

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mass.	
COUNTY: Suffolk	
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ENTRY NUMBER APR 26 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Loring-Greenough House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

Congressional District # 9

STREET AND NUMBER:

12 South Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Boston (Jamaica Plain)

STATE

Mass.

CODE

025

COUNTY:

Suffolk

CODE

025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ Public
☒ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

☒ Occupied

- ☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

Yes:

- ☒ Restricted
☐ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☒ Other (Specify)
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious club
☐ Entertainment ☒ Museum ☐ Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:

12 South Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Jamaica Plain

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE

025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Suffolk County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House, Pemberton Square

CITY OR TOWN:

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

(1) Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1965 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary

STREET AND NUMBER:

State House

CITY OR TOWN:

Boston

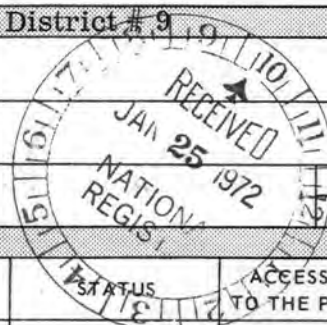
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair

(Check One)

☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 1760 Loring-Greenough House sits on a low rise amid 2 acres of landscaped grounds with gardens. These are the remains of a Colonial estate now situated in an area of late 19th century development.

The almost square two storied house rests on a granite foundation and is covered by narrow clapboards. The hipped roof, which rises above a dentilled and modillioned cornice, is crowned by a deck balustrade. Two dormers, on both the north and the south facades, and two massive chimneys, one on the east and one on the west facade, interrupt the roof below the balustrade.

The three main facades (north, west and south) are five bays wide with entrances centered on the walls, while a two story carriage house ell, added c. 1811, extends from the rear (east) of the building. The entrances on both the north and south facades are covered by pedimented entrance porches supported by Doric columns. On the east wall the door is framed by Corinthian pilasters which support a full entablature with modillioned cornice.

The original plan of the house was a center hall with four rooms. In the 19th century, c. the 1840's judging by the architectural details, part of the first floor hall was widened at the expense of the room at the southeast corner of the house.

The north entrance dates from the 19th century, perhaps from the 1840 period.

The design of the present balustrade, and the large size of the windows seem to indicate some alterations were made during the Federal period. During this period the porch over the south entrance and outside shutters may have been added. All of these elements are depicted in a watercolor of the house painted c. 1825.



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Continuation Sheet: Loring-Greenough House, Jamaica Plain

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

- [2]. Comprehensive State-wide Historic Preservation Plan
1971
Massachusetts Historical Commission
State House, Boston, MA 025
- [3]. Historic American Buildings Survey (federal)
1938
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. 08



6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1760; 1775-76

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape Architecture | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Literature | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☒ Military | ☐ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Music | | |
| ☐ Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Loring-Greenough House, built in 1760 for Joshua Loring, has been certified as a Massachusetts Historic Landmark because of its historical connections with the American Revolution and its value as an example of Colonial architecture. The mansion with its adjoining carriage house and gardens is the last of the numerous country estates of its period remaining in Jamaica Plain.

Joshua Loring was a successful privateer and an officer of the Royal Navy. In 1759, Loring commanded the British campaign against the French on Lakes George, Champlain and Ontario and won the designation of "Commodore." In the same year, he took part in Wolfe's capture of Quebec and received a severe wound which ended his military career. Loring retired to the farm which he had purchased in Jamaica Plain in 1752 and, after moving the original farmhouse, constructed the present mansion on its site.

Loring lived the life of a country gentleman until 1774 when he accepted appointment to the Governor's Council by writ of mandamus from General Thomas Gage. Mobbed and ill-treated, Loring was forced to take refuge in Boston and, with his family, was among the Tories who evacuated the town with General Howe on March 17, 1776.

Revolutionaries seized Loring's house and for about four weeks from June 3, 1775, General Nathanael Greene had his headquarters here. It was during this period that Greene demonstrated his unusual abilities as an officer by restoring discipline among "a factious set" who had created "a great commotion" in the camp. On June 23, 1775, the Loring-Greenough House was appointed "a hospital for the camp in Roxbury," making it one of the first American military hospitals. With the Confiscation Act of 1779, the house officially reverted to the state and was sold at auction. In 1784, the house was purchased by Anne Doane, a wealthy widow who married David Stoddard Greenough, and remained in the ownership of the Greenough family until 1924.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club, Incorporated, The History of the Loring-Greenough House, 1956.

Ward, G. E., Journal, Letters of the Late Samuel Curwen, An American Refugee in Europe, 1775-1784, N. Y., 1842.

U.S., Boston National Historic Sites Commission, Final Report, 1960.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

1.8 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Anne Wardwell, Survey Director	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Massachusetts Historical Commission	December 15, 1971
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Office of the Secretary, State House	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Boston	Massachusetts
	025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☒

Name John F. X. H. [Signature]
Secretary of the Commonwealth, and
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Title Commission

Date December 15, 1971

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

Robert M. [Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/26/72

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date

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Loring - Greenough House
12 South St

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MASS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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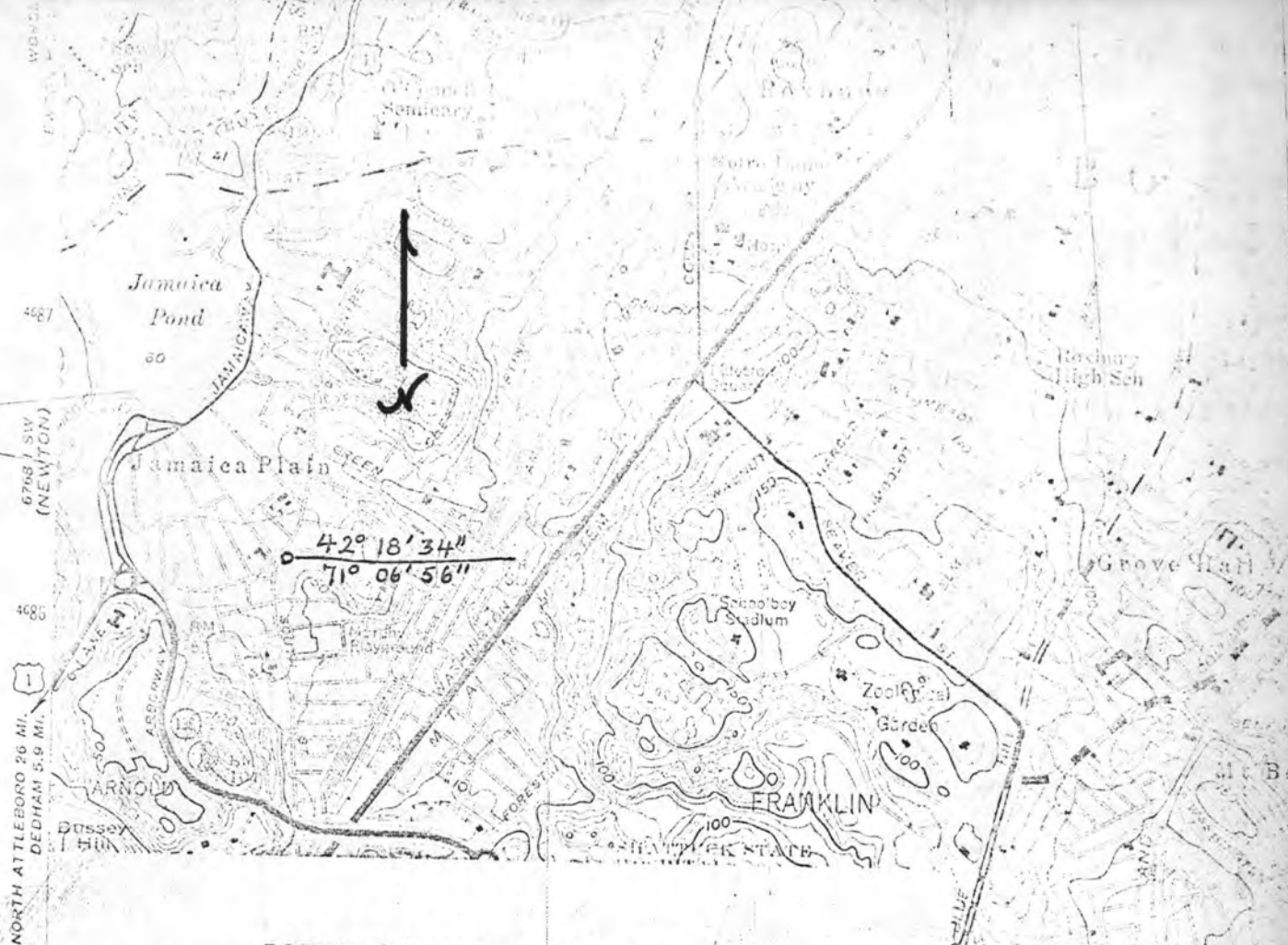
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
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SCALE: 1 : 24,000			
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4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
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THE LORING-GREENOUGH HOUSE

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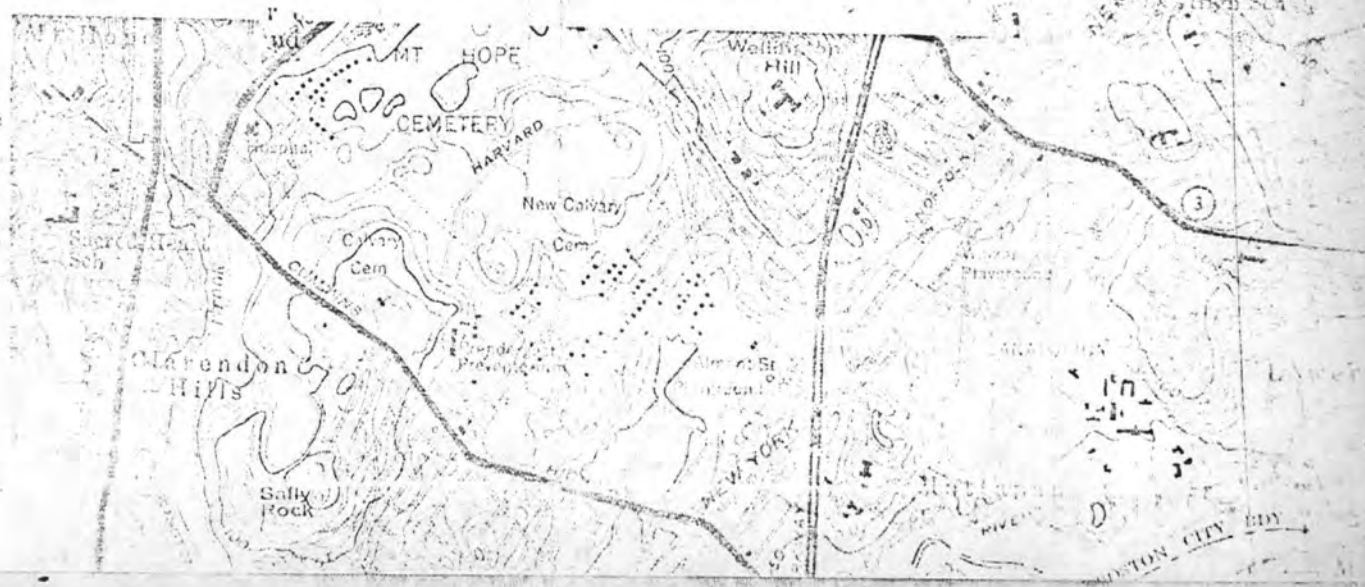
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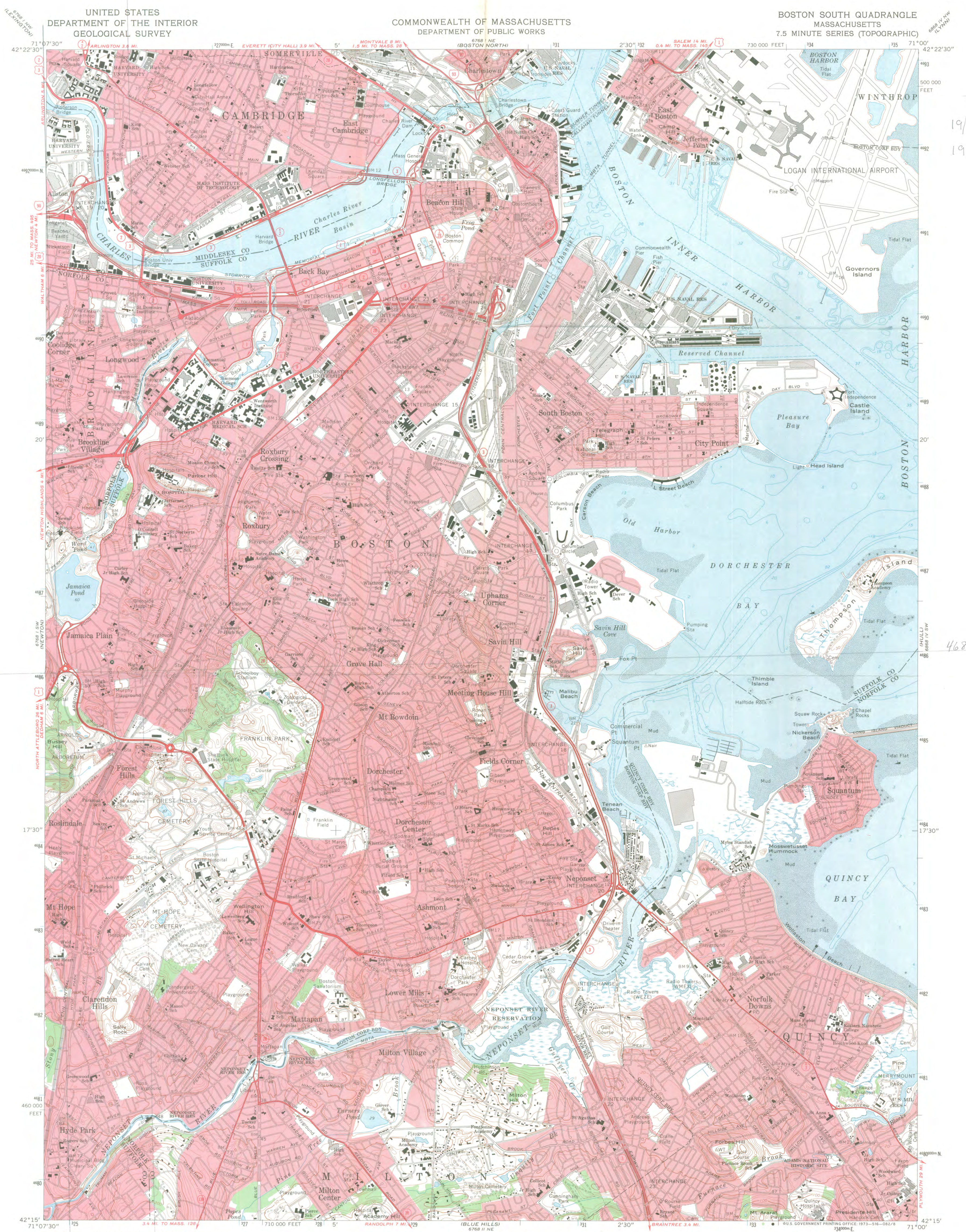


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LORING-GREENOUGH HOUSE



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BOSTON SOUTH QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
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Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 246
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purposes
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Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route

BOSTON SOUTH, MASS.
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary
State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth

The Office of Archeology and Historic
Preservation

National Park Service
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Attention: Mrs. Sally Marusin

REGISTERED MAIL

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed are National Register submissions for:

Loring-Greenough House, Boston (Jamaica Plain)

Holyoke-French House, Boxford

Old Town Hall, Pittsfield



These have been declared eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Review Board, and have been signed by Secretary of the Commonwealth, John F. X. Davoren, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission and designated the State Liaison Officer.

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Hale Jr.

Richard W. Hale, Jr.
Acting Chairman
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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