/311870/4693040
P: 19/312880/4693060

NOTE: "Historical" name of building on first line;
Legal owner's name on second line.

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PROPERTY MAP INDEX: Buildings (Red) and Lots

NORTH SIDE

<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	137 Boston Post Road	Robinson Offices, "Century Building" Mass. Broken Stone Co.	1870
2	161 "	Richard Robinson House See 137 Boston Post Road	1890
3	177 "	Lemuel Jones House Margaret Gifford School, Inc.	1757, 1822
* 4	181 "	David Moulton Kellogg House David M. Jr. & Marion Kellogg	1949
5	193 "	Amos Hobbs House Arthur B. & Sybil Johnson	1801
6	215 "	Edward Fiske House Florence B. & Henry M. Merrill Land Trust c/o Gaston, Snow & Ely Bartlett 1 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110	1867, 1890
* 7	221 "	Henry Merrill, Jr. House Stephen P. & Patricia Waish now Ken Schadegg & Roger Dickinson	1950
* 8	223 "	John Hopkins House John K. & Tensi Hopkins	1979
9	225 "	George S. Perry House #2 Anthony J. Jr. & Jean M. Melone	1884
10	10 Crescent Street	Henry Perry House Edward W. & Frances V. Marshall	1931
11	21 "	Luther Harrington House Edwin B. Sears	1812
12	247 Boston Post Road	George S. Perry House #1 Robert W. & Fay B. Starmer	c.1875
13	27 Crescent Street	Benj. Pierce First Tavern Joseph Melone	c.1750
14	251 Boston Post Road	Joseph Hagar House Alfred L. & Mary G. Aydelott	1809

NORTH SIDE

<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
15	29 Crescent Street	Sears Caretaker's House See 21 Crescent St. - E. B. Sears	1923
16	255-7 Boston Post Road	Cassidy House Robert T. III & Bettye C. Freeman	c.1878
17	39 Crescent Street	Charles Bigelow House Howard Gambrill, Jr.	c.1837
18	49 "	Rev. Samuel Kendal House #1 James T. & Patricia M. Jensen	1803
18a	Lot "	James T. & Patricia M. Jensen	
19	277 Boston Post Road	Mrs. Sears Caretaker's House Town of Weston	c.1861
19a	Lot "	Town of Weston	
20	293 "	Mrs. Francis Sparhawk Sears House Thomas F. & Mary P. Cook	1919
21	313 "	Winthrop Kenney House Frederick W. & Sandra Bowers	1929
22	311 "	Robert Winsor Stable Sandra S. Gee	1884
23	309 "	Robert Winsor House Peter J. & Jean Panzarino	1884
24	315 "	Charles Kenney House Ruth C. Peakes	1885
25	317 "	Mrs. F. T. Gray's House Wesley W. Jr. & Betty Marple	1880
* 26	321 "	Merton Williams House Brooks A. III & Gale Parker	1959
* 27	327 "	Victor Harnish House Victor C. & Marjorie R. Harnish	1951
* 28	335 "	Frank Owen House Margaret B. Owen	1951
29	22 Church Street	Elisha Jones House John P. Vitello	1755

NORTH SIDE

<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
30	3 Conant Road	First Parish Parsonage First Parish Church	1913
31	Boston Post Road cor. Church Street	First Parish Church First Parish Church	1888
32	6 Conant Road	Richardson House Herbert & Elaine Berman	c.1900
33	Town House Road	Weston Town Hall Town of Weston	1917
34	391-407 Boston Post Rd. <small>now</small> David Cayne 73 Sheffield Road Newton, Ma. 02160	Weston Pharmacy, Waltham Federal Savings Helen Carver, Trustee F. & H. Trust c/o Stanley Ward P.O. Box 179, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167	c.1920
34a	409-415 "	Frederick A. Crafts & Victor G. Pesek	c.1920
35	439 "	Christian Science Church Christian Science Church	1918
* 36	483 "	Lamson Tailor Shop Bernice G. Caffrey	1800, 1953
38	505 "	Mabel Burrage House Mabel G. Burrage	c.1862
39	527 "	Charles Whitney House Charles A. & Jane H. Whitney	c.1910
40	543 "	Artemus Ward, Jr. House Beverly B. Campbell & W. Donald Campbell	1785
(40a - not included)			
41	19 Concord Road	Rev. Samuel Woodward House Frank J. Sprole <small>now</small> David L. & Jenifer N. Kasdon	1753
* 42	625 Boston Post Road	Baldwin Tavern Site (Wolff House) Otto E. & Doris Wolff	1935
* 43	633 "	Constance Fulenwider House Constance M. Fulenwider	1948
44	639 "	Isaac Fiske-Joseph Field House Fraderick H. Lovejoy	1805

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
* 45	643 Boston Post Road	George K. Saurwein House Aubrey E. Jones, Trustee Lyall Land Trust Webbville Enterprises 30 Colpitts Rd., Weston, MA 02193	1964
46	647 "	Horace Hews House Phillip D. & Mercedes Bassett	1863
47	649 "	David K. Smith House David K. & Nancy Smith	c.1880
48	651 "	Abraham Hews, Jr. House Pamela Heidt now Robt. D. & Priscilla A. Oliver	1794, 1824
* 49	655 "	Allan Wheeler, Jr. House Allan T. Jr. & Phyllis Wheeler	1949
50	657 "	First Baptist Church First Baptist Church	1923
51	659 "	Baptist Church House First Baptist Church	1890
52	661 "	O'Brian House Jos. Wolenski & Barbara Pulaski	c.1840
53	663 "	Baptist Stable Nathan T. & Hilda Place	1855
54	669 "	Funderburk House William A. & Hazel Funderburk	c.1870
* 55	671 "	Bradford Campion House William & Barbara Rowe	c.1855
55a	Lot	Town of Weston	
56	681 "	Anne E. and Stuart A. Rooney	1830
57	683 "	Old Baptist Parsonage Susan V. Magie	1830
* 58	687 "	Baptist Parsonage First Baptist Church	1937
59	689 "	Samuel A. Fitch House Carolyn H. Ely	c.1925

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
60	693 Boston Post Road	Rose Gannon House Robert A. & Mary Nolan	c.1920
61	695 "	A. H. Hews Carriage House Michael B. & Bonnie Donham	1880
62	699 "	Albert Horatio Hews Mansion John L. & Margaret Wacker	1880
* 63	703 "	Fred J. Perkins House Frederick J. Perkins	c.1950
* 64	705 "	Donald W. Brewster House Donald W. Brewster	c.1950
* 65	707 "	John R. Stutz House John R. & Marguerite Stutz	c.1950
* 66	709 "	Joanne B. Hamm House Frank C. & Joanne Hamm	c.1945
* 67	713 "	Stanley Kellogg House Samuel & Cynthia Wolpert	c.1940
* 68	715 "	Charles Dorrance House Edward H. Jr. & Susan Leeming	c.1935
* 69	725 "	Albert B. Hunt House Albert B. & Frances Hunt	c.1934
70	751 "	Joseph Herrington House Frank B. Carter	c.1725
70a	751 "	Barn Sarah F. Blackett P.O. Box 295 Newport, RI 02840 (Commonly known also as 745. Several properties listed with assessors and street list at same number.)	c.1890
* 71	745 "	Helen Johnson House Morris McClintock	1959
72	761 "	Mark C. Sibley House See 751 - Carter	c.1839
72a	Lot "	Frank Carter	

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
* 73	775 Boston Post Road	Robert C. Dowell House Robert C. & Ivy Dowell	1965
74	787 "	Nathaniel Coolidge's "Vineyard" Charles P. Gorely, Jr. Estate	c.1777
* 75	795 "	Marjorie Packard House Patricia A. Kelley	1959
* 76	805 "	Miroslav Krek House Miroslav R. & Marija Krek	c.1940
77	811 "	Ralph Abrams House David J. Connolly	c.1790
77a	Lot "	Frank Carter	
78	823 "	Joseph Livermore House John & Mary Noble	by 1757
* 79	829 "	Elinor McKenzie House Elinor F. McKenzie	1955
* 80	839 "	Robert Lucente House Robert D. & Lois Lucente, Trs.	1977
* 81	825 "	Albert E. Scott, Jr. House Albert E. Jr. & Glenna Scott	1946
* 82	84 ^o "	Anthony d'Antonio House Anthony J. & Emelia d'Antonio	1956
* 83	855 "	Paul St. George House Florence A. St. George	1969
84	863 "	Alpheus H. Bigelow, Jr. Robert C. & Jane K. Webb	1827
85	3 Plain Road	James Livermore House John C. Jr. & Bryn Madden	c.1747

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86	104 Boston Post Road	Nathaniel Sibley House . See #1 -- Mass. Broken Stone	1854
* 87	152 "	Dr. Roger Prescott House Roger G. & Karen Prescott	1950

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
88	158 Boston Post Road	Georgina Hagar House Charles J. Precourt R.E. Trust Union Ave., S. Sudbury, MA 01776	1900
* 89	5 Summer Street	Dr. Kenneth Bryant House Irmagard K. & Kenneth Bryant	1948
90	178 Boston Post Road	Gen. Jean Louis Gourgas House William H. & Ann Barry	1842
90a	Lot "B" "	Miriam & John Brooks .29 Summer St., Weston, MA 02193	
91	190 "	George Wm. Bentley House William C. & Judith Wood	1922
* 92	1 Rolling Lane	John E. Knight House Albert & Susan Kelsey	1965
93	208 Boston Post Road	William Lawrence House Jackson W. Jr. & Martha Wright	1835
94	214 "	John W. Boyd House Woodie C. & Margaret Flowers	1890
98	222 "	Arthur Havelin House Walter H. & Caroline W. Palmer	1926
99	228 "	Charles Harrington House Richard J. & Charlotte M. Gomey Randall & Linda Blank David & Katherine Treadway	c.1800
100	234 "	Dr. Paul F. Gryska House Dr. Paul F. & Barbara C. Gryska	1926
101	248 "	Owen C. Howe House Adolf W. & Barbara F. Karchmer	1910
* 102	256 "	J. S. Gould House Brendan A. & Winifred Maher	c.1850

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
102a	Lot, Boston Post Road	David W. Freeman & S. Susan Thrall 91 Pinckney St., Boston, MA 02114	
103	270 "	George F. Blake House William J. & Judith Bellissimo	1904
* 104	280 "	Schoolhouse on the Rock James B. & Mary Eileen Muldoon	1853
* 105	286 "	Ralph Guilliams House Mary T. Savino	1970
106	10 Winsor Way	Ann B. Winsor House #2 Jean N. & Ramona N. Tariot	c.1900
107	12 Wellesley Street	Ann B. Winsor House #1 Gordon L. & Marguerite B. Wheeler	1894
* 108	320 Boston Post Road	St. Peter's Episcopal Church St. Peter's Episcopal Church	1957
109	334 "	Samuel Kendal House #2 Lucy R. Rand	1810
* 110	336 "	Mrs. Charles O. Richardson House Thomas L. Schendorf	1965
111	338 "	Dr. Otis Hunt House Henry P. Jr. & Jean R. Becton	1848
111a	Lot "	Thomas C. Van Nuys C.P.O. Box 225, Tokyo, Japan Henry Becton - see above	
112	28 School Street	George Smith House Cecil T. & Christopher K. Vaughan	1853
113	348 Boston Post Road	Dr. Fred W. Jackson House Herman F. & Beatriz L. Vandevenne	1889
114	27 School Street	John Paradee House J. Edward Pawlick	1856
115	354 Boston Post Road	Weston Public Library Town of Weston	1898
116	358 "	Josiah Smith Tavern Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities 141 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02134	1757

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
117	374 Boston Post Road	St. Julia's Catholic Church Roman Catholic Arch. of Boston	1921
* 118	374 "	St. Julia's Rectory See #374 above.	1972
119	"	Weston Fire Station Town of Weston	1914
120	426 "	L. Davenport Boyd Office L. Davenport Boyd Boyd Properties Associates P.O. Box 198, Weston, MA 02193	c.1880
121	430 "	Arthur Leibby's Store See Boyd above.	c.1885
122	436 508 " also	George Washington Smith House See Boyd above. Boyd Properties Associates	c.1800
123	450 "	Coburn Block Estate of Raymond W. Coburn c/o Edward W. Coburn 171 Church St., Weston, MA 02193	c.1880
* 124	458 "	Bay-Bank Middlesex Bay-Bank Middlesex	c.1930
125	464-478 "	Hersum Block Eileen F. DeVito, Trustee 706 Boston Post Rd., Weston, MA 02193	1890
* 126	486 "	Old Post Office B. B. & R. Realty Trust P.O. Box 198, Weston, MA 02193	c.1950
127	494 "	Marshall Jones Carriage Shed Gregg E. & Garth M. Heacock now Hilary Smart	1824
128	510 "	Abraham Hews House Boyd -- see above listings.	1765, 1824
129	542 "	R. M. Bradley Office David B. & Roberta P. Colpitts	1930
130	544 "	Abel J. Colpitts Office See above.	1930
131	582 "	Isaac Fiske's Barn Verardi Real Estate Corp.	1805

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
* 132	596 Boston Post Road	Ed Abbott's Gulf Service Edward L. Abbott, Jr.	c.1935
133	"	Isaac Fiske's Law Office See above, Town of Weston.	1805
* 134	640	Bartlett M. Hawthaway House Bartlett M. Hawthaway	1959
* 135	642	George R. Harris House George R. & Olive V. Harris	1955
136	646	Stephen C. Colpitts House C. Eldridge & Anne M. Morgan	c.1870
137	650	William F. Sherborne House William H. McElwain	1888
* 138	654	Carl E. Gilbert House Robert S. Bridges & Mary S. Erskine	1963
138a	Lot	Town of Weston	
139	662	Golden Ball Tavern Howard Gambrill, Trustee	1768
140	670	Whittemore House See First Baptist Church.	1892
141	672-4-6	Blake Munson House Blake E. & Patricia Munson	1850
142	678	Daniel J. Gatti House H. & H. Sher, Trustees - Bankers Mutual Trust 220 Boylston St., Newton, MA - 02167 Sara C. Bonnet	1922
143	680	Edward Carlman House Robert D. & Sandra Morrison	1925
144	682	Robert O. Burns House Robert O. & Elmer Burns	1925
145	686	John D. Decaneas House Demetre J. Decaneas	1926
146	688	Percy Warren House Catherine Warren	1917

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147	692 Boston Post Road	Edward Briggs House Edward C. & Mary Briggs	1932 *
148	694 "	James Miller House James I. III & Lorraine Miller	1926
149	696 "	George P. Guttery House John & Margaret Ryan	1925
150	700 "	West Center School Robert Lupo	1851
151	7 Highland Street	Amerigo B. Bianchi House Margaret V. Bianchi	1929
151a	Lot, Boston Post Road	Evelyn Connolly 809 Boston Post Rd., Weston, MA 02193	
* 152	706 "	Jeremiah Cronin House Eileen F. DeVito	1950
153	14 Irving Road	C. A. Schuhle House Rose E. Schuhle	c.1930
* 154	724 Boston Post Road	Red Barn Nursery School Red Barn Nursery School	1958
* 155	730 "	Lawrence Caruso House Lawrence & Camilla Caruso	1962
156	734-6 "	Charles Livermore House John B. Paine Estate Chas. Paine Estate, Room 409 100 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110	1846
* 157	740 "	Louis DeVito House Louis & Marie DeVito	1961
157a	Lot "	John R. Kirk, Kirk Trust 85 Love Lane, Weston, MA 02193 (See attached exclusion.)	
158	770 "	Alonzo Kettle House Robert & Kathleen Mathews	c.1850
158a	Lot B "	Robert M. O'Shea & John E. Seth, Tr. c/o Withington, Cross, Park & Groden 73 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02108 (See attached exclusion.)	

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 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM
 BOSTON POST ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT, WESTON, MASS.

PARTIAL EXCLUSIONS

Beyond 300 foot Residence District B as shown on Zoning Map, Town of Weston, 1978.

<u>Index Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	
	Location of two below parcels are adjacent on either side of 770 Boston Post Road.	
157a	Lot, Boston Post Road	John R. Kirk, Trustee 85 Love Lane, Weston, MA 02193
158a	Lot "B", Boston Post Road	Robert M. O'Shea & John E. Seth, Tr. c/o Withington, Cross, Park & Groden 73 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108

Terms of exclusion from historic district nomination, approved by Weston Historical Commission, 7/15/80, which apply to two above lots:

"Reference is made to the property consisting of 36,098 acres of land, shown as 'Kirk Estate' on plan of land entitled 'Plan of Land in Weston, Mass., Everett M. Brooks Co., Civil Engineers, June 26, 1978', Plan No. 890 of 1978, Middlesex South Deeds, referred to at Book 13512, Page 335. A portion of said 36,098 acres was conveyed in 1980, as Lot B shown on Plan No. 159 of 1980, Middlesex South Deeds, appearing at Book 13899, Page 100. All portions of said 36,098 acres lying southerly of the 300 foot zoning line parallel to Boston Post Road, as shown on said Plan No. 890 of 1978 (including, but not limited to, the land subsequently conveyed as Lot B) are excluded from the historic district."

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
* 159	786 Boston Post Road	Donald J. Cleary House Donald J. & Cecilia Cleary	1941
* 160	794 "	Peter P. Campisano House Rev. Paul E. & June Shanabrook	c.1940
* 161	798 "	Robert E. Stubbs House Robert E. Jr. & Maney = Stubbs --	1946
* 162	800 "	Peter F. Davis House Peter F. & Karen Davis	c. 1950
* 163	802 "	Robert F. Norton House Robert F. & Marjorie Norton	1952
* 164	808 "	James E. Regan House James E. & Helen Regan	1960
165	820 "	Alfred Hobbs House See above -- Frank B. Carter, Jr.	1835
166	6 Buckskin Drive	Dean Dairy (Cowpen Farm) Albert J. & Evelyn Isgur	1859
* 167	850 Boston Post Road	Tashjian House J. T. or T. C. Tashjian 33 Trask Rd., Peabody, MA 01960	1979
* 168	860 "	John J. Crowley House John J. Jr. & Abina Crowley	1969
* 169	3 Applecrest Road	John R. Simpson House Edith T. Simpson	1950
170	Boston Post Road	Alpheus Bigelow, Jr. Law Office Same as above, Simpson.	c.1811

PROPERTY MAP INDEX: PARKS, MONUMENTS & GREEN AREASNORTH SIDE

- P1. Cast iron Watering Trough (c.1890) continually filled with flowers or greens.
- P2. The Weston Town Green (1917), Arthur Shurcliffe, Landscape Architect.
- P3. Lamson Park, Town House Road. A native stone honors Captain Samuel Lamson and the 103 Minute Men who marched to Lexington on April 19, 1775.
- P4. Stone honoring General Knox set up by the Commonwealth.
- P5. Stone honoring Lieutenant Charles Henry Fiske (1896 - 1918).
- P6. Soldiers Park, given by descendants of Isaac and Augustus Fiske in honor of Lieutenant Charles Henry Fiske.

SOUTH SIDE

- P7. Cambridge Reservoir land. City of Cambridge.
- P8. Children's Park.
- P9. Stone stating "George Washington passed this place on his way to Cambridge to take command of the Patriot Army, June 1775 July".
- P10. Farmers Burying Ground, oldest Weston Cemetery, first interment, 1703.
- P11. Burgoyne Elm, Stump and Inscription. The captured army of General Burgoyne camped nearby on its way to Winter Hill.
- P12. Stone honoring George Washington set up by the Commonwealth.
- P13. Central Cemetery, second oldest Weston cemetery, earliest interment, 1792.

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Substantive Review

Boston Post Road Historic District
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 10/14/82-2848
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 11/11/82 - 11/28/82
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 11/28/82
 REJECT _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*PRECISE BOUNDARIES AND BOUNDARY
JUSTIFICATION LACKING.*

Recom. / Criteria RETURN
Reviewer MAC DONALD
Discipline A.H.
Date 11/28/82
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph GOOD
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates

boundary selection *PLEASE PROVIDE A BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION WHICH JUSTIFIES THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES.*

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph *GOOD*
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 NA justification of exception
 NO other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

County of nominated property _____

Streets names _____

USPT Reference _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

THE MAP SUBMITTED DOES NOT INDICATE BOUNDARIES. PLEASE REVISE THE MAP OR SUBMIT ANOTHER WHICH SHOWS BOUNDARIES; SINCE PRECISE BOUNDARIES HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED WITH THIS SUBMISSION IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE IN THIS REVIEW TO JUDGE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE CONTESTED BOUNDARIES

11. Form Prepared By

ON THE EASTERN END. IF FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR THE BOUNDARIES AT THIS END OF THE DISTRICT IS NECESSARY TO UNDERSTANDING WHY

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

THESE PROPERTIES (OR PARTS OF THESE PROPERTIES) ARE INCLUDED, PLEASE PROVIDE IT.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Title _____ Date _____

13. Other

- Maps
 Photographs
 Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to BROCK NICH BOWSER

Signed Brock Nich Bowser

Date 11/28/02

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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

1. Name

historic Boston Post Road Historic District

and/or common same

2. Location Both sides of the Boston Post Road from Plain Rd. to

street & number Multiple; See attached list N/A ^{Stony Brook} not for publication

city, town Weston N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Massachusetts code 025 county Middlesex code 017

3. Classification

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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
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		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple; See attached list

street & number

city, town N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

street & number 208 Cambridge Street

city, town Cambridge state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth: HABS has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1972: 1934 (Lawyer's Office/Alpheus Bigelow Jr. Law Office) federal state county local
1980: 1936 (Golden Ball Tavern)

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission: Washington, D.C.

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description Weston: Boston Post Road Historic District

Condition		Check one	Check one	
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Boston Post Road District in Weston runs east to west for $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Waltham line to the Wayland line, dividing the town into two nearly equal parts. The district encompasses the historic town center of Weston, as well as the best preserved section of the State's major 18th century east-west connector. Exhibiting residential, commercial, and public buildings which date from the 18th through 20th centuries, the district retains a rural atmosphere. Totalling approximately 760 acres in size, the Boston Post Road District contains 170 major buildings and many barns and outbuildings.

Upon entering Weston from the east on the Post Road, the landscape is dominated by the interchanging ramps for Route 128 (not included). Past this, the gently curving Post Road becomes a tree-shaded highway with fine homes well spaced and set back from the street. On either side of the road the land is gently rolling, with a slight drop-off on the north to the valley of Three Mile Brook. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile westward into the district, the roadway splits to include Crescent Street (the old Post Road) and an 1855 by-pass which is currently termed the Post Road. In the middle third of the district, a 1931 by-pass circumvents the center of town in a southerly direction. Upon leaving Weston on the west, the character of the road changes dramatically to commercial strip development.

At either end, the Boston Post Road District is residential in character; its rural atmosphere is perhaps more pronounced in the western section. In the middle (north of the 1931 by-pass) is Weston's town center, which is dominated by the Weston Town House (33) and extensive Town Green (P2). The center consists of two other public buildings (115, 119), an 18th century tavern (116), three churches (31, 35, 117), a few one and two story commercial buildings, and several residences converted to business use.

The significance of the Boston Post Road arose in prehistoric times, when the main native trail from the Boston basin to the Connecticut River Valley followed this axis. As a colonial period highway, the Post Road continued as a primary east-west connector and was the focus of settlement; high-style Georgian features distinguish this era of building. During the early 19th century, limited new construction and remodelling occurred on the Post Road. The late 19th and early 20th centuries were generally even less active, although almost all of the area's public buildings -- executed in late Victorian and Colonial Revival styles -- date from this period.

The district thus contains examples of architecture extending over a period of 250 years. Within the district are public buildings, residences, commercial buildings, barns (three of them -- 74, 139, and 165 -- possibly 18th century), stables, outbuildings, two schools, two 1850's school buildings converted into residences, five churches, a former church which is now a residence, four parks, two old cemeteries, and two 18th century taverns. Two properties (41 and 139) are already listed in the National Register, and two (139 and 179) have been recorded by HABS.

Most structures are 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories in height and of wood frame construction.

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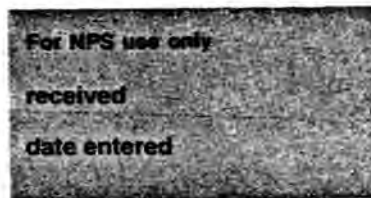
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Later Victorian styles are increasingly restrained. Several large, but plain Queen Anne and Stick style houses (62, 113, and 6) and a modest Mansard cottage (46) reveal a generally inactive building period.

On the other hand, historical revival styles are prevalent in the Post Road district. These multifarious buildings are generally 2 to 2½ stories in height, with hip or ridge roofs, often an academic entrance, and a plethora of wings, porches, pavilions, and dormers; wood shingles are frequently used for wall sheathing. Eight public buildings demonstrate a variety of academic designs from medieval to colonial revival; all of these are constructed of masonry (31, 33, 35, 50, 108, 115, 117, 119). Domestic structures, largely following Colonial Revival influences range from the compact dignity of the Albert Horatio Hews House, 1880 (62) to the pretentiousness of Mrs. Francis Sparhawk Sears House, 1919 (20).

8. Significance Weston: Boston Post Road Historic District

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Specific dates (see text)

Builder/Architect (see text)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Boston Post Road District is important on both a local and state level. First, it is the historic center of Weston, which thrived on the travelers' economy of the 18th and early 19th centuries. Second, Weston contains the state's best preserved segment of this major east-west connector as it appeared in that era. The district contains important examples of architecture from that period as well as a significant collection of buildings from a much later period of suburbanization. The Post Road District retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting, and location; it meets criteria A and C of the National Register.

First settled in the mid-17th century, the Town of Weston was incorporated in 1713. The area now comprising Weston was originally part of Watertown, known as the "Farmer's Precinct" or "Watertown Farms." The remoteness of the meetinghouse in Watertown led the settlers in 1665 to request a church of their own. The first church building was begun in 1695 and completed in 1710; the present church (31) is the fourth on the site.

During the colonial period, Weston's economy was based primarily on agriculture and grazing, serviced by a commercial center which emerged around the meetinghouse and spread along the Post Road. This center included a dry goods store, a tannery/shoemaking shop, a redware pottery, some doctors, and probably lawyers as well. Stores most likely occupied parts of houses during this period, while small shops were located in outbuildings.

The Boston Post Road, which was the primary route to New York for over a century, was a catalyst for development here. Originally an Indian trail, the first Post Rider traversed this road in 1673; in 1783 the first stagecoach travelled the road. Weston boasted 4 to 5 taverns within a mile and half of each other along the Post Road, but only two are known to survive: Josiah Smith's Tavern, 1757 (116), and the Golden Ball Tavern, 1768 (139).

The Post Road in Weston was the scene of much activity before and during the Revolution. In 1774, a group of irate citizens organized the "Weston Tea Party," painting themselves like Indians and raiding the Golden Ball Tavern (139), bent on capturing its Tory landlord. Fortunately, he was out of town at the time, but a great deal of windows and crockery was smashed and the liquor supply seized.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property approx. 760 acres

Quadrangle name Natick, MA

Quadrangle scale 1: 24000

UMT References

See attached sheet.

Verbal boundary description and justification see attached sketch map
The boundaries of the Boston Post Road Historic District were generally selected to include the length of said road, and the structures abutting it, within the town of Weston. This rationale recognizes the critical statewide importance of this (continued)

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Boston state MA

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 Valerie Talmage

title Acting Executive Director

date 9/28/82

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

Donna Lee Boyd
Keeper of the National Register

date 2/11/83

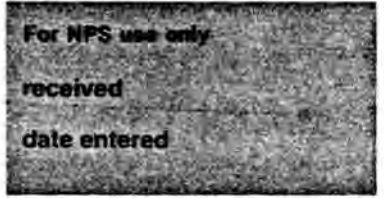
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A tablet in Lamson Park (P3) commemorates Colonel Lamson and the 103 Weston men who gathered nearby to march to Lexington on April 19, 1775. Also passing through Weston over the Post Road were the artillery brought from Fort Ticonderoga to relieve the siege of Boston, prisoners from the battles of Bennington and Saratoga, Burgoyne's defeated army, General Knox, and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Revere (who mentioned stopping at the Golden Ball Tavern for breakfast).

Notable travellers in the federal period included the troops sent to quell Shay's rebellion, Presidents Washington and John Adams, and General Lafayette.

Although the Post Road continued to carry as many as 40 stagecoaches a week by 1830, new turnpikes located north and south of Weston reduced the importance of the Post Road early in the 19th century. Commercial stagnation gradually set in, with cottage industries and crafts sustaining the area. Foremost among these were the Sibley Machine Shop behind the Nathaniel Sibley House (86) and the Shattuck School and Desk Factory behind the Luther Harrington House (11). Of special note is the pottery established by Abraham Hews in 1768 which operated for over a century in Weston -- first, probably, near the Abraham Hews House (128) and then at the Abraham Hews, Jr. House (48).

The later 19th century saw increasing development of the Post Road District, although suburbanization was the only new trend which directly affected or related to the district. After the middle of the century, Weston was served by two railroads running through the town, with one of a total of six stations located in the town center. The resulting ease of transportation between Boston and Weston caused many large country homes to be built throughout the district, beginning c. 1870.

Population increased steadily during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and both elaborate and modest suburban homes clustered around the Post Road. Development peaked around the turn of this century with the construction of virtually all of the district's institutional buildings. These include the town hall (33), four churches (31, 35, 50, 117), a library (115), and fire station (119) -- all designed by Boston architects.

The later 20th century has been dominated by Boston-oriented suburbanization in the Post Road District as well as Weston as a whole. Several houses here have been converted to commercial use, but building activity is otherwise characterized by residential infill, especially in the western part of the district. Due to the foresight of its citizens in establishing parks and acquiring conservation land, however, the District still retains its rural atmosphere.

Typical of a small town center, residents of the Post Road District have included an array of locally prominent citizens: farmers, town officials, ministers, military men, merchants, professionals, a few small manufacturers, and well-to-do suburbanites.

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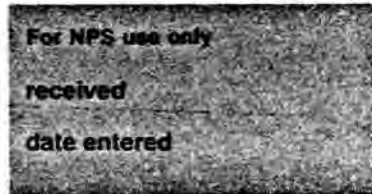
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The architecture of the district reflects this social heterogeneity as well as the various trends of historical development. The best-developed styles found along the Post Road are from the Georgian and Federal Periods; especially notable is the district's collection of intact taverns and law offices. The Victorian residential styles are prettily designed but minor in general significance. The large scale but aesthetically modest institutional buildings from the turn of the century are the second most impressive category of buildings. A number of builders and architects are known to have worked here, beginning with housewrights Jeduthan Baldwin (29) and John Paradee (114) and extending to the local architect Samuel Mead (20, 23, 32), noted Boston architects such as Peabody and Stearns (31), Joseph Chandler (32), and several lesser known regional architects (Fox, Jenny and Gale; Bigelow and Wadsworth, Clifford Albright, inter alia).

A sampling of representative buildings with historical significance follows. The Nathaniel Sibley House (86) was built in 1854, although use of the property for grist and saw mills goes back to 1679. In 1831 Messrs. Coolidge, Sibley, and Treat bought the property and erected a machine shop and a mill for cotton yarns, which continued under the sole ownership of Nathaniel Sibley from 1859 to 1890. Also manufactured here were iron and steel hardware, wood planing machines, the Sibley dove-tailer, and the Sibley pencil sharpener. The house is noteworthy as a relatively unchanged example of the Italianate style.

The imposing, three story Federal style Lemuel Jones House (3) incorporates a house built by Lemuel Jones before 1757; the present appearance dates from c. 1807, when unrealized plans for use as a tavern were made. The building was occupied from 1815 to 1822 by the Massachusetts Senator, James Lloyd, who sold to Jean Mark Gorgas, a descendent of Huguenot nobility. The property is now used as a school.

Across the street stands the house (90) built in 1842 for J. M. Gorgas' son, Jean Louis Gorgas, later a general in the Civil War. The house is an aspiring, though still traditional, example of the Greek Revival style.

The Edward Fiske House (6) was built c. 1867; it is the first example of the Stick Style in Weston. The assessment on the house when built was the highest in town for a residence.

In 1884, Robert Winsor built his House (23) and Stable (22), the latter now a residence, in a simple Shingle style. Winsor was a partner in Kidder Peabody and Co. and a local land developer; this was his first house in town and the first house designed by the young Weston architect, Samuel Mead. Three other Winsor houses were built across the Post Road on what is now Winsor Way (only two are extant).

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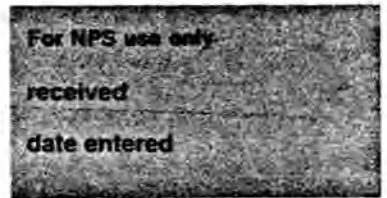
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The Dr. Otis Hunt House (111) was built in 1848 for Dr. Hunt and stood on the north side of the Post Road until the late 19th century. Interrupting several doctors' occupancies was the Rev. Edmund Sears, minister of the First Parish Church and author of the hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The house is a particularly lovely example of the Italianate style in Weston.

The Elisha Jones House (29), 1755, is an exceptionally fine Georgian building with an interesting history. The house was originally built for Elisha Jones, Weston's first recorded storekeeper, by housewright Jeduthan Baldwin; it originally stood on Highland Street. Jones was active in town government for 28 years, filling several important civic posts, but because of his Tory sympathies in 1776 he was forced to flee to Boston, where he served under General Gage. The house was confiscated by the Commonwealth and sold in 1782 to Col. Thomas Marshall, one of George Washington's officers. The house was moved twice in the 1880's, and additions were made in 1921 and 1932.

The First Parish Church (31), 1888, is the fourth church building on this site; it replaces a series of structures dating from 1695, 1721 (with extensive renovations in 1800), and 1840 (a temple front Greek Revival structure). The handsome cobblestone structure was designed by Peabody and Stearns in an English Gothic style and holds a dominant place in the town center near the Town Green (P2). The Church contains stained glass windows by Tiffany and Connick along with a bell cast by Paul Revere.

Just behind, on Church property stands the David Lane Estate Ice House. Built in 1853 in a lavish Italianate manner, the ice house is a rare survival of its period and the only remaining structure of the estate of David Lane, a silk importer in the China trade.

Two important civic buildings face the large, roughly elliptical Town Green (P2), which was carved out of a swamp in 1917 by Arthur Shurcliffe, landscape architect. To the north is the Weston Town Hall (33), an imposing Colonial Revival structure of 1917 by the Boston architects Bigelow and Wadsworth. The present structure replaced a Greek Revival style town hall which stood directly on the Post Road.

Opposite the Town Green on the south is the Weston Public Library (115), 1898, Fox, Jenney, and Gale, architects. The Library was founded in 1857 and was originally located in the old Town Hall.

Adjacent to the Library is the Josiah Smith Tavern (116), built in 1757 and enlarged in 1763. In addition to innkeeper, Smith also acted as Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, Selectman, and Delegate to the Provincial Congress in Concord. The building later housed a store, school, and shoe shop; under the ownership of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, it now contains town offices and meeting rooms.

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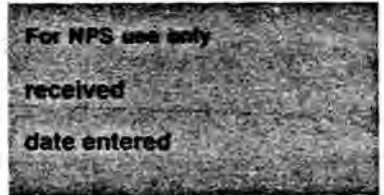
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The old commercial center is best represented by the Hersum Block, (125), which dates to 1890. This wood-frame, Italianate style block is the only originally commercial structure of its period remaining in the District, and by its small size and uniqueness illustrates the limited commercial function of the area.

The Abraham Hews House (128) was built in 1768 by Abraham Hews, who established a small redware pottery; sometime after 1794 the pottery was moved down the road to the property of Abraham Hews, Jr. Hews Sr. marched to Lexington with Col. Lamson on April 19, 1775 and filled a number of civic positions as well. The delicate federal styling appearing on the house at present probably results from Marshall Jones, who purchased the property in 1824. Jones established a harness and paint shop in the carriagehouse next door (127); he also served as Selectman and Town Treasurer.

The intersection of the Post Road and Concord Road -- a triangle filled by Soldiers Park (P6) -- features several properties of historic significance. The Rev. Samuel Woodward House (41), 1753, was the home of the second ordained minister of the First Parish Church. The house is already listed in the National Register.

On the south side of the intersection lie two historic cemeteries: the Farmers Burying Ground (P10), Weston's oldest with the earliest interment dating to 1703, and, farther west, the Central Cemetery (P13), first interment 1792.

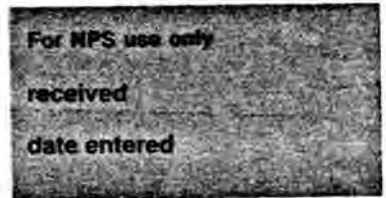
Prominently located opposite the Central Cemetery is the Fiske-Field House (44), a distinguished Federal style building of 1805. The house was built by Isaac Fiske, a Harvard graduate who practiced law in Weston for 30 years; the Fiske Law Office (133), also built in 1805, stands across the street. (The law office is now owned by the Town and serves as headquarters for the Weston Historical Society). Fiske served over many decades as town clerk, selectman, representative to the General Court, and Registrar of Probate Records for Middlesex County. From 1816 to 1869 the house was occupied by the Rev. Joseph Field, the fourth ordained minister of the First Parish Church, under whose leadership the church quietly changed from Congregational to Unitarian.

Farther west on the Post Road stands the Abraham Hews, Jr. House (48), built in 1824. The family pottery operated on this site from c. 1815 until 1871, when the business was moved to Cambridge; shards are still found behind houses 46 through 49. Not only a successful businessman, Hews was appointed Weston's first postmaster in 1812 and acted as Surveyor of Wood, School Committee member, and Assessor; Hews gave the land nearby for the second building of the First Baptist Church, constructed in 1828. The simple, refined Federal style house is noteworthy for its brick ends.

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The Albert Horatio Hews Mansion (62), 1880, reflects the later period of prosperity for the pottery, which was known as A.H. Hews & Company after 1871. Albert Horatio Hews owned one-third of the expanded business, which by 1889 employed 80-100 men and manufactured 7 million pieces of pottery. The house is one of the district's most distinguished examples of the early Colonial Revival style and is excellently preserved.

The First Baptist Church (50), 1923, replaced the second Baptist Church building, which was constructed on this site in 1828. The Baptist Society was formed in Weston in 1784, first occupying a small building on the south side of town. The congregation first protested paying the tax for the town-supported First Parish Church in 1780.

Opposite the First Baptist Church is the Golden Ball Tavern (139), 1768, whose property includes an 18th century barn. Both Isaac Jones and the tavern he built played a significant role in Weston's history. Despite being considered a Tory at the beginning of the Revolution, Jones was re-elected Selectman before the end of the war and continued in office for 10 years; for six years he was representative to the General Court. The building is open as a museum, is included in the HABS, and is already listed in the National Register.

The West Center School (150), 1852, was one of six schools built by the town in the 1850's. This small Greek Revival structure was moved from Highland Avenue in 1931 when the By-Pass was constructed; it is now used as a residence.

The Joseph Harrington House (70), c. 1725, is set far back and down from the road, behind an orchard -- its third location on the same property. The land was originally granted to Rev. Henry Green in the 1642 division of lots and was purchased by Joseph Harrington in 1685. The main part of the house was probably built c. 1725, making it one of the oldest houses in Weston. The property still contains 47½ acres of land.

Nearby is Nathaniel Coolidge's "Vineyard" (74), c. 1777 -- an awkward but earnest transition between the Georgian and Federal styles. Nathaniel Coolidge, Sr. was one of the earliest settlers of the area, an original member of the First Parish Church, and donor of the land for the first meetinghouse. The property passed from father to son until 1774, when Nathaniel Coolidge, 3d, deeded his "Vineyard" to John Flagg, who, in 1777, sold to Enoch Greenleaf, a merchant dealing in West Indian and English goods. Although Greenleaf had Tory sympathies during the Revolution, he loaned large sums to the Town. The present house was probably built by Enoch Greenleaf; an attached barn may also date from the 18th century.

The Alpheus Bigelow, Jr., House (84), 1827, is a large Federal style building. A graduate of Harvard, Bigelow later studied law with Isaac Fiske (see 44 and 133) and Tyler Bigelow. The Bigelow Law Office (170) was built across the road in 1811 and has been recorded by HABS.

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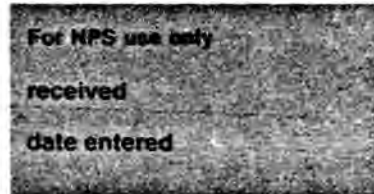
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The Boston Post Road District clearly exhibits a high potential for the preservation of numerous and varied archaeological remains, reflecting over 200 years of historic occupation, and an undetermined period of use by Native Americans.

Documented use of the historic Boston Post Road as an Indian trail in the 17th century suggests the presence of Native American sites dating to at least as early as European contact. These deposits, if they do exist, are most likely now in isolated pockets due to later historic development. Identification and careful excavation of these deposits could yield materials for analysis and interpretation relevant to our understanding of prehistoric exchange networks, and the interface between the European and Native American cultures.

Subsurface remains of structures, old roadbeds, and discrete and scattered trash deposits for documented and undocumented activities of the historic period would contain evidence on changing aspects of regional transportation; local agriculture, industry and commerce; and the lifeways of the district inhabitants from the mid-17th through 20th centuries. The supplementation of literature references, for instance, to saw and grist mills (86) and field observations, such as the continued presence of redware shards (46-49) provide a valid and imperative basis for an intensive archaeological survey and evaluation of the district.

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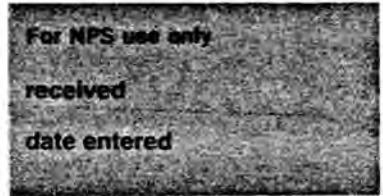
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road as a transportation corridor in the 18th and 19th centuries by highlighting its best preserved segment. The western boundary coincides with the Weston/Wayland town line, where an abrupt change from residential to commercial use occurs. The eastern boundary is drawn just short of the Weston/Waltham town line to exclude several intrusive features. These are the interchange of Route 128, which obliterates the road itself; to the north, the quarrying operations of the Massachusetts Broken Stone Co., which are screened by a high bluff; and to the south, a gas station with defunct lumber sheds behind at a lower grade. Thus the district begins at this end with two mid to late 19th century structures on treed lots (#1 and 86), which, although presently in commercial use, retain their residential appearance and announce the character of the district.

The northern and southern boundaries generally follow the rear lot lines of the residences which line the Post Road and help to define its character. An exception occurs toward the western end where two exceptionally deep lots have been cut off at 300 feet. This partial exclusion was made at the request of the owners, and does not affect the road or structures abutting it. (See property index, p. 12.)

Few obvious intrusions exist within the district, which retains its character as an 18th and 19th century roadway with 20th century residences interspersed among the older historic structures.

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	137 Boston Post Road	Robinson Offices, "Century Building" Mass. Broken Stone Co.	1870
2	161 "	Richard Robinson House See 137 Boston Post Road	1890
3	177 "	Lemuel Jones House Margaret Gifford School, Inc.	1757, 1822
* 4	181 "	David Moulton Kellogg House David M. Jr. & Marion Kellogg	1949
5	193 "	Amos Hobbs House Arthur B. & Sybil Johnson	1801
6	215 "	Edward Fiske House Florence B. & Henry M. Merrill Land Trust c/o Gaston, Snow & Ely Bartlett 1 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110	1867, 1890
* 7	221 "	Henry Merrill, Jr. House Stephen P. & Patricia Walsh now Ken Schadeegg & Roger Dickinson	1950
* 8	223 "	John Hopkins House John K. & Tensi Hopkins	1979
9	225 "	George S. Perry House #2 Anthony J. Jr. & Jean M. Melone	1884
10	10 Crescent Street	Henry Perry House Edward W. & Frances V. Marshall	1931
11	21 "	Luther Harrington House Edwin B. Sears	1812
12	247 Boston Post Road	George S. Perry House #1 Robert W. & Fay B. Starmer	c. 1875
13	27 Crescent Street	Benj. Pierce First Tavern Joseph Melone	c. 1750
14	251 Boston Post Road	Joseph Hagar House Alfred L. & Mary G. Aydelott	1809

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
15	29 Crescent Street	Sears Caretaker's House See 21 Crescent St. - E. B. Sears	1923
16	255-7 Boston Post Road	Cassidy House Robert T. III & Bettye C. Freeman	c.1878
17	39 Crescent Street	Charles Bigelow House Howard Gambrill, Jr.	c.1837
18	49 "	Rev. Samuel Kendal House #1 James T. & Patricia M. Jensen	1803
18a	Lot "	James T. & Patricia M. Jensen	
19	277 Boston Post Road	Mrs. Sears Caretaker's House Town of Weston	c.1861
19a	Lot "	Town of Weston	
20	293 "	Mrs. Francis Sparhawk Sears House Thomas F. & Mary P. Cook	1919
21	313 "	Winthrop Kenney House Frederick W. & Sandra Bowers	1929
22	311 "	Robert Winsor Stable Sandra S. Gee	1884
23	309 "	Robert Winsor House Peter J. & Jean Panzarino	1884
24	315 "	Charles Kenney House Ruth C. Peakes	1885
25	317 "	Mrs. F. T. Gray's House Wesley W. Jr. & Betty Marple	1880
* 26	321 "	Merton Williams House Brooks A. III & Gale Parker	1959
* 27	327 "	Victor Harnish House Victor C. & Marjorie R. Harnish	1951
* 28	335 "	Frank Owen House Margaret B. Owen	1951
29	22 Church Street	Elisha Jones House John P. Vitello	1755

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
30	3 Conant Road	First Parish Parsonage First Parish Church	1913
31	Boston Post Road cor. Church Street	First Parish Church First Parish Church	1888
32	6 Conant Road	Richardson House Herbert & Elaine Berman	c.1900
33	Town House Road	Weston Town Hall Town of Weston	1917
34	391-407 Boston Post Rd. now David Cayne 73 Sheffield Road Newton, Ma. 02160	Weston Pharmacy, Waltham Federal Savings Helen Carver, Trustee F. & H. Trust c/o Stanley Ward P.O. Box 179, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167	c.1920
34a	409-415 "	Frederick A. Crafts & Victor G. Pesek	c.1920
35	439 "	Christian Science Church Christian Science Church	1918
* 36	483 "	Lamson Tailor Shop Bernice G. Caffrey	1800, 1953
38	505 "	Mabel Burrage House Mabel G. Burrage	c.1862
39	527 "	Charles Whitney House Charles A. & Jane H. Whitney	c.1910
40	543 "	Artemus Ward, Jr. House Beverly B. Campbell & W. Donald Campbell	1785
(40a - not included)			
41	19 Concord Road	Rev. Samuel Woodward House Frank J. Sprole now David L. & Jenifer N. Kasdon	1753
* 42	625 Boston Post Road	Baldwin Tavern Site (Wolff House) Otto E. & Doris Wolff	1935
* 43	633 "	Constance Fulenwider House Constance M. Fulenwider	1948
44	639 "	Isaac Fiske-Joseph Field House Frederick H. Lovejoy	1805

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
* 45	643 Boston Post Road	George K. Saurwein House Aubrey E. Jones, Trustee Lyall Land Trust Webbville Enterprises 30 Colpitts Rd., Weston, MA 02193	1964
46	647 "	Horace Hews House Phillip D. & Mercedes Bassett	1863
47	649 "	David K. Smith House David K. & Nancy Smith	c.1880
48	651 "	Abraham Hews, Jr. House Pamela Heidt now Robt. D. & Priscilla A. Oliver	1794, 1824
* 49	655 "	Allan Wheeler, Jr. House Allan T. Jr. & Phyllis Wheeler	1949
50	657 "	First Baptist Church First Baptist Church	1923
51	659 "	Baptist Church House First Baptist Church	1890
52	661 "	O'Brian House Jos. Wolenski & Barbara Pulaski	c.1840
53	663 "	Baptist Stable Nathan T. & Hilda Place	1855
54	669 "	Funderburk House William A. & Hazel Funderburk	c.1870
* 55	671 "	Bradford Campion House William & Barbara Rowe	c.1855
55a	Lot	Town of Weston	
56	681 "	Anne E. and Stuart A. Rooney ----- now Anna E. & Stuart A. Rooney	1830
57	683 "	Old Baptist Parsonage Susan V. Magie	1830
* 58	687 "	Baptist Parsonage First Baptist Church	1937
59	689 "	Samuel A. Fitch House Carolyn H. Ely	c.1925

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
60	693 Boston Post Road	Rose Gannon House Robert A. & Mary Nolan	c.1920
61	695 "	A. H. Hews Carriage House Michael B. & Bonnie Donham	1880
62	699 "	Albert Horatio Hews Mansion John L. & Margaret Wacker	1880
* 63	703 "	Fred J. Perkins House Frederick J. Perkins	c.1950
* 64	705 "	Donald W. Brewster House Donald W. Brewster	c.1950
* 65	707 "	John R. Stutz House John R. & Marguerite Stutz	c.1950
* 66	709 "	Joanne B. Hamm House Frank C. & Joanne Hamm	c.1945
* 67	713 "	Stanley Kellogg House Samuel & Cynthia Wolpert	c.1940
* 68	715 "	Charles Dorrance House Edward H. Jr. & Susan Leeming	c.1935
* 69	725 "	Albert B. Hunt House Albert B. & Frances Hunt	c.1934
70	751 "	Joseph Herrington House Frank B. Carter	c.1725
70a	751 "	Barn Sarah F. Blackett P.O. Box 295 Newport, RI 02840 (Commonly known also as 745. Several properties listed with assessors and street list at same number.)	c.1890
* 71	745 "	Helen Johnson House Morris McClintock	1959
72	761 "	Mark C. Sibley House See 751 - Carter	c.1839
72a	Lot "	Frank Carter	

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* 73	775 Boston Post Road	Robert C. Dowell House Robert C. & Ivy Dowell	1965
74	787 "	Nathaniel Coolidge's "Vineyard" Charles P. Gorely, Jr. Estate	c.1777
* 75	795 "	Marjorie Packard House Patricia A. Kelley	1959
* 76	805 "	Miroslav Krek House Miroslav R. & Marija Krek	c.1940
77	811 "	Ralph Abrams House David J. Connolly	c.1790
77a	Lot	Frank Carter	
78	823 "	Joseph Livermore House John & Mary Noble	by 1757
* 79	829 "	Elinor McKenzie House Elinor F. McKenzie	1955
* 80	839 "	Robert Lucente House Robert D. & Lois Lucente, Trs.	1977
* 81	825 "	Albert E. Scott, Jr. House Albert E. Jr. & Glenna Scott	1946
* 82	849 "	Anthony d'Antonio House Anthony J. & Emelia d'Antonio	1956
* 83	855 "	Paul St. George House Florence A. St. George	1969
84	863 "	Alpheus H. Bigelow, Jr. Robert C. & Jane K. Webb	1827
85	3 Plain Road	James Livermore House John C. Jr. & Bryn Madden	c.1747

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86	104 Boston Post Road	Nathaniel Sibley House . See #1 -- Mass. Broken Stone	1854
* 87	152 "	Dr. Roger Prescott House Roger G. & Karen Prescott	1950

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88	158 Boston Post Road	Georgina Hagar House Charles J. Precourt R.E. Trust Union Ave., S. Sudbury, MA 01776	1900
* 89	5 Summer Street	Dr. Kenneth Bryant House Irmagard K. & Kenneth Bryant	1948
90	178 Boston Post Road	Gen. Jean Louis Gourgas House William H. & Ann Barry	1842
90a	Lot "B" "	Miriam & John Brooks .29 Summer St., Weston, MA 02193	
91	190 "	George Wm. Bentley House William C. & Judith Wood	1922
* 92	1 Rolling Lane	John E. Knight House Albert & Susan Kelsey	1965
93	208 Boston Post Road	William Lawrence House Jackson W. Jr. & Martha Wright	1835
94	214 "	John W. Boyd House Woodie C. & Margaret Flowers	1890
98	222 "	Arthur Havelin House Walter H. & Caroline W. Palmer	1926
99	228 "	Charles Harrington House Richard J. & Charlotte M. Gomey Randall & Linda Blank David & Katherine Treadway	c.1800
100	234 "	Dr. Paul F. Gryska House Dr. Paul F. & Barbara C. Gryska	1926
101	248 "	Owen C. Howe House Adolf W. & Barbara F. Karchmer	1910
* 102	256 "	J. S. Gould House Brendan A. & Winifred Maher	c.1850

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102a	Lot, Boston Post Road	David W. Freeman & S. Susan Thrall 91 Pinckney St., Boston, MA 02114	
103	270 "	George F. Blake House William J. & Judith Bellissimo	1904
* 104	280 "	Schoolhouse on the Rock James B. & Mary Eileen Muldoon	1853
* 105	286 "	Ralph Guilliams House Mary T. Savino	1970
106	10 Winsor Way	Ann B. Winsor House #2 Jean N. & Ramona N. Tariot	c.1900
107	12 Wellesley Street	Ann B. Winsor House #1 Gordon L. & Marguerite B. Wheeler	1894
* 108	320 Boston Post Road	St. Peter's Episcopal Church St. Peter's Episcopal Church	1957
109	334 "	Samuel Kendal House #2 Lucy R. Rand	1810
* 110	336 "	Mrs. Charles O. Richardson House Thomas L. Schendorf	1965
111	338 "	Dr. Otis Hunt House Henry P. Jr. & Jean R. Becton	1848
111a	Lot "	Thomas C. Van Nuys C. P. O. Box 225, Tokyo, Japan Henry Becton - see above	
112	28 School Street	George Smith House Cecil T. & Christopher K. Vaughan	1853
113	348 Boston Post Road	Dr. Fred W. Jackson House Herman F. & Beatriz L. Vandevenne	1889
114	27 School Street	John Paradee House J. Edward Pawlick	1856
115	354 Boston Post Road	Weston Public Library Town of Weston	1898
116	358 "	Josiah Smith Tavern Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities 141 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02134	1757

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
117	374 Boston Post Road	St. Julia's Catholic Church Roman Catholic Arch. of Boston	1921
* 118	374 "	St. Julia's Rectory See #374 above.	1972
119	"	Weston Fire Station Town of Weston	1914
120	426 "	L. Davenport Boyd Office L. Davenport Boyd Boyd Properties Associates P.O. Box 198, Weston, MA 02193	c.1880
121	430 "	Arthur Leiby's Store See Boyd above.	c.1885
122	436 508 " also	George Washington Smith House See Boyd above. Boyd Properties Associates	c.1800
123	450 "	Coburn Block Estate of Raymond W. Coburn c/o Edward W. Coburn 171 Church St., Weston, MA 02193	c.1880
* 124	458 "	Bay-Bank Middlesex Bay-Bank Middlesex	c.1930
125	464-478 "	Hersum Block Eileen F. DeVito, Trustee 706 Boston Post Rd., Weston, MA 02193	1890
* 126	486 "	Old Post Office B. B. & R. Realty Trust P.O. Box 198, Weston, MA 02193	c.1950
127	494 "	Marshall Jones Carriage Shed Gregg E. & Carla M. Heacock now Hilary Smart	1824
128	510 "	Abraham Hews House Boyd -- see above listings.	1765, 1824
129	542 "	R. M. Bradley Office David B. & Roberta P. Colpitts	1930
130	544 "	Abel J. Colpitts Office See above.	1930
131	582 "	Isaac Fiske's Barn Yerardi Real Estate Corp.	1805

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* 132	596 Boston Post Road	Ed Abbott's Gulf Service Edward L. Abbott, Jr.	c.1935
133	"	Isaac Fiske's Law Office See above, Town of Weston.	1805
* 134	640	Bartlett M. Hawthaway House Bartlett M. Hawthaway	1959
* 135	642	George R. Harris House George R. & Olive V. Harris	1955
136	646	Stephen C. Colpitts House C. Eldridge & Anne M. Morgan	c.1870
137	650	William F. Sherborne House William H. McElwain	1888
* 138	654	Carl E. Gilbert House Robert S. Bridges & Mary S. Erskine	1963
138a	Lot	Town of Weston	
139	662	Golden Ball Tavern Howard Gambrill, Trustee	1768
140	670	Whittemore House See First Baptist Church.	1892
141	672-4-6	Blake Munson House Blake E. & Patricia Munson	1850
142	678	Daniel J. Gatti House H. & M. Sher, Trustees - Bankers Mutual Trust 220 Boylston St., Newton, MA 02167 Sara C. Bonnet	1922
143	680	Edward Carlman House Robert D. & Sandra Morrison	1925
144	682	Robert O. Burns House Robert O. & Elma Burns	1925
145	686	John D. Decaneas House Demetre J. Decaneas	1926
146	688	Percy Warren House Catherine Warren	1917

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147	692 Boston Post Road	Edward Briggs House Edward C. & Mary Briggs	1932
148	694 "	James Miller House James I. III & Lorraine Miller	1926
149	696 "	George P. Guttery House John & Margaret Ryan	1925
150	700 "	West Center School Robert Lupo	1851
151	7 Highland Street	Amerigo B. Bianchi House Margaret V. Bianchi	1929
151a	Lot, Boston Post Road	Evelyn Connolly 809 Boston Post Rd., Weston, MA 02193	
* 152	706 "	Jeremiah Cronin House Eileen F. DeVito	1950
153	14 Irving Road	C. A. Schuhle House Rose E. Schuhle	c.1930
* 154	724 Boston Post Road	Red Barn Nursery School Red Barn Nursery School	1958
* 155	730 "	Lawrence Caruso House Lawrence & Camilla Caruso	1962
156	734-6 "	Charles Livermore House John B. Paine Estate Chas. Paine Estate, Room 409 100 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110	1846
* 157	740 "	Louis DeVito House Louis & Marie DeVito	1961
157a	Lot "	John R. Kirk, Kirk Trust 85 Love Lane, Weston, MA 02193 (See attached exclusion.)	
158	770 "	Alonzo Kettle House Robert & Kathleen Mathews	c.1850
158a	Lot B "	Robert M. O'Shea & John E. Seth, Tr. c/o Withington, Cross, Park & Groden 73 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02108 (See attached exclusion.)	

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM
BOSTON POST ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT, WESTON, MASS.

PARTIAL EXCLUSIONS

Beyond 300 foot Residence District B as shown on Zoning Map, Town of Weston, 1978.

<u>Index Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	
	Location of two below parcels are adjacent on either side of 770 Boston Post Road.	
157a	Lot, Boston Post Road	John R. Kirk, Trustee 85 Love Lane, Weston, MA 02193
158a	Lot "B", Boston Post Road	Robert M. O'Shea & John E. Seth, Tr. c/o Withington, Cross, Park & Groden 73 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108

Terms of exclusion from historic district nomination, approved by Weston Historical Commission, 7/15/80, which apply to two above lots:

"Reference is made to the property consisting of 36,098 acres of land, shown as 'Kirk Estate' on plan of land entitled 'Plan of Land in Weston, Mass., Everett M. Brooks Co., Civil Engineers, June 26, 1978', Plan No. 890 of 1978, Middlesex South Deeds, referred to at Book 13512, Page 335. A portion of said 36,098 acres was conveyed in 1980, as Lot B shown on Plan No. 159 of 1980, Middlesex South Deeds, appearing at Book 13899, Page 100. All portions of said 36,098 acres lying southerly of the 300 foot zoning line parallel to Boston Post Road, as shown on said Plan No. 890 of 1978 (including, but not limited to, the land subsequently conveyed as Lot B) are excluded from the historic district."

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
* 159	786 Boston Post Road	Donald J. Cleary House Donald J. & Cecilia Cleary	1941
* 160	794 "	Peter P. Campisano House Rev. Paul E. & June Shanabrook	c.1940
* 161	798 "	Robert E. Stubbs House Robert E. Jr. & Nancy Stubbs--	1946
* 162	800 "	Peter F. Davis House Peter F. & Karen Davis	c. 1950
* 163	802 "	Robert F. Norton House Robert F. & Marjorie Norton	1952
* 164	808 "	James E. Regan House James E. & Helen Regan	1960
165	820 "	Alfred Hobbs House See above -- Frank B. Carter, Jr.	1835
166	6 Buckskin Drive	Dean Dairy (Cowpen Farm) Albert J. & Evelyn Isgur	1859
* 167	850 Boston Post Road	Tashjian House J. T. or T. C. Tashjian 33 Trask Rd., Peabody, MA 01960	1979
* 168	860 "	John J. Crowley House John J. Jr. & Abina Crowley	1969
* 169	3 Applecrest Road	John R. Simpson House Edith T. Simpson	1950
170	Boston Post Road	Alpheus Bigelow, Jr. Law Office Same as above, Simpson.	c.1811

PROPERTY MAP INDEX: PARKS, MONUMENTS & GREEN AREAS

NORTH SIDE

- P1. Cast iron Watering Trough (c.1890) continually filled with flowers or greens.
- P2. The Weston Town Green (1917), Arthur Shurcliffe, Landscape Architect.
- P3. Lamson Park, Town House Road. A native stone honors Captain Samuel Lamson and the 103 Minute Men who marched to Lexington on April 19, 1775.
- P4. Stone honoring General Knox set up by the Commonwealth.
- P5. Stone honoring Lieutenant Charles Henry Fiske (1896 - 1918).
- P6. Soldiers Park, given by descendants of Isaac and Augustus Fiske in honor of Lieutenant Charles Henry Fiske.

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- P7. Cambridge Reservoir land. City of Cambridge.
- P8. Children's Park.
- P9. Stone stating "George Washington passed this place on his way to Cambridge to take command of the Patriot Army, June 1775 July".
- P10. Farmers Burying Ground, oldest Weston Cemetery, first interment, 1703.
- P11. Burgoyne Elm, Stump and Inscription. The captured army of General Burgoyne camped nearby on its way to Winter Hill.
- P12. Stone honoring George Washington set up by the Commonwealth.
- P13. Central Cemetery, second oldest Weston cemetery, earliest interment, 1792.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Boston Post Road Historic District
MA, Middlesex

Working No. 10.14.82-2848
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/84
Date Due: 2/12/83
Action: ACCEPT 2/11/83
 RETURN
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

THE RESUBMISSION NOW INCLUDES A CONCISE MAP
SHOWING BOUNDARIES AND A BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION.
THE EASTERN BOUNDARY, THE ONE CONTESTED BY A
PROPERTY OWNER (SEE 11/22/82 + 1/12/82 LETTERS) ARE
JUSTIFIED AS RETAINING THEIR HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL
STRUCTURES (THOUGH NO LONGER RESIDENTIAL) WHICH CONVEY A SENSE OF TIME AND
PLACE CONSISTENT WITH THE SIGNIFICANCE AS

Recom./Criteria ATC/ACCEPT
Reviewer Neil Bruhl
Discipline A+H
Date 2-11-83
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

DEFINED IN THE NOMINATION.

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection OK.

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
_____ completeness
_____ clarity
_____ applicable criteria
_____ justification of areas checked
_____ relating significance to the resource
_____ context
_____ relationship of integrity to significance
_____ justification of exception
_____ other

Boston Post Road Historic District
W.A. Middlesex

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

WESTERN END IS THE WEAKER OF THE TWO. HOWEVER, THE MORE RECENT BUILDINGS ARE NOT AT THE END OF THE DISTRICT, THEY REPRESENT LATER INFILL AND THE JUSTIFICATION

11. Form Prepared By

STATES THAT THE NATURAL EDGE IS THAT OF THE TOWN LINE, WHERE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN USE OCCURS.

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
_____ Photographs
_____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



MOORE & OMAHA
ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS

501 1/2

86 Nathaniel Sibley House 1854
104 Boston Post Road
Weston

1-WAR-81 OK

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Nathaniel Silbey House, 104 Boston Post Road
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#6 Edward Fiske House, 1867, 1890
215 Boston Post Road
Weston

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Edward Fiske House, 215 Boston Post Road
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#17 Charles Bigelow House, c. 1837
39 Crescent Street
Weston

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Charles Bigelow House, 39 Crescent Street
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JOSIAH SMITH
TAVERA

#115 Weston Public Library, 1898
354 Boston Post Road
Weston

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Weston Public Library, 354 Boston Post Road

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FIRST PARISH WESTON
LUTHERAN AND EPISCOPAL

#31 First Parish Church, 1888
Boston Post Road & Church Street
Weston

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First Parish Church, Boston Post Road &
Church Street
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Josiah Smith Tavern, 1757
358 Boston Post Road
Weston

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Josiah Smith Tavern, 358 Boston Post Road
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Elisha Jones House, 1755
22 Church Street
Weston

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Elisha Jones House, 22 Church Street
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Weston Town Hall, 1917
Town House Road
Weston

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Weston Town Hall, Town House Road
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Isaac Fiske Law Office, 1805
Boston Post Road
Weston

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Isaac Fiske Law Office, Boston Post Road
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#44 Fiske - Field House, 1805
639 Boston Post Road
Weston

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Fiske Field House, 639 Boston Post Road
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#78 Joseph Livermore House, before 1757
823 Boston Post Road
Weston

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Joseph Livermore House, 823 Boston Post Road
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Weston Center shows the south

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Weston Center -- South side of Boston Post Road
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Abraham Hews House (Building #128)

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Abraham Hews House, 510 Boston Pst Road
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Photo 19



863 Boston Post Rd, Jr
Alpheus Bigelow House
WESTON, MASS.

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Alpheus Bigelow House, 863 Boston Post Road
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177 Boston Post Rd. (House #3)

Lemuel Jones House

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Lemuel Jones House, 117 Boston Post Road

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Nathaniel Coolidge's "Vineyard"

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Nathaniel Coolidge's "Vineyard" -- Charles

Gorely House, 787 Boston Post Road

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152 Boston Post Rd. (House # 87)

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BOSTON POST ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT

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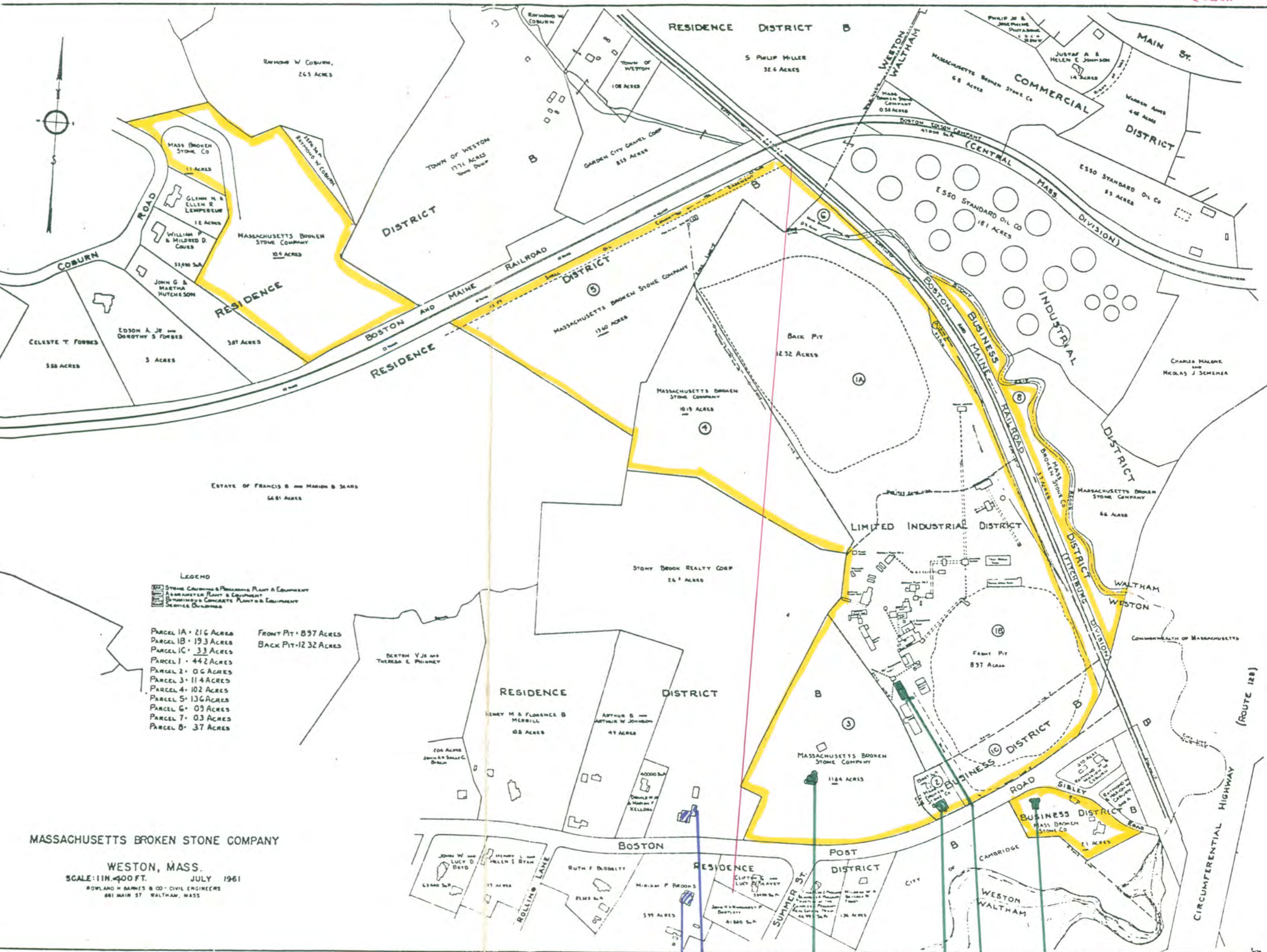
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152 Boston Post Road -- Intrusion

Map #87

Photo 17 of 17

Photo # 1



LEGEND

- STONE CRUSHING & PROCESSING PLANT & EQUIPMENT
- AGGREGATE PLANT & EQUIPMENT
- BUILDING
- SERVICE BUILDING

- PARCEL 1A - 216 ACRES
 - PARCEL 1B - 193 ACRES
 - PARCEL 1C - 33 ACRES
 - PARCEL 1 - 442 ACRES
 - PARCEL 2 - 06 ACRES
 - PARCEL 3 - 114 ACRES
 - PARCEL 4 - 102 ACRES
 - PARCEL 5 - 136 ACRES
 - PARCEL 6 - 09 ACRES
 - PARCEL 7 - 03 ACRES
 - PARCEL 8 - 37 ACRES
- FRONT PIT - 897 ACRES
BACK PIT - 1232 ACRES

MASSACHUSETTS BROKEN STONE COMPANY

WESTON, MASS.
SCALE: 1" = 400 FT. JULY 1961
ROWLAND H. BARNES & CO - CIVIL ENGINEERS
681 MAIN ST. WALTHAM, MASS.

#178 #177 #161 #137 #133 #104

PROPOSED BOSTON POST ROAD NATIONAL DISTRICT, Weston, Massachusetts - 1980

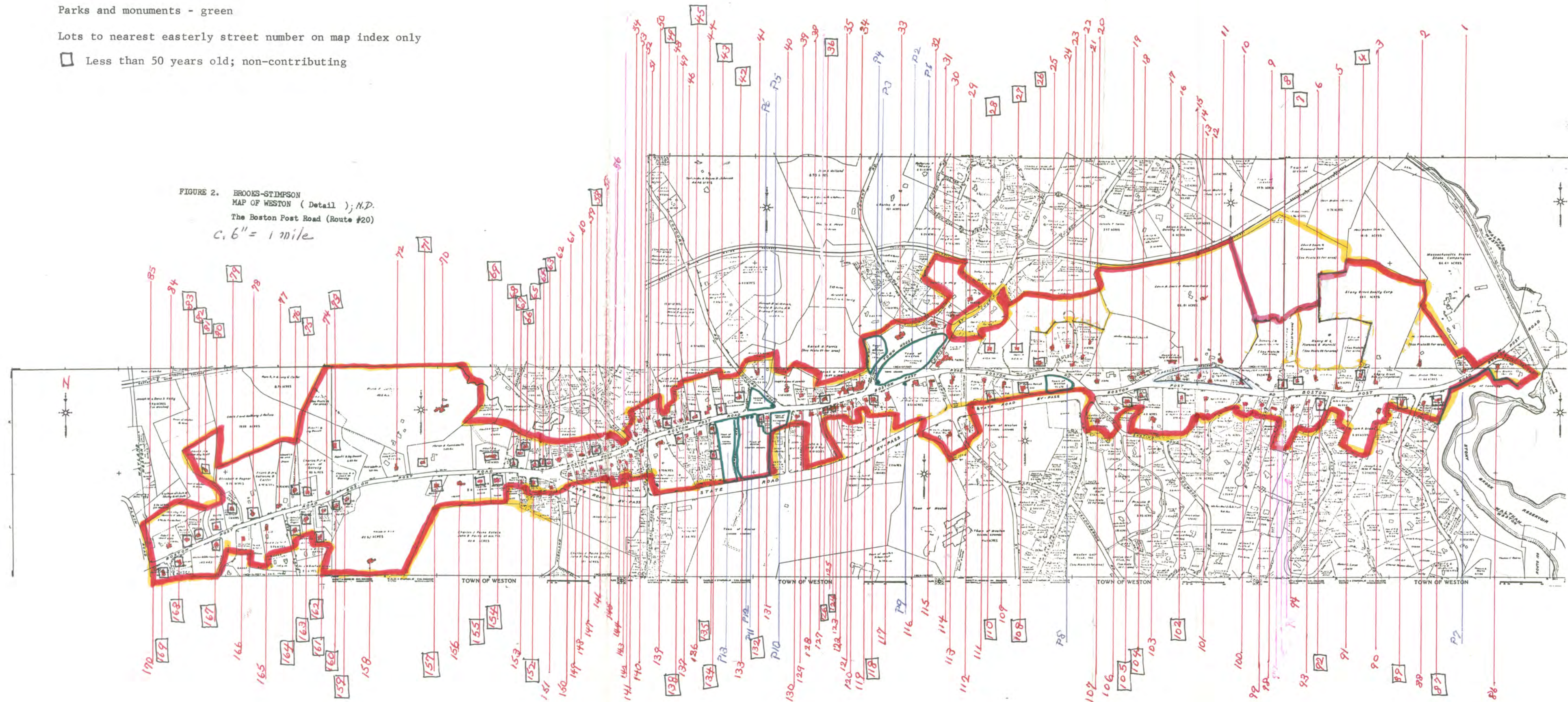
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Parks and monuments - green

Lots to nearest easterly street number on map index only

□ Less than 50 years old; non-contributing

FIGURE 2. BROOKS-STIMPSON
MAP OF WESTON (Detail); N.D.
The Boston Post Road (Route #20)
c. 6" = 1 mile



PROPERTY MAP INDEX -

LEGAL OWNERS

BOSTON POST ROAD NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS

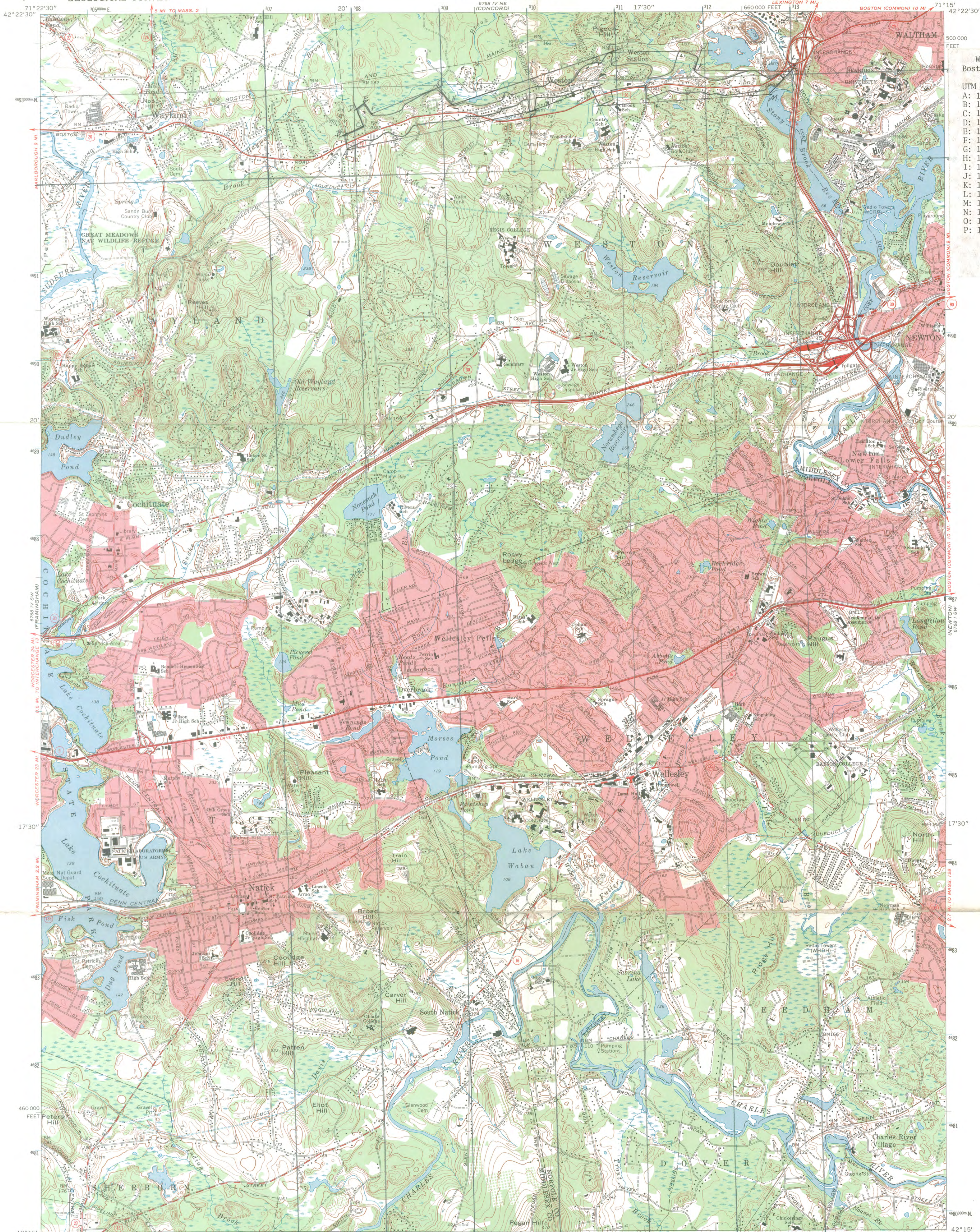
Property Map & Index showing legal owners: as of 5-30-82
(Separate) ~~(as of 8-1-80)~~
as of 4-30-81

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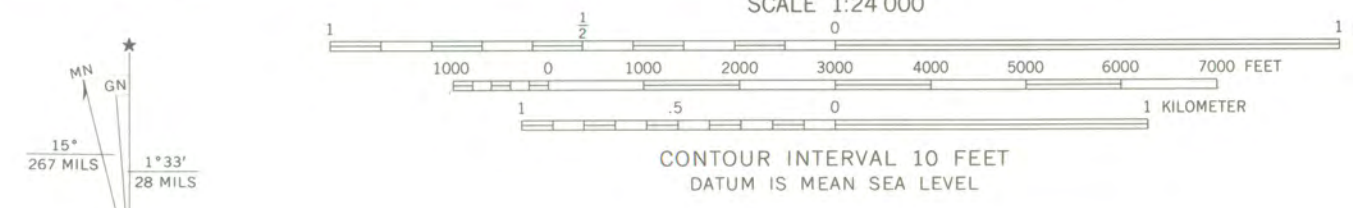
WALTON TEST ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT
WESTON, MASS.



WESTON, MASS.
Boston Post Road District

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C: 19/308100/4692560
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E: 19/308120/4692830
F: 19/308200/4692700
G: 19/308950/4692980
H: 19/309120/4692780
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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	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

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3 Applecrest Road
Weston, MA 02193

August 6, 1982

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Gentlemen:

The news article in the July 29th issue of the Town Crier regarding the listing of the Boston Post Road in Weston in the National Register of Historic Places has prompted me to write this letter to your commission. I believe this effort to be highly desirable for the area.

I am the owner of the Alpheus Bigelow Law Office located on the Boston Post Road in Weston on the Wayland line. It was built circa 1811, and was selected in 1934 for representation in The Historic American Buildings Survey as a carefully selected building and notable example of the development of architecture in the United States. The record was compiled by the Historic American Buildings Survey, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, with the professional assistance of the American Institute of Architects. The records are maintained by the Division of Prints and Photographs, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

My home is located on the Weston/Wayland line. The Wayland side is now a thriving business center which can only be a constant threat to the future existence of this rare antique building of which there are very few left in the United States today.

I would like to add my name to the list of supporters of this project, and one who believes that the creation of an historical district in Weston can only add a dimension of thoughtful common sense to efforts to stop the continuing destruction of places of historical significance which is proceeding at an alarming rate all over the country.

Sincerely yours,

Edith T. Simpson
Edith T. Simpson

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Post Road
yes

CJ

334 Wellesley Street
Weston, MA 02193

August 13, 1982

The Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Gentlemen:

I understand that the Weston Historical Commission has nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that part of the Boston Post Road located in Weston. I am happy to write to you in support of that nomination.

In the early 1930's when I was much younger, I walked with a friend the Boston Post Road from Waverley to Weston. The changes in the character of the road since that time have been disheartening but understandable considering that little or no attempt has been made to protect this historic road. Perhaps there is now no area in the section I covered that has changed less than that in Weston. It still preserves much of its original character and indeed presents a record of architectural changes that have taken place over more than two hundred years. I hope very much that the Massachusetts Historical Commission will look favorably on this nomination.

While I write this letter as a private citizen, I might add that I am a member Emeritus of the Massachusetts Historical Society and am at this time President of the Weston Historical Society.

Sincerely yours,
Stephen T. ...

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INC.

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570 Pleasant St.
Watertown, Mass. 02172

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August 18, 1982

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Massachusetts Historic National Register
294 Washington Street
Boston, Mass
02108

Gentlemen:

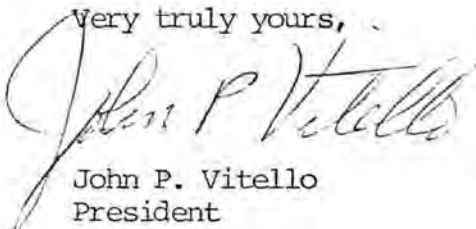
I am writing to voice my approval for the establishment of an official historic district in the Town of Weston, Massachusetts.

In my opinion, efforts by historical societies throughout the country to preserve the architecture, mood, and spirit of our great heritage should be given every support by the citizens.

Many cities, towns and villages who did not have the foresight to preserve, at an early date, have found that they have all but destroyed the important landmarks of our society through neglect, waste and what some may call progress, only to find, years later, that these resources are worth preserving. Not having planned ahead, they must then spend vast amounts of taxpayers dollars to re-construct what was once cast aside, but now becomes treasured.

I hope that your commission favors Weston in its' effort to preserve its' heritage by granting the request for our historical district.

Very truly yours,



John P. Vitello
President

JPV/sm

cc: Mrs. Ellis

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Mrs. Mrs. VICTOR C. HARNISH
327 BOSTON POST ROAD
WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02193

Sept 4, 1982

Mass Historical Commission
294 Washington St
Boston 02108

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Gentlemen and Ladies,

We have lived on the (old) Boston Post Rd since 1951 on the site of the Horace Lewis property built in 1900.

We urge you to include the entire length of the Post Road in Weston in the National Register of Historic places.

Many of the houses, taverns, office and business buildings were built in the eighteenth and nineteenth century and reflect the historic origins of the town.

Sincerely,

Victor C. Harnish
Majorie B. Harnish

September 7, 1982

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of approval for the Weston Historical District. I recently moved into Weston and have the reasons for choosing Weston for a home fresh in my mind. I think those reasons have a bearing on your decision and would like to express them.

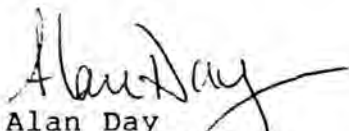
Weston impressed me and my family as a town that had pride in and concern for things of real and enduring value. It has a demonstrated value for the education of its citizens, (top notch schools), for their health and well being, (excellent recreation programs), for the environment, (strict zoning, waste recycling), beauty, (well maintained public spaces), and the place history should hold in our present lives.

This latter value is a vehicle for emphasizing all others because it highlights for all to see what the people of Weston feel has been important in our past and what we continue to revere. Your decision to approve the Weston Historical District will add the weight of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and, hopefully, the Federal Government to the emphasis Weston places on the beauty that our predecessors valued, and the accomplishments of our predecessors that are symbolized by their homes, other buildings, and spaces.

We all must work for a better tomorrow, and publically and collectively appreciating and acknowledging the efforts of those who came before us is the best way for us to keep that perspective in the forefront of everyone's mind.

Weston is special, I think, because it has done this better than many communities. Please help us maintain that important sense of direction in the face of increasing pressures to do otherwise. Approve the Weston Historical District. Help us honor the efforts of those who came before us so that we all can continue to remember their accomplishments and use them as a beacon to chart our future.

Sincerely,



Alan Day
88 North Avenue
Weston, Massachusetts 02193

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MASSACHUSETTS BROKEN STONE COMPANY

WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS

02193 / 617-893-0489

MASS. HIST. COMM.

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BITUMINOUS CONCRETE

September 7, 1982

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Re: Nomination of Boston Post Road in Weston to the National Register of Historic Places, as the Proposed Boston Post Road National District.

Gentlemen:

The Massachusetts Broken Stone Company is the owner of property at No. 104, No. 133, No. 137 and No. 161 Boston Post Road, Weston, Massachusetts; as shown on enclosed plan of "Mass. Broken Stone Co., Weston, Ma. dated July 1961," and as shown on page 3 of "Brooks - Stimpson Map of Weston (Detail)," a copy of which is also attached.

We wish to oppose the inclusion of that portion of the Post Road, so-called, which the foregoing parcels of our land abut, in the National Register, as contrary to the spirit of historicity and potentially restrictive and damaging to us.

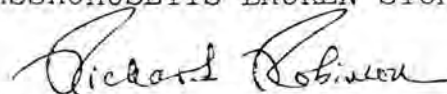
According to "The Wayland/Weston Town Crier" of July 29, 1982, objections were also raised by the Planning Board. The same article also noted that the creation of the historic district would provide "protection from adverse affects of state and federally assisted projects." Such projects could be of great benefit to the Town and ought not to be frustrated by the proposed designation.

Insofar as we are concerned, our properties, in the future, might require access alternatives, traffic control, sewerage facilities, water supply, etc. and would require approval from possibly a half-dozen regulatory agencies, and conceivably might be classified as "state and federally assisted projects".

It would be unreasonable and oppressive if, as a consequence of the proposed designation, it became impossible or a hardship to improve our properties.

Very truly yours,

MASSACHUSETTS BROKEN STONE COMPANY



Richard Robinson, President

RR/ccc

Enclosures



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
Office of the Secretary of State**

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
02108
617-727-8470

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

September 29, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Beverly:	United Shoe Machinery Corporation Clubhouse (local)
Longmeadow:	The Green (local)
Malden:	Waite Brick Block (local)
✓ Weston:	Post Road Historic District (state)

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CJ/sac

enclosure

DATE

11-2-82

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Ms Vost

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Boston Post Rd Weston,
Mass

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Nomination can be listed between 11-11-82 to 11-28-82
Told her we wouldn't take action on nomination till right before the deadline. The owner wants to send in documentation about why it shouldn't be listed.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Shull

November 9, 1982

Keeper of the National Register
National Park Services
United States Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Sir:

This letter is written relative to the proposed nomination of the Weston, Massachusetts Boston Post Road Historic District (the "District") to the National Register. Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, of which I am President, is the only industry in the Town of Weston and owns four parcels of land at the eastern most end of the District, three parcels (Nos. 104, 137, and 167 Boston Post Road) lying within the District, and the fourth parcel (No. 133 Boston Post Road) having never been included in the District. Two of the parcels within the District (Nos. 137 and 161 Boston Post Road) lie on the northerly side of said Road, adjacent to No. 133 Boston Post Road the excluded primary site of our stone quarry and bituminous concrete operations with the structures and facilities appurtenant thereto. The third parcel within the District (No. 104 Boston Post Road) is situated directly across the street from No. 133 Boston Post Road on the southerly side of said Road. All of these four parcels are integrally related to our stone quarry operation. I am enclosing a map which shows the location of these four parcels of land.

We first became aware of the Boston Post Road's proposed nomination to the National Register in May of 1980 through local newspaper articles. At the first public meeting held on June 9, 1980, by the Weston Historical Commission to discuss the nomination, this company's objection to the inclusion of its property in the District was voiced. As originally conceived, the District did not include the primary operations site of Mass. Broken Stone at 133 Boston Post Road. However, our objection was to the inclusion of any of our properties in the District. While our desire to be excluded completely from the National Register listing was publicly known and had been addressed directly to the members of the Weston Historical Commission, our request went unheeded. On September 7, 1982, we hand delivered a letter, a copy of which is attached hereto, to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, registering an objection to the listing in the National Register of that part of the Boston Post Road which our properties abut. On September 8, 1982, the State Review Board met in Springfield, Massachusetts to consider the Boston Post Road Historic District nomination.

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The nomination was approved and returned to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for final preparation before submission to the Keeper for listing.

By this letter we request an amendment to the District nomination removing Nos. 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road from the District. The inclusion of these properties in the District was the result of mistake or oversight. None of these properties have any of the qualities or characteristics that qualify them for inclusion in a Historic District. The National Register's criteria for evaluation is stated in the Code of Federal Regulations:

"The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and

(a) that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or

(b) that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or

(c) that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

(d) that have yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history." 36 C.F.R. §60.4.

These three properties satisfy none of the criteria for eligibility. Indeed, the existence of the parcels in the Boston Post Road Historic District is inconsistent with the purposes sought to be served by listing in the National Register.

The Boston Post Road Historic District is approximately three and one-half (3 1/2) miles long. From the east, it extends from No. 137 Boston Post Road on the north side of the road and Sibley Road on the south side of the road through the center of Weston to the Wayland line. The National Register nomination form describes the over-all area in considerable detail:

"[The District] includes all properties on the Boston Post Road (excluding those of the 1931 By-pass), all properties on Crescent Street, the Weston Town House on Town House Road, 8 houses...located on the corners of the Post Road but numbered on intersecting streets, and 7 important houses...lying just off the road of which one property...lies partially in Wayland.... There are 170 main buildings in the district and many barns and outbuildings. Two of the properties...are on the National Register. One...is recorded in the Library of Congress. The property lines represent the boundaries of the district. The total area is about 760 acres.

"Upon entering Weston on the Post Road from the east the landscape is predominated by the interchanging ramps of Route 128 and the great conveyers and mining machinery of the stone crusher which has been grinding traprock for road ballast since the beginning of the century. Once past all this the historic district begins. The Post Road with its gentle curves characteristic of old New England highways becomes a tree-shaded road with fine homes well spaced and set back from the street. On either side the country is gently rolling with a slight drop-off on the north to the valley of Three Mile Brook. Soon the district splits and includes both the old Post Road, now Crescent Street, and the 1855 by-pass, now the Post Road.

"From the intersection of the 1931 by-pass the residential character continues to the town center which is dominated by the Weston Town House...set back across the extensive Town Green.... The center consists of two other public buildings..., an 18th century tavern..., churches..., a few one or two story commercial buildings and residences converted to business use. Beyond the business section the fine old buildings continue. The road soon joins the 1931 by-pass that circumvents the center of town. Here the buildings become fewer and farther between with the rural atmosphere becoming more pronounced. It is easy to see the evolution from the time when the town was a farming community.

"The district contains examples of architecture extending over a period of 250 years. Several of the buildings incorporate earlier structures. There is a great variety of styles employed from Colonial to Contemporary. Within the district are public buildings, residences, commercial buildings, barns, three of them probably 18th century..., stables, outbuildings, two schools, two 1853 school buildings converted into residences, five churches, a former church now a residence, four parks, two old cemeteries and two 18th century taverns. In general the buildings and grounds are well kept. There are no out of scale intrusions. The recent buildings are, for the most part, one or two story residences of Colonial or Georgian Revival styles which are unobtrusive. The largest number of these occur beyond the west end of the By-pass. There is one new small residence...in Contemporary style. Over the centuries alterations and additions have occurred to many of the old buildings which in general have enhanced the properties. Buildings are all on their original sites [with some exceptions]. 55% of the buildings, exclusive of barns and outbuildings, were built before 1930. All buildings are of wood frame construction except where otherwise noted...." Boston Post Road Historic District, National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form.

The house at 137 Boston Post Road (a photograph of which is enclosed herewith) sits on 25,047 square feet of land with frontage of approximately 106 feet on the road. The main residence is a two and one-half (2 1/2) story frame dwelling of Colonial type architecture; it is approximately 125 years old. It is quite apparent that the house was originally built as a single family residence and sometime in the past it was converted into a two family residence. There is a barn on the northerly side of the property which is of no particular style or era. There is a wing that extends from the northwesterly corner of the dwelling which is a one and one-half (1 1/2) story addition that was added to the property at some time after the original construction. This house was built after the Colonial style. It was not constructed of the materials originally used in building this style house. The uniform size of all the windows and the absence of shutters on the windows detract from the historical and architectural interest of the structures.

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The dwelling at 161 Boston Post Road (a photograph of which is enclosed herewith) was originally built circa 1900; a large wing was added in the 1950's. Because of several modifications to the house over the course of the years, it is difficult to categorize the style of its architecture. It is best described as a modified Dutch Colonial style structure. The Dutch Colonial style never was a popular design in New England. It is found in its purest form in parts of Pennsylvania and New York State. Consequently, this dwelling is particularly out of place in the Boston Post Road District. It is neither a good example of a Dutch Colonial nor a valuable contribution to the District which is dominated by Colonial, Colonial Revival and Greek Revival architectural styles.

Across the Post Road at No. 104 is the house known locally as The Nathaniel Sibley House (a photograph of which is enclosed herewith). The lot is 2.10 acres in size. The building is a two and one-half (2 1/2) story frame dwelling which, according to the Historic District nomination form, was constructed in 1854. The house is described on that form as Bracketed Greek Revival in style and more specifically as:

a two story, five bay, ridge roof, clapboard house, two bays wide with double brackets at the eaves. The wide entablature is returned at the corners and is accompanied by paneled pilasters. The two chimneys are at the rear of the main block. There is a one story porch across the front with delicate posts braced with metal brackets. The center doorway has side lights and pilasters. Fenestration is 6/6. There are bay windows. The house has an original two story ell with chimney. Formerly a residence the house is now an office.

The structure was not built of the materials originally used in building this style house. The uniform size of all the windows and the absence of shutters on the windows detract from the historical and architectural interest of the structures.

The inclusion of these buildings, so closely related to our quarry and bituminous concrete operations, in the District serves only to diminish the architectural and historical value of the remaining structures within the District. The value of those properties within the District that "embody the distinctive characteristics of" the Greek Rivival style and "that possess high artistic values"..., 36 C.F.R. §60.4, suffers from their inclusion in the same category with properties which are merely poor attempts at imitation of classic architectural styles.

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Because our three properties possess, as we have documented, nothing unique from an architectural standpoint, are devoid of historical interest, and detract from the bona fide architectural and historical value of the rest of the District, we request that Nos. 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road be removed from the proposed Historic District. It was mistaken assessment of the value of these properties by the Weston Historical Commission and the National Register staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission that resulted in their inclusion in the District when its boundary lines were originally drawn. It would be incongruous for the Keeper of the National Register to fail to remove three undistinguished structures from the District. These properties lie on the easterly most border of the District. Their removal from the District would cause no interruption in the contiguousness of the remaining properties in the District. Furthermore, the exclusion of these properties will enhance significantly the architectural and historical integrity of the District.

Massachusetts Broken Stone Company respectfully requests that the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places amend the Boston Post Road Historic District Nomination to exclude the properties known as Nos. 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road as being incompatible with the objectives and criteria of a Historic District.

Very truly yours,

MASSACHUSETTS BROKEN STONE COMPANY

By 
Richard Robinson, President

Massachusetts Broken Stone Company
133 Boston Post Road
P.O. Box 700
Weston, Massachusetts 02193
(617) 893-0489

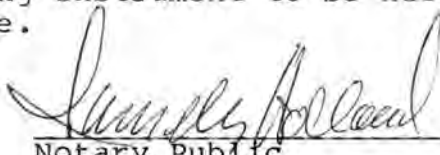
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, SS;

November 9, 1982

Then personally appeared the above-named Richard Robinson,
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and
deed, as President, before me.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: *October 6, 1983*

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF

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137 BOSTON POST ROAD



161 BOSTON POST ROAD



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104 BOSTON POST ROAD
(Nathaniel Sibley House)



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LYNCH, BREWER, HOFFMAN & SANDS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
TEN POST OFFICE SQUARE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

(617) 482.5390

November 10, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull
Keeper of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Parks Service
Washington, DC 20240

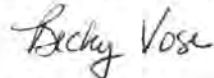
Dear Carol:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that Richard Robinson, President of Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, has written to the Keeper of the National Register regarding the Weston, Massachusetts Boston Post Road Historic District. I thought that you might be interested in seeing it.

I expect that, if anything comes of this request and if additional information about the properties is required, either this office or Mr. Robinson will be contacted.

Thank you for all the information with which you provided me. Terry Sands and I both appreciated very much all your help.

Very truly yours,



Rebecca Vose

RV/td
Enclosure

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D NOV 15 1982

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MASSACHUSETTS BROKEN STONE COMPANY

WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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CRUSHED STONE

BITUMINOUS CONCRETE

November 22, 1982

Jerry Rogers, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of Interior
400 G. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20243

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The Massachusetts Broken Stone Company ("M.B.S.") wishes to respond to Candace Jenkins' letter to you of November 16, 1982, regarding the Weston, Massachusetts Boston Post Road Historic District ("District"). Ms. Jenkins' letter was prompted by M.B.S.' request that the three (3) properties it owns on the Boston Post Road ("Road") be excluded from the District. Ms. Jenkins suggests certain facts about the Road and the District which M.B.S. believes should not go unchallenged.

While Ms. Jenkins' statement, that M.B.S. was the only affected property owner to express objection to the proposed District to the Massachusetts Historic Commission after publication of legal notice, is technically correct, the owners of two other parcels of land objected to the District before the nomination was forwarded to the Commission. John Kirk succeeded in obtaining the exclusion from the proposed District of most of a 36 acre tract of land for which he serves as trustee. Robert Shea and John Seth obtained a partial exclusion of four acres of land that they owned within the proposed District. M.B.S. was not alone in wishing to exempt property from the District. However, it was the only property owner whose request to be excluded went completely unheeded.

The portion of the Road with which M.B.S. is concerned is dominated by the primary site of our stone quarry and bituminous concrete plant. The juxtaposition of the Rte. 128 interchange and our quarry site to these three (3) parcels dilutes the residential character of that part of the Road on which they abut. As the enclosed photographs clearly show, the stretch of road leading up to and passing in front of Nos. 104, 137 and 161 Post Road is neither tree-lined nor a sylvan glade as Ms. Jenkins' letter suggests.

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The first properties that are visible on the south side of the Road as one approaches the District, as now constituted, from the Rte. 128 interchange are used for commercial purposes. The now-defunct Sheppard & Morse Lumber Yard (see Exhibit A, attached), although situated at the end of Sibley Road, is within view of the Road. To the west of the Lumber Yard and abutting the Road is an Amoco Gas Station. (See Exhibit B, attached). As is apparent from Exhibits A and B, at this point the south side of the Road is characterized by asphalt paved yards and commercial structures, having no historical significance. The property at 104 Boston Post Road is separated from the Gas Station property by Sibley Road (See Exhibit C, attached); like the Amoco Station, it is used for commercial purposes. The sign adorning the property announces its use as office space.

On the opposite side of the Rte. 128 interchange, the approach to the Road is bounded by a tall chain-link fence enclosing the rim-rock of one of M.B.S.' stone quarries, located on our principal site of operations at 133 Boston Post Road. The rim rock continues along the edge of the Road for some 500 feet. Also visible at this point to the northeast of the interchange, is the Exxon tank farm, located in the adjacent city of Waltham. Beyond the rim rock on the same side of the Road, M.B.S. has erected a stockade fence to discourage trespassing and to assure the security of its stone quarry, stone crushing equipment and other machinery, conveyers, etc. The machinery is visible above the fence. (See Exhibit D, attached).

The entrance to our site at 133 Boston Post Road is also shared by our property at 137 Boston Post Road. The latter property is rented out for office purposes; a large advertising sign dominates its front yard. (See Exhibit E, attached). As Exhibit F indicates, the backyard of this property is used as a parking lot for M.B.S. and for personnel and invitees of the business using the building. Immediately beyond the parking area is our office building and close thereto are bituminous concrete plants and more of our quarry site.

The property at 161 Boston Post Road, which is adjacent to the property at 137 Boston Post Road, also is bounded on its northeasterly boundary by our stone quarry and bituminous concrete plant site. From the Rte. 128 interchange past 161 Boston Post Road the industrial and commercial land uses dominate the area. The crushed stone piles and heavy equipment of our quarry and bituminous concrete plant are much in evidence along this strip of the Road. The construction of Rte. 128 and the interchange resulted in the removal of many of the trees and much of the vegetation along this stretch. Consequently, the industrial character of our operations dominates the scene.

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The historic integrity of the Boston Post Road Historic District will be prejudiced if these properties are included within its borders. Their value in marking the transition from industrial to residential property use within the District does not justify their identification as historic properties absent proof of their historical worth. As our letter of November 9, 1982 documented, our three (3) properties have little, if any, historical and architectural value. Indeed, two of the properties, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road were deemed too insignificant to be described in the Historic District nomination form. Their value collectively in forming a buffer zone between the obvious and evident industrial character of our quarry site and the Rte. 128 interchange on the east and the rest of the District to the west is clear; however, it is inconsistent with the purposes of the National Register to ascribe inflated importance to the buildings at Nos. 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road simply to justify their inclusion within the District.

We hope that you will find this letter helpful in assessing our request to exclude Nos. 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road from the District. If there is any information that you require with which we can provide you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Richard Robinson, President
Massachusetts Broken Stone Company

RR/td
cc: Dorothy Ellis
Candace Jenkins

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EXHIBIT A



Sheppard & Morse Lumber Yard

EXHIBIT B



Amoco Gas Station

EXHIBIT C



View of Boston Post Road from Rte. 128
interchange, looking Southwesterly. 104
Boston Post Road is in the background.

EXHIBIT D



View from Rte. #128 interchange of
northerly side of Boston Post Road.
Rim rock of M.B.S. stone quarry lies
beyond chain-link fence.

EXHIBIT E



Stockade fence which runs along 133 Boston Post Road, enclosing heavy equipment of M.B.S.' stone quarry and bituminous concrete plant operations.

EXHIBIT F



View of driveway shared by #133 and #137
Boston Post Road. Parking area of #133
is visible on right.

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

Bruce

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YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Palmer Graham

OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL →

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CODE/EXT.

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IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

December 22, 1982

Carol Shull, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

Attn: Bruce McDougall:

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is the National Register nomination for the Boston Post Road Historic District in Weston originally submitted to your office on September 29, 1982. As requested by your staff, we have revised the base map and added a specific boundary justification.

We hope that this information will allow the National Register to complete its review.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins
Candace Jenkins
Registration Director

CJ/lk



MASSACHUSETTS BROKEN STONE COMPANY

WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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CRUSHED STONE

BITUMINOUS CONCRETE

January 12, 1983

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Keeper of the National Register
National Parks Service
Department of the Interior
400 G. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20243

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This letter is written in response to the Massachusetts Historical Commission's amendment to the application of the Weston, Massachusetts Boston Post Road Historic District ("District") for listing on the National Register which was sent to you on or about December 28, 1982. The amendment attempted to describe more specifically the boundary lines of the proposed District.

The new boundary description purports to justify the western boundary line of the district which "coincides with the Weston/Wayland town line" on the grounds that it marks "an abrupt change from residential to commercial use...." The selection of the eastern boundary line which falls "just short of the Weston/Waltham town line" appears also to intend to mark the change from commercial to residential use and is supported by the Commission's decision to exclude several "features" which intrude upon the residential character of the District. These features are the interchange of Route 128, the stone quarrying and bituminous concrete operations of the Massachusetts Broken Stone Company ("M.B.S.") and a gas station.

It is the position of M.B.S. that the residential character of the District is not apparent at the point the boundary line presently delineates the beginning of the easterly end of the District. The properties at 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road which are integrally related to M.B.S.'s principal operations site carry through the non-residential character of this stretch of the Road which is established by those features specifically excluded from the District by the Commission.

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The properties at 104 and 137 Boston Post Road are rented for business purposes. The structures were built as residences; however, changes to their exteriors (see Exhibit A, attached), the alterations of their yards to create paved parking spaces (see Exhibits A and B, attached) which necessitated the removal of most of the trees on both lots and the installation of large signs indicating their commercial and professional occupants (see Exhibits B, C and D, attached). are now wholly inconsistent and incompatible with, and detract from the original design and purpose of the buildings. The house at 161 Boston Post Road sits on a parcel much of which is contiguous to M.B.S.' main site. The two properties, separated partially by the site of the office building at 137 Boston Post Road, are otherwise a single integrated parcel for purposes of M.B.S.' operations (see Exhibit D-1, attached) and signal the industrial character of this section of the Boston Post Road. Indeed, from an aesthetic standpoint the "high bluff", so-called, which is said in the amendment to screen M.B.S.' quarry operations does not in fact provide any visual obstruction to our stone quarry, stone crushing and bituminous concrete machinery and equipment to passers-by. (See Exhibit E, attached.)

It is clear that the "abrupt change" in the Boston Post Road from a commercial or industrial character to a residential character at the eastern end of the District occurs at a point west of the boundary line established by the Commission. The residential character of the Road emerges immediately past 161 Boston Post Road on the north side and 104 Boston Post Road and the Cambridge Reservoir on the south side. The historic qualities of the Road are first evidenced at the eastern end of the proposed District by the property at 177 Boston Post Road, the Federalist style mansion of Lemuel Jones, circa 1804 (now the Gifford School and Day Center) (see Exhibit F, attached) and by the property directly across the Road, at 178 Boston Post Road, the Greek Revival style mansion of Jean Louis Gourgas, circa 1842. It is more historically consistent to draw the boundary line at this point. At the very least, it is more thematically consistent to draw the District's eastern boundary line to the west of those parcels known as 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road due to the industrial environment in which these commercially-used properties are located.

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It is respectfully requested that Nos. 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road be excluded from the proposed Boston Post Road Historic District. None of these properties possess qualities that warrant their inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The retention of these properties only dilutes the historic integrity of those properties which rightfully have been included within the District. The Commission's amendment states that "few obvious intrusions exist within the district...." It would appear that the exclusion of the obvious intrusions of Nos. 104, 137 and 161 Boston Post Road would be more consistent with the stated principle of ensuring that the Boston Post Road retain its character as an 18th and 19th century roadway.

Very truly yours,



Richard Robinson, President
Massachusetts Broken Stone Company

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EXHIBIT A



104 Boston Post Road - West end of house showing metal fire escape ladder required for multiple-use structure by Weston Zoning By-law. Heavy-duty cable installed for use by commercial tenant is evident in left foreground. Paved driveway leading to paved parking area is visible in the right foreground.

EXHIBIT B



137 Boston Post Road - Large free-standing advertising sign and sign on structure dominate front yard of property. Large paved parking lot on easterly side of property is visible to the right of the office building.

EXHIBIT C



137 Boston Post Road- View from Boston Post Road shows virtual absence of tree-life in and around building, occupied parking lot, and heavy equipment and machinery of Massachusetts Broken Stone Company's stone quarry and bituminous concrete operations.

EXHIBIT D



104 Boston Post Road - Front yard of property indicates no tree growth. The sign, which prevents an unobstructed view of the building, advertises the professional and commercial businesses occupying the office building.

EXHIBIT D-1



View of Massachusetts Broken Stone Company's operations site looking easterly from backyard of 161 Boston Post Road. In left background is multi-story stone crusher. Center of photograph shows M.B.S.' office; to the right of the office is portion of a building containing the employee lunch and wash rooms. Equipment and trucks in foreground are located in paved parking area shared with 137 Boston Post Road, which is not shown.

EXHIBIT E



Boston Post Road - West of the Route 128 interchange and east of 131 Boston Post Road, the primary site of Massachusetts Broken Stone Company. Stockade fence is approximately six feet tall. Heavy equipment and machinery used in M.B.S.'s operations is within easy view of passers-by of the Boston Post Road.

EXHIBIT F



177 Boston Post Road - Lemuel Jones Mansion, now known as the Gifford School, features tree-shaded front yard and the absence of any physical obstruction to detract from its residential character, in contrast to the properties located at 104 and 137 Boston Post Road.