

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

1. Name

historic Sgt. William Harlow Family Homestead
and/or common Harlow-Holmes House; Kendall-Holmes House

2. Location

street & number 8 Winter Street N/A not for publication
city, town Plymouth N/A vicinity of congressional district Twelfth
state Massachusetts code 025 county Plymouth code 023

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Betty W. Scott
street & number 314 Elm Street
city, town Concord N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts 01742

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Plymouth County Registry of Deeds
street & number Russell Street
city, town Plymouth state Massachusetts 02360

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
title _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date August 1979 federal state county local
depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission
city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

Sgt. William Harlow
Family Homestead

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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

The Sgt. William Harlow House at 8 Winter Street is set on a gentle slope about 300 feet from the water of Plymouth Harbor. It is a wood-frame structure composed of two distinct parts: a main, 1½ story gambrel segment (ca. 1750-1770), ridge parallel to the street, and a ca. 1860-1870, 2 story, flat-roofed ell which extends from the back or northwest side of the earlier section. The gambrel house in its present form is five bays wide with an entrance located slightly right (or east) of center. It is two bays deep. The existing ell replaced a lean-to of unknown date, which ran along the back of the gambrel house and contained a summer kitchen, pantry, chimney, and inside stairway to the cellar. The ell, which is four bays deep and two wide, terminates in a 1 story, windowed shed or enclosed porch on a fieldstone foundation. The building's roofs, the ell walls, and the rear wall of the main, or gabled segment, are all covered with cedar shingles. The remaining three walls of the gambrel are clapboard sheathed. Four dormers, two each in the longer slopes of the eastern half of the gambrel are also shingled. Pitched roofs shelter the dormers in the front while those in the back have shed roofs.

The main entrance to the Harlow House is set slightly right of center in the southeast facade of the gambrel portion. It consists of a simple narrow door of vertical boards (on the exterior) with iron hinges, which extend about two-thirds the width of the door, and an iron thumb-latch. Above the door and directly below the building's cornice is a plain transom with four rectangular lights. Door and transom are framed on either side by a single, vertical wide board.

The assymetrical nature of the front facade of the Harlow House is due, apparently, to the fact that the eastern half of the gambreled section is earlier than the western half. The large, square, center chimney is actually, like the door, slightly right (or northeast) of center. It appears then that the right, or northeast, part of the gambrel house stood originally as an end-chimney structure. Wide boards on the northwest side of the chimney may have been part of the original exterior wall. The interior layout of the building seems to support this theory of its structural development. The front door opens into a tiny vestibule. Straight ahead, against the chimney, a stairway ascends for 6 steps to a landing then continues another four steps to the left and four steps to the right to respective second floor chambers. There is a large chamber at the front with a much smaller one behind it on each side. On the first floor, the entrance hall opens on a single room to the right. Behind both this room and the center chimney runs a long kitchen with a large fire place and oven. The entrance hall, the northeast room, and the kitchen behind them, along with the two second floor chambers above appear to have constituted the original house. At a somewhat later date, the size of the house was slightly more than doubled by the addition of four rooms, two on the first floor and two on the second, on the southwest side of the existing end chimney structure. The two newer rooms on the first floor appear to have functioned from the beginning as a parlor (at the front) and a dining room behind it, although a room used only for dining is rare this early. A doorway was cut through to connect the new dining room and the kitchen in the older part of the house. First floor ceiling heights in the two halves of the gambrel house are different - 6'7" in the northeast segment and 7'3" in the southwest, which would appear to be consistent with the two different periods of construction.

Other minor alterations to the gambrel house include a second window cut at each end on the second floor to light the two small back chambers. The date for this change is unknown.

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A small, square window was also added in the southwest end wall during the 1920's in order to provide ventilation and light for a closet beneath the gambrel slope. Beneath this window is a hinged panel of clapboard siding made to expose the wide vertical planks in the wall beneath. This device was created during the mid-twentieth century when the house functioned as the Sgt. William Harlow-Holmes Family Homestead Museum under the direction of a ninth generation descendant of Harlow.

Research conducted by the Harlow Family Association in 1958 makes it clear that there was a house, built by Sgt. William Harlow, on the 8 Winter Street site by 1669 and quite probably as early as 1653. The present gambrel structure has long been thought to be an enlargement of Harlow's original mid-seventeenth century house by the succeeding generations who have lived there. The tenth generation owner of the property finally sold it out of the family in 1979. William T. Davis, a nineteenth century historian reiterated the belief that the earlier part of the gambrel was St. Harlow's house in 1883 in his Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth. To date, however, no detailed characteristics of First Period architecture have come to light despite a careful examination of the structure by the leading authority on wood frame houses in New England during that period. He has observed that details such as a shouldered post and beam chamfering, while conservative, still do not point to a date before 1750. This is not to say, however, that such details may not in fact lie hidden somewhere within or beneath the fabric of the house as it now stands. Evidence of this nature is usually obtainable only when a house is at least partially taken apart. Therefore, lacking any evidence to the contrary, it seems likely that the earlier half of the present gambrel structure succeeded Sgt. Harlow's seventeenth century house on this site and is in fact, about 100 years later than the earliest structure.

8. Significance

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 type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1750-1770 Builder/Architect unknown
(possibly 1653)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Harlow House possesses integrity of location, design, setting materials, and workmanship and as an excellent example of early wood frame, gambrel roofed construction, meets Criterion C.

Plymouth Colony and Town Records and other sources indicate that Sgt. William Harlow, who has given his name to the present 8 Winter Street house, first constructed a house on this site between 1649 and 1653. One source holds that it was built for his new bride in 1649. However, Harlow's first recorded purchase of land at the site was in 1653. Whether the 1653 purchase was an addition to an earlier, unrecorded land acquisition is not clear although this is suggested by the language of yet another early source. A study undertaken by the Harlow Family Association, founded in 1939, concluded that Sgt. William Harlow's house was constructed in 1653.

Harlow removed from 8 Winter Street in 1669 to another house that he had built nearby. John Laythrope, mortgagor of the 8 Winter Street house "for the sum of five and twenty pounds" then lived in it from 1669 to 1676 when Samuel Harlow, eldest son of William, paid off the mortgage and moved in himself. Ten successive generations of the family have lived at this site since then, although stylistic evidence strongly suggests that a new house was built, and then enlarged, about 100 years after the first one.

The Harlow House as it exists today provides an excellent example of a rather simple Second Period, or perhaps earlier, dwelling that grew in response to one family's need for more space. This pattern of growth also no doubt reflects an improvement in that family's financial and social situation over a period of time. The house is thus significant as both an architectural and social document.

As a site of Euro-American occupation since the mid-17th century, the William Harlow House property may contain archaeological resources important in the interpretation of early life within Plymouth County. During the past two decades, archaeological research conducted by Plimoth Plantation at 17th century Euro-American sites within the Plymouth region, has brought to light information on a diversity of building forms from that period no longer exhibited in extant First Period structures. Excavations in Plymouth and Kingston, Massachusetts have revealed structural remains of a previously unknown elongated house type as well as those of a posthole house, constructed without sills and nearly square in layout. Remains of the circa 1653 structure known to have been constructed at the William Harlow House site might provide more important evidence of the architectural diversity present in 17th century Plymouth County. Finally, as a place of domestic residence occupied continuously from the 17th century forward, the Harlow property is undoubtedly rich in domestic artifacts and faunal remains. The scientific excavation and examination of these materials can supplement the existing documentary and architectural record and thereby increase our knowledge of New England's early domestic history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 Griffith, Dorothy Holmes, Letter of May 25, 1979 (owner's files) and conservations.
 Holmes, Knowlton, Genealogical Summary of Mayflower Descendants Residing in Harlow-Holmes House
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 Volumes I to XIII (owner's file).

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.48 acres (20,740 sq. ft.)

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Plymouth

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

UTM NOT VERIFIED

A

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification The 8 Winter Street property is bounded
 SOUTHEASTERLY by said Winter Street;
 SOUTHWESTERLY by property now or formerly of Wadsworth Savery;
 NORTHWESTERLY by property now or formerly of Edwin K. Holmes;
 NORTHEASTERLY by property now or formerly of Dr. James Boswell.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries ALSO SEE attached assessors map.

state	N. A.	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ann Booth, Consultant with Ralph H. Scott, II, M.D. & Betty W. Scott
 organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date November, 1980
 street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617)-727-8470
 city or town Boston state Massachusetts 02108

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:
 national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Patricia L. Weslowski*
 title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date 2/25/82

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 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Albion Byers
 Keeper of the National Register Entered in the National Register date 4/15/82
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTRE OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Harlow, Sgt. William, Family Homestead
State, County: MA, Plymouth
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 3-18-82-814

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-1-83

Date Due: 4/15/82 - 5/2/82

Action: ACCEPT 4/15/82

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

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photos

maps

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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

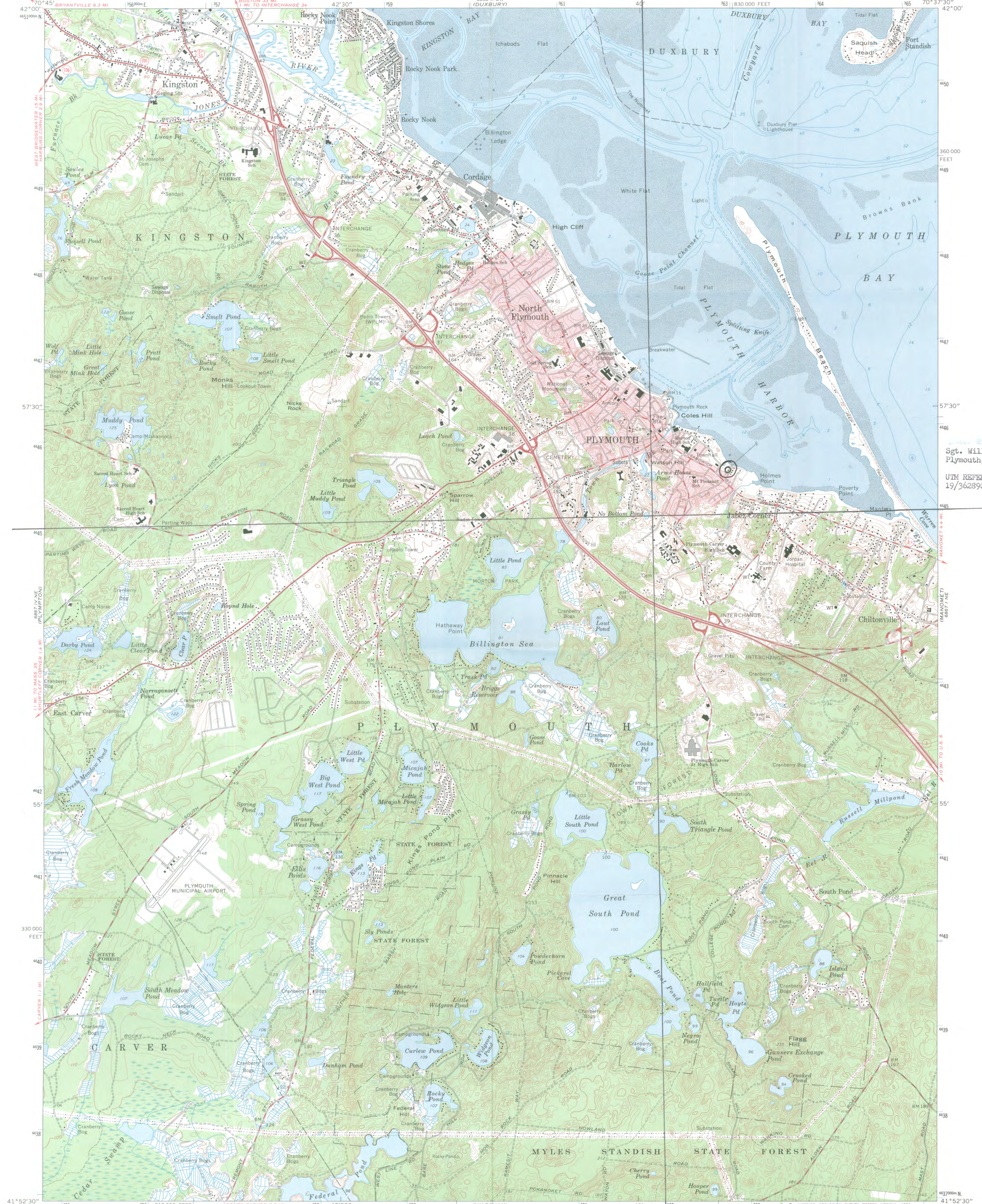
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Plymouth MA
Sgt. Wm. Harlow House

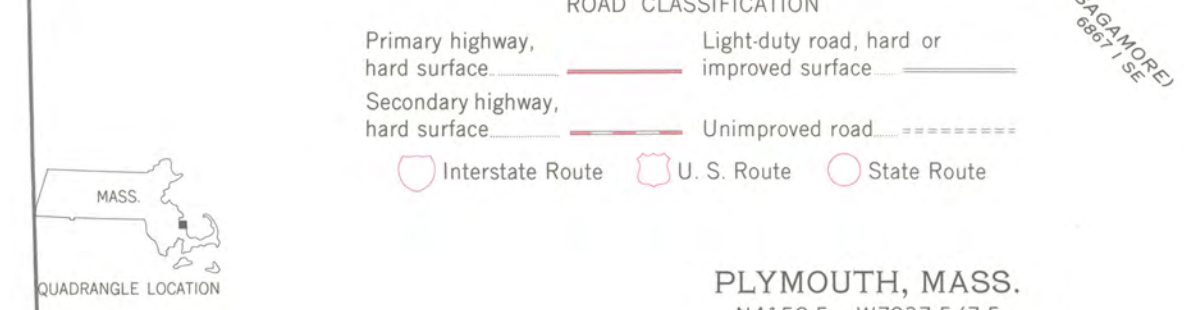
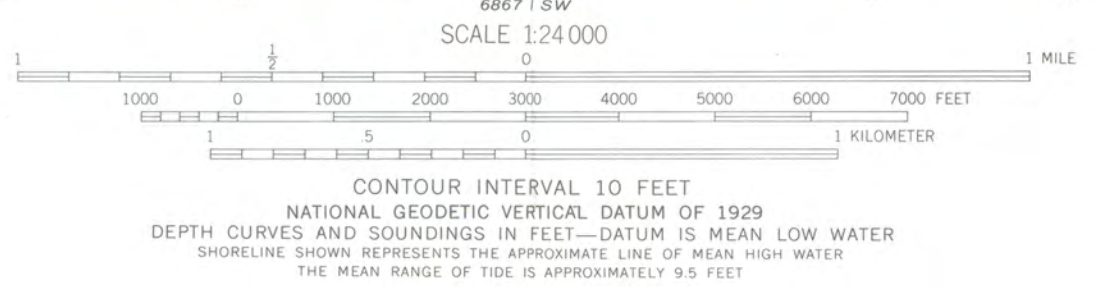
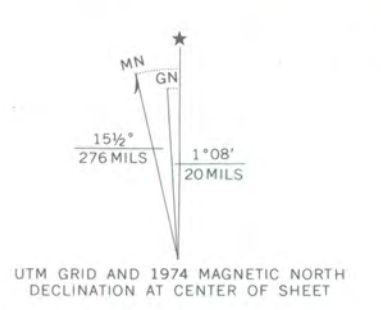
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1979

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Sgt. William Harlow House
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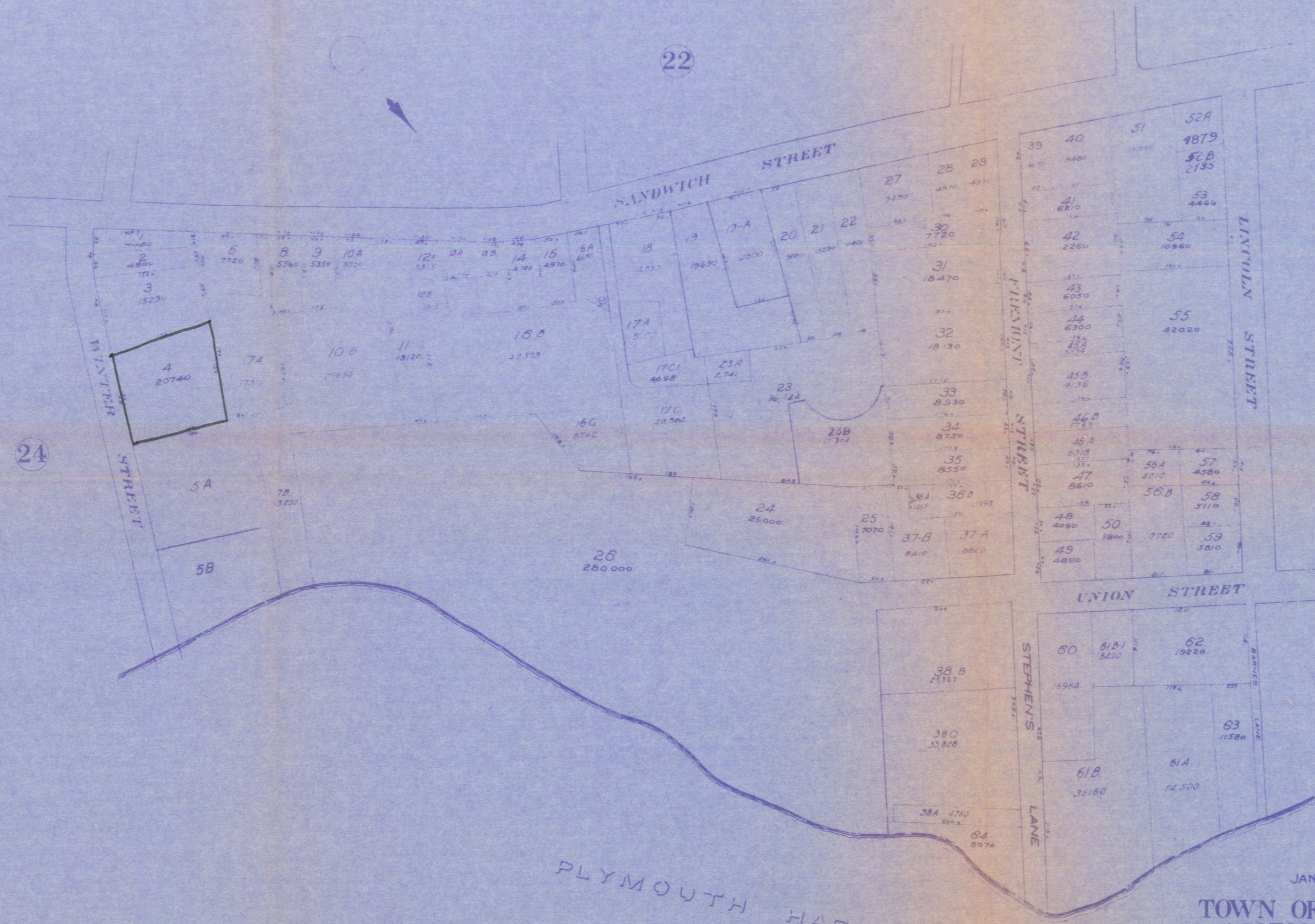
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Plymouth MA
 Sgt. Wm. Harlow House
 8 Winter Street
 1" = 120'

PLYMOUTH HARBOR

JAN 1, 1972
 TOWN OF PLYMOUTH
 ASSESSORS' MAP
 SCALE 1"=120'
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NOTE THIS PLAN TO BE USED FOR ASSESSING PURPOSES ONLY

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APRIL 15, 1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lafayette-Durfee House	Fall River Bristol County
Port Royal House	Chatham Barnstable County
Harlow, Sgt. William, Family Homestead	Plymouth Plymouth County

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