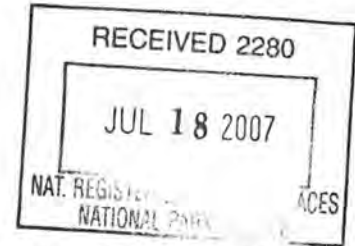


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Roberts School

other names/site number Little Red Schoolhouse

2. Location

street & number 320 Union Street not for publication

city or town Holbrook vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Norfolk code 021 zip code 02343

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Brona Simon July 11, 2007
Signature of certifying official Brona Simon Date
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
☒ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register
☐ removed from the
National Register
☐ other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall 8-30-07

Roberts School
Name of Property

Norfolk, MA

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	building
	sites
	structures
	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: School

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation granite

walls clapboard

roof asphalt shingle

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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7. DESCRIPTION

Located on the northeast corner of Union Street (SR 139) and Lakeview Avenue in Holbrook, the Roberts School was constructed in 1873. While its stylistic details are most closely associated with the Italianate style of architecture, its front-gabled form, rectangular footprint, and modest trim are characteristic of vernacular wood frame schools built in rural towns throughout Massachusetts in the mid-to-late 19th century.

The school stands on a major east-west thoroughfare in the northwest quadrant of Holbrook three quarters of a mile west of Holbrook Center near the Randolph line. Seventeen miles south of Boston, Holbrook is bordered on the north by Braintree, on the east by Weymouth, on the southeast by Abington and Brockton, on the southwest by Avon, and on the west by Randolph. Union Street, onto which the Roberts School faces, is a Colonial-period east-west route through Holbrook, connecting Randolph and Abington.

Situated near the center of its relatively flat 9,170-square-foot lot, the building is set back 59 feet from Union Street and 31 feet from Lakeview Avenue. Opposite the property on Union Street is an auto body shop and on Lakeview Avenue, a preschool. Otherwise, the area is a suburban residential neighborhood with houses generally dating to the early and mid-20th century, although there are a few that may date to the late 18th century. The deep front yard of the schoolhouse is covered with asphalt and grass, and there is a rocky outcropping on the west along Lakeview Avenue. A small wooden storage shed (1999) with front gable roof stands facing east directly behind the building

Facing south, the schoolhouse rises 1½ stories from a granite block foundation to a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles (1996). Rectangular in plan, the building is 26 feet wide by 36 feet deep. One interior brick chimney rises through the ridge on the north (rear) elevation and an attic vent straddles the ridge near the front. Covered with clapboards, the building is trimmed with narrow corner boards that rise to deep cornice with returns and a frieze along the flanks.

The first story of the façade has two entries—originally one for boys and one for girls—that flank a pair of windows with 6/6 sash. Above these is one attic window with 6/6 sash. All three windows have simple wood casings. Beneath the attic window is a signboard reading “Holbrook Historical Society,” and between the first story window and west entry is a sign reading “Roberts School 1873.” The entries are framed by simple wood architraves rising to an entablature that incorporates a transom window with a single pane of glass, which replaced a three-light transom. The present Colonial Revival-style 6-panel doors (ca. 1980s) are the most recent in a series of replacement doors. A 1976 photos shows ca. 1950s doors and a ca. 1938 photo shows doors with five horizontal panels that probably date to 1895, when the school reopened after having been closed for several years. Concrete stoops with three steps flanked by pipe handrails lead to the entries. These

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stoops probably date to the early 1950s, when the school reopened to accommodate the post WWII population boom. A photo thought to date to ca. 1938 shows a full-width wood deck with simple balustrade and separate sets of wood steps leading to the five-panel doors mentioned above.

The east elevation is three bays deep with windows in each bay. The west elevation was originally identical, but was altered between 1938 and 1976 to change the northernmost bay from a window to a door. A wooden ramp with post and rail enclosure runs along the west elevation and ends at the side door. Photographs indicate that the ramp replaced a concrete stoop similar to those at the front of the building after 1989. The north elevation has two windows at the first story and two lighting the attic. Corner boards and the projecting cornice with returns match the trim details of the façade. All windows contain 6/6-replacement sash that were present in a 1976 photograph. Plywood shutters cover many of the windows for security when the building is not in use.

The interior plan of the building is composed of three anterooms and the classroom (see attached floor plan). The two front doors lead to two of the anterooms, which were originally boys' and girls' entry vestibules/coat rooms. Each of the rooms was subdivided to create side-by-side lavatories flanked by vestibules. In 2003, the east vestibule and one of the lavs were combined to create a kitchen. The classroom, which is 25 feet square, retains its blackboards on the east and west walls and a dado of horizontal flushboarding. Floors are hardwood; walls above the dado are plaster. The ceiling is covered with acoustic tiles over plaster. The interior retains several four-panel doors with ogee moldings, ceramic doorknobs, and acorn lift-off hinges.

Under the building is a low-ceilinged cellar with dirt floor that is accessed by stairs from the vestibule. The attic is unfinished and is accessed by a pull-down stair in the lavatory ceiling.

Archaeological Description

While no ancient sites have been identified on the school property, it is possible that sites are present. Forty-two Native American sites have been identified in the general area (within one mile). Environmental characteristics of the property represent locational criteria (slope, soil drainage, proximity to wetlands) that are favorable for the presence of Native sites. The Roberts School is located on a level to moderately sloping land surface in close proximity to wetlands. The Cochato River and Sylvan Lake are located less than 1,000 feet west of the school. Soils in the area are excessively drained sandy soils formed in glacial outwash deposits. In general, however, the potential for locating significant ancient Native American resources on the school property is low. Construction of the school, outhouse, related utilities, and paving on the small lot (0.21 acres) would have destroyed any ancient resources that may have been present.

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A moderate to high potential exists for locating historic archaeological resources on the school property. Structural evidence of outbuildings may exist; however, none have been identified to date. Archaeological evidence of occupational related features (trash pits, privies, wells) may also survive. The 1873 First Annual Report of the Town of Holbrook lists Morrison M. Alden as supplying the materials used to build the school as well as an outhouse. The outhouse, no longer standing, is shown at the rear of the school building in the 1882 Birds-Eye map of Holbrook. Structural and stratigraphic evidence may survive from the outhouse as well as artifacts in fill deposits.

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Name of Property

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County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1873-1957

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Morrison M. Alden (builder)

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first public school built by the Town of Holbrook after its incorporation in 1872, the Roberts School is a fine example of a one-room schoolhouse. Still located on its original site, it is the best preserved of only two extant 19th century schools in town. Its history reflects the development and the economic ups and downs of the community for over 100 years. A year after it closed in 1979, it became the headquarters of the Holbrook Historical Society, which continues to use it as a classroom for the teaching of local history. The Roberts School retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and meets National Register criteria A and C at the local level. The period of significance begins with construction of the building in 1873 and ends 50 years prior to the present (1957), which is the standard cut-off date.

A Brief History of Holbrook

Once part of Randolph, the area that is now Holbrook was settled in the mid 18th century, and a crossroads community developed at present-day Holbrook Square—the present civic center. By the mid-1750s, the crossroads village was of sufficient size to support construction of a schoolhouse (demolished). In 1818, the present Holbrook Square (NR 2006) became a meetinghouse location known as the East Parish and later as East Randolph. The Early Industrial period (1830-1875) brought growth at East Randolph (Holbrook Square) and South Randolph (Faxon's Corner, later known as the Brookville village of Holbrook) two miles to the south. With this growth came a greater distinction between these villages and the balance of Randolph. Irish and French-Canadians were the dominant immigrant groups in Randolph as a whole, with the Irish population peaking in 1855. Many worked in the local boot and shoe industry, which saw considerable expansion during the Early Industrial period, especially during the Civil War. At that time, most boot and shoe manufacturing moved from small shops, barn lots, and kitchen ells into factories.

In 1872, the eastern end of Randolph, including the villages of East and South Randolph, separated from the balance of the town, incorporating as the Town of Holbrook on February 29 (leap year day). Elisha Niles Holbrook (1800-1872) was the new town's namesake and principal benefactor. He was an industrialist, a major owner of the railroad line that divided Holbrook and Randolph. The year 1873 saw construction of two municipal buildings—the Roberts School and the original town hall, which burned a few years later and was replaced by the present town hall in 1878.

In the late 1870s, Holbrook was considered one of the most important boot and shoe towns in Norfolk County. By 1880, Holbrook had sixteen factories employing 950 men and 202 women. About that time, the

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total value from all Holbrook manufactures was just over \$2 million, all but \$6,000 coming from the production of footwear. Boot and shoe production in Holbrook peaked in 1883, with 75,826 cases shipped. During the Late Industrial period, there was a population increase of 61 % between 1875 and 1910 (2,816 people). The periods of the greatest population growth—the late 1870s and the first decade of the 20th century—reflect the health of the town's economy in those years. The only period of population decline was in the 1890s. The town's largest foreign-born group continued to be Irish. Local manufacturing collapsed midway through the Late Industrial period (1875-1915), likely owing to the Panic of 1893, a nationwide financial crisis, and the ensuing depression through the mid-1890s. Although there was a partial recovery from ca. 1900 to 1905, boot and shoe manufacturing had almost completely ended in Holbrook by 1910. Small-scale farming continued throughout the town. Several greenhouses operated in Holbrook in the last quarter of the 19th century, and at least two companies established in the 1890s produced dried fruit. Modest growth occurred in Holbrook during the Early Modern period (1915-ca. 1940). The town's population increased five percent between 1920 and 1940 (3,330 persons). Dairy farming was a mainstay of the local economy from the 1920s until well after World War II. The greenhouse and market gardening industry also remained an important presence locally.

The School

The Roberts School was built shortly after Holbrook separated from Randolph in order to accommodate students in the west part of town who had been attending the Randolph District 7 schoolhouse (ca. 1854, extant as a dwelling at 139 Union Street), which remains within the boundary of Randolph. Four other Randolph schools became part of Holbrook including the Franklin School/Randolph District 9 (1832, not extant), the Lincoln School/Randolph District 2 (see next paragraph), the Brookville School/Randolph District 4 (1855, not extant), and the East Randolph High School (1858), which was renamed Sumner High School in 1872 and replaced by a new building in 1928 (hlb.58).

The Lincoln School (MHC #38) in the eastern part of Holbrook at 227 Plymouth Street is also a gable front building with corner boards and cornice returns. Locals believe that it dates to 1850 based on historical memory and deeds that refer to a school on the site. Evidently, there was a fire ca. 1890, after which the school was rebuilt. The current appearance incorporates Shingle and Queen Anne-style features. More recently, the façade was altered significantly by enclosing a nearly full-width porch. For this reason, while parts of the building may date to the 1850s, the Lincoln School does not retain architectural integrity for that period.

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The land on which the Roberts School stands was donated to the town by the family of Rev. Joseph Roberts, who died in November 1872 at age 43 in an accident. Earlier in the year, Rev. Roberts and his partner George Chapin, who had acquired a large amount of land in the area, formed the Holbrook Land Company with the intention of developing a subdivision. Roberts was involved in building a dam across the Cochato River to create Sylvan Lake, which is just to the northeast of the present Roberts School where the development was to occur. With the exception of several houses, the development project failed, probably due in part to the death of Roberts, who was killed in a construction accident while laying a foundation for a box mill on Sylvan Lake. George Chapin conveyed the land for the school, which is described as part of the William Thayer Lot in reference to an earlier owner of the land, to the Town of Holbrook on September 10, 1872.

The 1873 First Annual Report of the Town of Holbrook indicates that Morrison M. Alden supplied materials and built the school as well as an outhouse. The latter is no longer present, but is shown at the rear of the building on the 1882 Birds-Eye map of Holbrook. Hiram Pelcher was paid for stonework, which was most likely the granite foundation, and J.L. Hammett was paid for seats and desks. The total cost of the building and furnishings was \$1612.51. Little is known about Alden except that he was a local carpenter living in Randolph.

The Roberts School opened on February 10, 1873, with Mary L. Whitcomb as the teacher. She taught for about one year, and was followed by a succession of women, who taught from one to three years. Only teacher Mary E. Hamilton taught for an extended period (1881-1889), but it is not clear that all of those years were at the Roberts School. The school operated continuously until 1893, when it closed for two years due to a population decline that accompanied the major recession of the 1890s. The school reopened in 1895, and operated until 1938, usually serving grades one to three. In the 1920s, the number of students ranged from 7 to 18. The school closed in 1938 due to a lack of children in the area, but opened again in 1953 in response to the post World War II population boom. It served primarily as a kindergarten until it closed permanently in 1979. The last teacher was Margaret Christianson, who taught kindergarten from 1972 to 1979.

While few students can be identified from the school's early years, prominent current residents of Holbrook who attended the Roberts School include Park Commissioner and local historian Wesley Cote, as well as Michael Huntington, Robert Austin, and Ellen Walsh, who each served on the Board of Selectmen.

On June 30, 1980, the Holbrook Historical Society became the owner of the Roberts School, having been granted title to it by the Town of Holbrook for \$1.00. The historical society was formed in 1976 most certainly in response to the United States Bicentennial. Charter members Robert and Marion Colburn spearheaded the effort to acquire a permanent headquarters. At the time, two vacant schools were offered by

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the town—the Garfield School and the Roberts School. The Garfield School on Adams Street (1881), which was subsequently destroyed by fire, was larger (2-story, four classrooms) and in need of renovation that was beyond the Society's means. The Roberts School, while smaller, could be adapted to the Society's needs with the budget and volunteer commitment available. Repairs were undertaken, and the building was painted red with white trim. Locals soon nicknamed it "The Little Red Schoolhouse."

The Holbrook Historical Society uses the Roberts School as an archive, as well as exhibition and meeting space. In addition, as part of the local history curriculum, each third grade class in town spends a day in the building experiencing what it was like to attend a one-room school in 1873. The children dress in period clothes and use copy books, slates, and pens typical of the late-19th century. Lessons are based on period books and materials from the Society's collection.

Archaeological Significance

Historic archaeological resources described above may contribute important information related to the operation and maintenance of the school, activities conducted at the school, and the social, cultural, and economic characteristics of the students that attended the school and West Holbrook population. Structural evidence of outbuildings may contribute information related to the types of maintenance activities conducted at the school and the support operations needed for the school to function. Outbuilding sites may contain evidence of tools and machinery used in maintenance activities and support operations. Detailed analysis of the contents of a privy or outhouse, known to exist, may contribute important details in the lives of students that attended the school and their activities at the school. Archaeological resources may contribute evidence that separate facilities existed for male and female students. Artifacts found in the outhouse/privy may contribute information related to 19th century educational methods and the social, cultural, and economic diversity of students and the West Holbrook population. Detailed analysis of the contents of the outhouse/privy may also contain important information related to ethnic studies in Holbrook, especially the social, cultural, and economic characteristics of the Irish population, the largest foreign-born ethnic group in the town.

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Roberts School
Name of Property

Norfolk, MA
County, State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References See continuation sheet.

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19 332800 4668760
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4. Zone Easting Northing

— See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Edna P. Bowers, President Holbrook Historical Society with Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date July 2007

street & number 220 Morrissey Blvd. telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Holbrook Historical Society

street & number 320 Union Street telephone 781-767-5885

city or town Holbrook state MA zip code 02343

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the property follows the lot line as shown on the accompanying Holbrook assessor's map (Sheet 13, parcel 22). The property is further described in a deed dated June 30, 1980 and recorded book 5749, page 180 in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundaries described are those historically associated with the Roberts School from the time of its construction until the present.

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PHOTO LIST

Date: May, 2007

Photographer: Phil Bergen, MHC

1. South façade, across Union Street, camera facing north
2. South, east facades, entrance door detail
3. Shed, west façade, camera facing north
4. Facing north, sign
5. West, south facades, camera facing northeast
6. South façade, camera facing north
7. South façade, camera facing north

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Roberts School
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Norfolk

DATE RECEIVED: 7/18/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/06/07
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/21/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/31/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000860

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
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REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 8.30.07 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



ROBERTS SCHOOL

HOLBROOK (NORFOLK) MA

2007

PHIL BERGEN photo

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across Union St.

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ROBERTS SCHOOL

HOLBROOK (NORFOLK) MA

2007

PHIL BERGEN photo

photo #2

S, E facades, entrance door
detail
camera facing N

MA - Holbrook (Norfolk) - Roberts 2. tif



ROBERTS SCHOOL

HOLBROOK (NORFOLK) MA

2007

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photo # 3

shed, w facade
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**ROBERTS
SCHOOL
1873**

ROBERTS SCHOOL

HOLBROOK (NORFOLK) MA

2007

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ROBERTS SCHOOL

HOLBROOK (NORFOLK) MA

2007

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HOLBROOK (NORFOLK) MA

2007

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HOLBROOK (NORFOLK) MA

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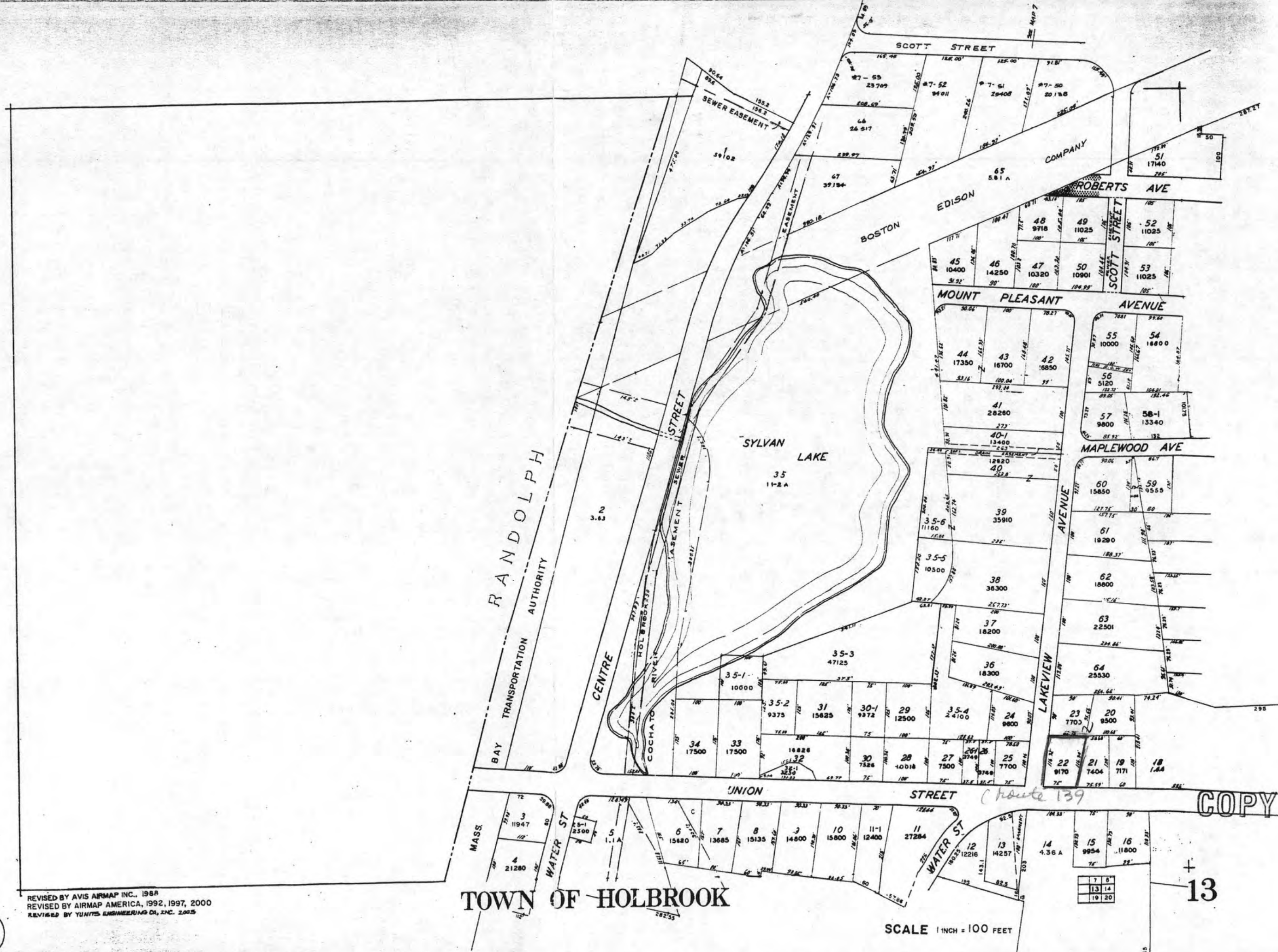
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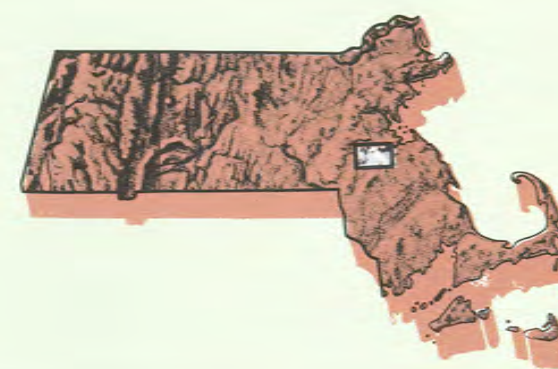
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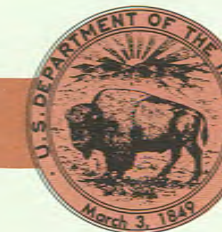
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Reberts School
Norwood
MASSACHUSETTS

1:25 000-scale *metric*
topographic map



- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names



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Projection and 1000-meter grid: Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 19
10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone. 1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 6 meters south and 41 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map.

CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER
OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARD

Meters	Feet
1	3.2808
2	6.5617
3	9.8425
4	13.1234
5	16.4042
6	19.6850
7	22.9659
8	26.2467
9	29.5276
10	32.8084

DECLINATION DIAGRAM

10°

276 MILS 25 MILS

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	

UTM grid conversion (GN) and 1985 magnetic declination (MN) at center of map
Diagram is approximate

To convert meters to feet multiply by 3.2808

To convert feet to meters multiply by 0.3048

1 Framingham
2 Boston South
3 Medfield
4 Weymouth
5 Franklin
6 Brockton
8 Whitman

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Topographic Map Symbols

Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road, trail
River, meander; Interstate; U. S. State
Railroad; strandless gauge; narrow gauge
Bridge; drawbridge
Overpass; overpass, underpass
Railway car; only selected locomotive buildings shown
House; barn; church; school; large structure
Boundary
National; with monument
State
County; parish
Civil township, precinct, district
Incorporated city, village, town
National or State reservation; small park
Land grant with monument; found section corner
U. S. public lands survey; range, township, section
Range, township, section line; location approximate
Fence or field line
Power transmission line, located tower
Dam; dam with lock
Canal; siphon; grave
Campground; picnic area; U. S. location monument
Windmill; water well; spring
Cattle pen; prospect; apt or cave
Vertical station; spot elevation
Contour line; intermediate; supplementary; depression
Distorted surface; strip mine; levee; sand
Bathymetric contour; lake, intermediate
Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream
Large lake and small; falls, large and small
Submerged marsh; marsh, swamp
Respond subject to controlled inundation; woodshed
Strand; mangrove
Orchard; vineyard

A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

July 11, 2007

Mr. J. Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Roberts School, 320 Union Street, Holbrook (Norfolk), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 45 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure

cc: Edna Bowers, Holbrook Historical Society
Marion Colburn, Holbrook Historical Commission
Robert Austin, Board of Selectmen
Richard Monahan, Planning Board