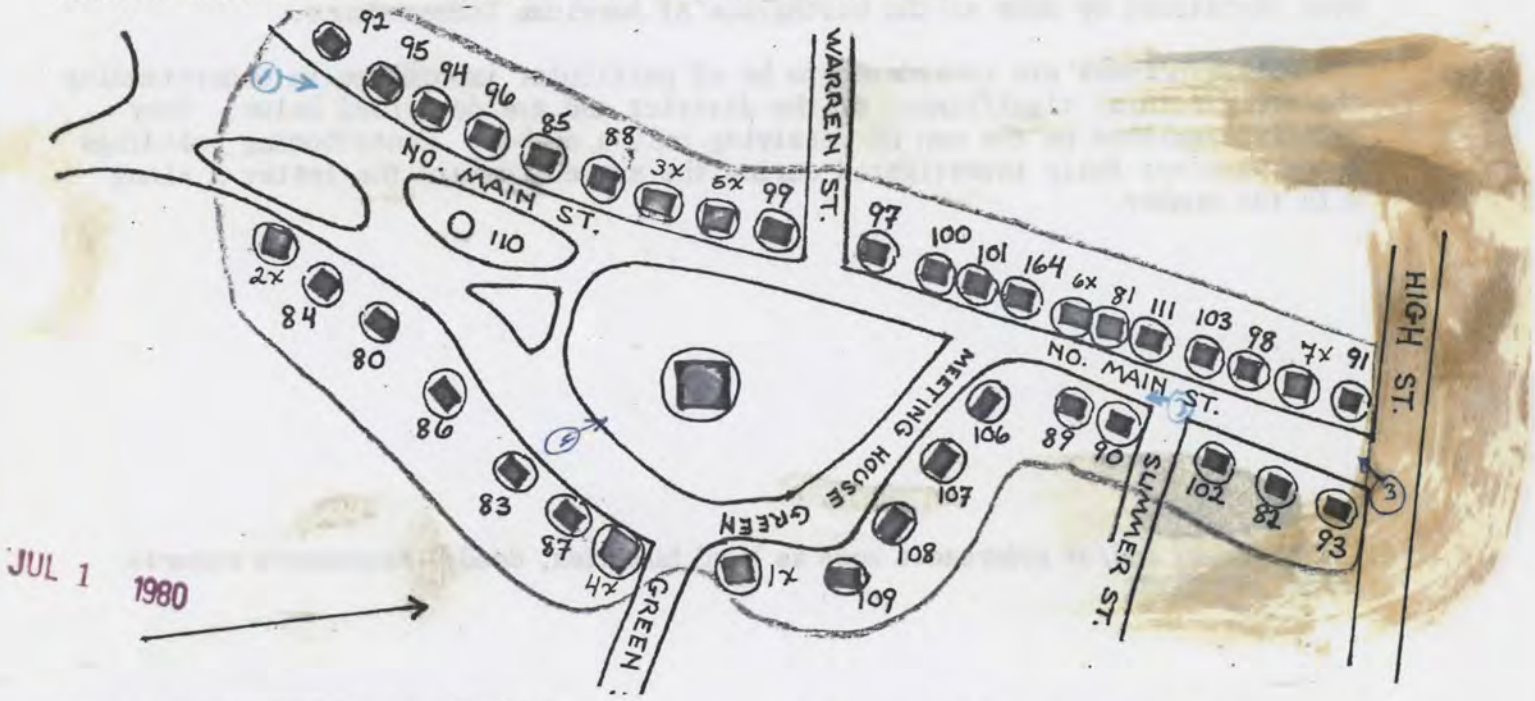


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| Form numbers in this area | Area no. |
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1. Town Ipswich
Name of area (if any) Meeting House Green
2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number _____
3. General date or period 18th - 19th centuries
4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? no (18th & 19th century styles)
in condition? yes (well maintained)
in type of ownership? yes (private)
in use? yes (residential)

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an 'x' existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by Margaret Welden
Organization Ipswich Historical Comm.
Date October 1978

Approximate acreage 15 acres (over)
Assessor's Maps E, H

UTM REFERENCES: 19/349560/4727100
B 19/349680/4726870
C 19/349460/4726650
D 19/349380/4726720

7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

The Meeting House Green Districts includes thirty houses, three churches and the town library which are sited around the steep, rocky Green itself and along Main Street. It encompasses a wide range of architectural styles with approximately half of the structures dating from the eighteenth century and half from the nineteenth.

The boundaries of Meeting House Green were determined over 300 years ago and have remained nearly the same to this day. Commencing south from High St., the boundary line runs to the corner of Center St. and North Main, west to the corner of North and South Mains, and north to High St., thus encircling the Green. Structures outside the limits are not directly related to the Green and its history.

The Green was set aside for public use in 1634, a year after Ipswich's founding, and has historically been a religious and commercial center as well as a favored residential area. During the seventeenth century, a meeting house, jail, fort, town pound and stocks were located here. Later the Post Office (#100), Probate Court (#83), Ipswich Female Seminary, Agawam Hotel (3X), and several commercial structures surrounded the Green. Now, the churches and library (#86) continue to supplement its residential usage.

As is the case with many New England greens, this one is associated with a number of historic events. The earliest and perhaps most important was the Revolution of 1687. Led by Dr. John Wise, the citizens of Ipswich denounced the levy of taxes by the arbitrary government of Sir Edmund Andros, and hence Ipswich has been christened by some as the birthplace of American Independence.

Several structures are considered to be of particular importance in understanding the architectural significance of the district and are described below. They are distinguished on the map by receiving only a number. Contributing buildings which were not fully investigated during the survey contain the letter X along with the number.

8. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

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|---|--------------|--|-------------|
| 2 North Main | 92 | Col. John Appleton (Probate Judge) | ca 1707 |
| 2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboards. Symmetrical 5 bay facade, entry porch with fluted doric columns, rear ell. | | | |
| 6-8 North Main | 95 | Ebenezer Stamwood (peruke maker) | ca 1747 |
| 2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboards. A symmetrical 6 bay facade, entry porch with brackets and columns, slate roof, ells. | | | |
| 16 North Main | 94 | Christian Wainwright | ca 1747 |
| 2 1/2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboards, rear roof slope raised and extended over rear addition. Symmetrical 5 bay facade. | | | |
| 20 North Main | 96 | Stephen Coburn | ca 1845 |
| 2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboards. Symmetrical 6 bay facade, central entry porch (now enclosed). Slate roof, small side addition. Greek Revival. | | | |
| A Civil War monument stands on the rocky hillside in front of the preceding houses. Erected in 1871, the monument is a granite obelisk approximately 25 feet tall. Inscribed on the pedestal are the names of the 54 Ipswich residents killed in the Civil War. | | | |
| 22 North Main | 85 | Charles Kimball (lawyer, educator) | ca 1834 |
| 2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboards. Symmetrical 5 bay facade, Greek Revival window trim, entry porch and door frames. Slate roof. | | | |
| 24 North Main | 88 | Trustees of Manning School | 1904 |
| 3 story, hip roof, wood frame commercial building (now apartments), clapboarded. Symmetrical 5 bay facade with Colonial Revival wooden trim -- projecting central pavilion, first floor pilasters and entablature, upper floor quoins, modillion cornice. | | | |
| 38 North Main | 99 | William Pulcitor (dry goods storekeeper) | ca 1836 |
| 2 1/2 story, end gable, white painted brick commercial building (now office and apartments). 6 bay facade with off-center entry, two dormers, side stairs to 2nd floor entry. | | | |
| 40 North Main | 97 | Dr. John Manning (physician & industrialist) | ca 1769 |
| 3 story, hip roof, wood frame house with clapboards. Symmetrical 5 bay facade with fine Federal doorframe. | | | |

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| 42 North Main | 100 | Dr. John Manning (physician & industrialist) | ca 1763 |
| 2 story, facade gable, wood frame house with clapboards. Prominent overhang on narrow end facing street, entrance on asymmetrical 6 bay side. Built as warehouse, served as post office in late 18th century. | | | |
| 44 North Main | 101 | John Brewer (store keeper) | 1825 |
| 2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboards. Symmetrical 5 bay facade with Federal central entry, Victorian doorhood. | | | |
| 48 North Main | 164 | John A. Johnson (shoe manufacturer) | ca 1871 |
| 2 1/2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboards. Symmetrical 3 bay facade, Italianate window surrounds, entry porch, projecting, bracketed cornice, facade gable. Matching carriage house. | | | |
| 52 North Main | 81 | James Damon (businessman) | 1866 |
| 2 1/2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboards. Symmetrical 5 bay facade, wooden Italianate trim includes window hoods, entry porch, quoins, bracketed and decorated cornice. | | | |
| 54 North Main | 111 | Thomas Morley (painter, 1845 owner) | ca 1750/1845 |
| 2 1/2 story, L-plan, facade gable house, wood frame with woodshingles. Formerly attached to northern neighbor, removed 1845. Side entrance, 3 bay facade. | | | |
| 56 North Main | 103 | James Brown (yeoman) | ca 1700-20 |
| 2 story, end gable house, timber frame with wood shingles. Nearly symmetrical 5 bay facade, simple Federal door frame, rear wing. | | | |
| 60 North Main | 98 | Nathaniel Treadwell (store-keeper) | 1796-99 |
| 2 story, L-plan, end gable house, wood frame with clapboards. Nearly symmetrical 5 bay facade, Federal door frame. | | | |
| 64 North Main | 91 | Captain Richard Rogers (mariner) | 1728 |
| 2 1/2 story, L-plan, gambrel roofed house, wood frame with clapboards. Symmetrical 5 bay facade with Federal doorframe. Front and side dormers, exceptionally early Georgian interior woodwork. | | | |
| 57 North Main | 93 | Nathaniel Day | ca 1737 |
| 2 story, end gable house, wood frame with clapboards. Elongated by additions, two rear ells as well. Two entrances in asymmetrical 9 bay facade. | | | |

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| 51-3 North Main | 82 | Sarah Lord | 1848 |
| 2 1/2 story, facade gable house, wood frame with clapboarding and ashlar scored match boarding. Four bays toward street, 5 on side include central entry with Greek Revival derived door frame. Italianate window surrounds, eaves trim. | | | |
| 49 North Main | 102 | John Chapman (leather breeches maker) | ca 1770 |
| 2 story, end gable house, wood frame with clapboards. Symmetrical 5 bay facade, sidelit entry, real ell. | | | |
| 47 North Main | 90 | George Farley | 1888 |
| 2 story, hip roofed, irregularly massed Queen Anne house, wood frame with clapboards and decorative wood shingling. Major features include one story porch on front and southside, with conical-roofed corner; polygonal, 2 story bay projecting from north-west corner, with steep, eight sided roof; decorative slate roof; stained-glass stair window. | | | |
| 45 North Main | 89 | Dr. Issac Flichtner | 1859-60 |
| 2 1/2 story, facade gable, wood frame house with clapboarding and ashlar-scored match boarding. 2 bays toward street, 3 on side. Entry on side via porch and enclosed entryway. Italianate window surrounds, bay windows, porch and cornice trim. | | | |
| 1 Meeting House Green | 106 | Joseph N. Farley (mariner) | ca 1842 |
| 2 story, end gable, wood frame house with horizontal flush boarding and clapboarding. Symmetrical 5 bay facade with central, Greek Revival portico and door frame. | | | |
| 4 Meeting House Green | 108 | Captain Israel Pulsifer (mariner) | 1812 |
| 2 1/2 story, mansard-roofed, wood frame house with clapboarding. Interior retains Federal detailing, exterior remodeled as 2nd Empire, plus Colonial Revival porch across front. | | | |
| 6 Meeting House Green | 107 | Rev. David T. Kimball (minister) | 1808 |
| 2 story, end gable, wood frame house with clapboarding. Symmetrical 5 bay facade. | | | |
| Meeting House Green | 109 | Frist Church of Ipswich (vestry) | 1832 |
| 1 1/2 story, facade gable, wood frame building with clapboarding. Symmetrical 3 bay facade with wide, double doors and stained-glass transom. | | | |
| 27 North Main | 87 | Methodist Church | 1859 |
| Facade gable, wood frame church with clapboarding, central tower (presently lacking steeple). Tall, round-headed stained-glass windows, bracketed cornice. | | | |
| 25 North Main | 83 | Town of Ipswich | 1817 |
| Old Fellows Hall is a 2 story, flat roofed, brick structure built as a Probate Court and Registry. A Victorian storefront is inserted at the left of the facade. Window and door sills and splayed dentils are stone. Brick lentils and wooden modillions at cornice. | | | |

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| 23 North Main Brick, L-plan structure with facade gable. Renaissance Revival stone trim includes doric entry portico, quoins, string course, window sills and keystones. | 86 | Town of Ipswich (library) | 1869 |
| 21 North Main 2 1/a story, mansard-roofed, wood frame house with clapboards. Second-Empire wooden trim includes quoins, entry porch and bay-window above, brackets, alternating triangular and segmental dormers. | 80 | T.F. Cogswell (grocer) | ca 1880 |
| 19 North Main 3 story, hipped roof, wood frame house with clapboards. Off-center Federal entry in 3 bay, asymmetrical facade. | 84 | Dr. Thomas Manning (physician & industrialist) | 1799 |

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheets

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 1500

Quadrangle name Ipswich

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheets and attached maps

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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator with Edward Zimmer
(Ipswich Historical Commission)

organization Massachusetts Historical Comm. date April 1980

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

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

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. Westbrooke* 6/24/80

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

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| For HCRS use only | |
| I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register | |
| <u><i>Debra Ann Angelo</i></u> | date <u>9/17/80</u> |
| Keeper of the National Register | |
| Attest: <u><i>Patricia Andrus</i></u> | date <u>1/15/80</u> |
| Chief of Registration | |

Property

Wenham Village, Ipswich, Massachusetts
Multiple Resource Area (partial inventory)

State

MA, Essex

Working Number

7/1/80/1746

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

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Maps 1, 19

HISTORIAN

accept
Patrick Andrew
9/15/80

This is an excellent multiple resource nomination - the surveyed area covers the historic Ipswich Village. The nomination includes four districts and ten individual properties. The districts are logically drawn and show the development over time of the village. The nomination includes an incredible number of 17th and 18th cent. buildings and some 19th cent. buildings. There are no intrusions - 1500 acres. The nomination form closely follows the requirements for mult. res. nominations spelled out in the "How to"

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Entered SEP 17 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

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North Main Area

Roll 9

Neg. 22

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MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA ESSEX CO. MA

Meeting House Green



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Meeting House Green

No. Main Area

Roll 9

Neg. 35

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CENTRAL VILLAGE IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS
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Roll 9
Neg. 36*



No. Main Area

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Please refer to the map in the
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