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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Massachusetts

COUNTY:
Middlesex

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE
NOV 15 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:

Colonel James Barrett Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

448 Barrett's Mill Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Concord

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Fifth

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE:

025

COUNTY:

Middlesex

CODE:

017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☒ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☒ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ ☐ Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Thomas W. and Anne R. McGrath

STREET AND NUMBER:

448 Barrett's Mill Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Concord

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE:

01742

025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE:

02141

025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY:

1967-1969

☐ Federal☒ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Boston

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE:

025

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

 H13
 304240
 2419 4705820

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☐ Good☒ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Colonel James Barrett Farm is located at no. 448 Barrett's Mill Road, two miles from Concord Center. The house faces south at a distance of fifteen feet from the street and is a typical New England farmhouse, of frame construction, two and one half stories high with a gable roof. Its present appearance is the result of various constructions, alterations, and additions dating from 1705 to the early twentieth century.

The central portion of the house is the oldest. Its eastern end dates from 1705 and was originally a one-story, one room house. About 1720 the western end was built and a second story added to both sides. The result was essentially what we see now, a five bay wide, two and one half story facade with center entrance and large central chimney. To the west of the main house is a three story wing, set back about eight feet from the main facade. It was built c. 1760 and is two bays wide with an entrance on the east side of the south front. Beyond this wing are two large, detached barns of apparent eighteenth century origin. They are in original, but very poor, condition.

From the time of the addition of the wing, the appearance of the house did not change substantially until the mid-nineteenth century. At that time a long woodshed of one and one half stories was added to the east side and set back, like the 1760 wing, from the main facade of the house; this wing is presently in poor condition. Near the end of the nineteenth century various alterations were made to the house. The heavy window cornices of the eighteenth century portions of the house were removed, the windows enlarged, and two over one sashes installed throughout. A wooden door hood with elaborately turned brackets was added above the main entrance, the roof eaves were extended, and a chimney added to the north slope of the west wing roof. At that time too, the entire house was resheathed with clapboards.

The interior of the house is remarkably intact in all rooms except the rear keeping room. Woodwork of fine quality exists in the panelling (1720) of the west front room, and in the exceptional featheredge sheathing on the stairway. There are uncased chamfered beams in the main rooms on the first floor and beaded finished beams in the chambers above.

The Colonel James Barrett Farm has been part of a local Historic District since 1961. The six acres of property included in the National Register are part of a working farm and include fields and old fieldstone walls dating to the eighteenth century.

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8. 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) 1705, c. 1760, c. 1850, c. 1900.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Barrett House in Concord was the home of Colonel James Barrett, Revolutionary War patriot and one of the primary figures in the events leading up to and surrounding the British march on Concord and Lexington in April, 1775. Colonel Barrett was born in this house, built by his father in 1705; it was operated as a farm by both father and son for many years prior to the Revolution. Aside from farming, Col. Barrett was well known in the area for his membership in many of the county and state conventions and his participation in the Provincial Congresses. He was representative to the Massachusetts General Court every year from 1768 to 1777.

In local affairs, Barrett commanded the militia regiment and superintended the collection and deposit of military stores for the Massachusetts Committee of Public Safety. He used his own barn and outbuildings as well as those of other Concord residents to store powder, flour, cannon, and other supplies necessary for military operations. The main objective of the British march on Concord, April 19, 1775, was to arrest Col. Barrett and search his property. However, a day before the British march, the Colonel received word of their plans and thus, the four companies that reached his farm on the nineteenth found neither the arms, which had been carried off or well hidden on the property, nor the Colonel, who had gone to command the provincials then engaging the remainder of the British forces at the North Bridge. The British foray did net some cannon carriages and much time was spent in burning and otherwise destroying them. Col. Barret's wife, Rebecca, further detained the four companies searching the farm by offering them drink. In this way they were kept from returning to the North Bridge and assisting the remainder of the Royal troops in their confrontation with the local militia. The rout that the British suffered at the Battle of the North Bridge was a turning point in the events of the day, putting the British on the defensive and forcing their retreat to Boston.

In 1779 the Colonel died at the age of 69, and his son inherited the house and property. The chain of inheritance from father to son continued until 1894 when the property was sold out of the family.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lothrop, Harriet (under pseudonym of Margaret Sidney), Old Concord—Highways and Byways, D. Lothrop Co., Boston, 1888.

Shattuck, Lemuel, History of Concord, Russell, Odiorne & Co., Boston, 1835.

Wheeler, Ruth M., Climate for Freedom, Concord Antiquarian Society Printing and Publishing Production Assn., Yarmouthport, Mass.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	42	28	22½
NE	° ' "	° ' "	71	22	53
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **six (6) acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Alexander Cassie, Consultant for Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: **Massachusetts Historical Commission**

DATE: **August 14, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street,

CITY OR TOWN: **Boston**

STATE: **Massachusetts**

CODE: **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. Davoren
John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the
Commonwealth and Chairman of the
Title
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date

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

Ernest A. Connelly
~~Ernest A. Connelly, Associate Director, Professional Services~~
Associate Director, Professional Services

Date

NOV 15 1973

ATTEST:

Charles A. Henshaw
Keeper of The National Register

Date

11-9-73

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: 10/16/93

NAME OF PROPERTY Burritt, Colonel James, Farm, Mass

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. **OCT 19 REC'D**

1. Name. _____
2. Location. _____
3. Classification. _____
4. Owner of Property. _____
5. Location of Legal Description. _____
6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
7. Description. _____
8. Statement of Significance. _____
9. Bibliography. _____
- ☒ 10. Geographical Data. 37 sec
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about _____. Please check.
 - b. Acreage. _____
11. Form Prepared By. _____
12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. _____
- Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: 

PROPERTY Barnett, Colonel James, Farm STATE Mass Middlesex

WORKING NUMBER 9.28.73.3689

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 1

MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW

Not in record

9-28-

73
cm

OK

HISTORIAN

might be a good Landmark but for 18th cent.
alterations — such as ^{new} clapboard siding added
(may still be a possibility?)

Accept
fml
10/1/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Good property.

Accept
RHC
10/12/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Cath
10-9-73

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back 10.16.73

Federal Register entry 1-1-74

Re-submit 10.29.73

Entered

NOV 15 1973



ARTHUR F. MARCH JR., O.D.
ZERO THOREAU ST.
CONCORD, MASS. 01742

South eastern view of front (south)
face of Col. James Barrett House
Concord, Mass.

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

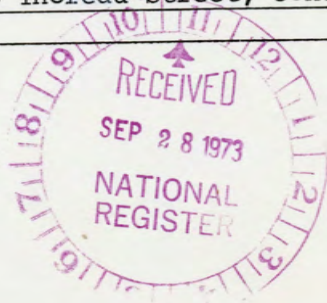
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	
Colonel James Barrett Farm		NOV 15 1973
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Middlesex	Concord
STREET AND NUMBER		
448 Barrett's Mill Road		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		Negative FILED AT
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	
Arthur F. March, Jr. O.D.	Spring 1973	Arthur F. March Jr. Zero Thoreau Street, Concord
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

Facade facing south

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

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STREET AND NUMBER

448 Barrett's Mill Road

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S. Maynard Quadrangle

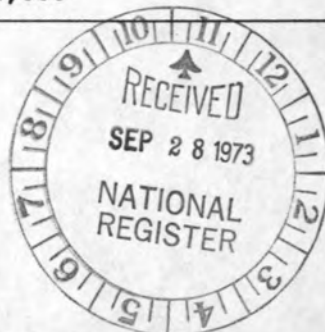
DATE

1965

SCALE

1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

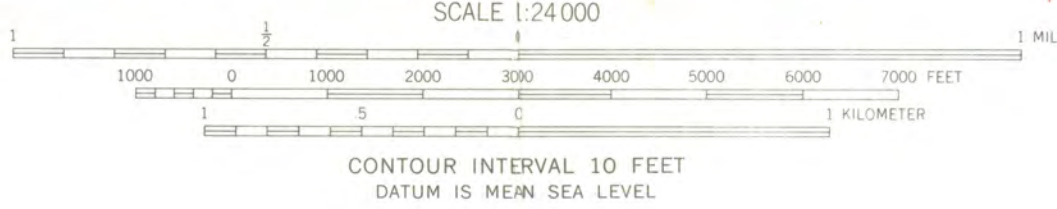


COLONEL JAMES BARRETT FARM
CONCORD

LAT. 42° 28' 22.5"
LONG. 71° 22' 53"



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1941. Revised 1965
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
State Route —○—

MAYNARD, MASS.
N4222.5—W7122.5/7.5

1965

AMS 6768 IV NW—SERIES V814



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary
Massachusetts Historical Commission

John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth

~~2--Joy Street--~~
40 Beacon Street

Boston, Mass. 02108

September 21, 1973

National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Attention: Jerry Rogers

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed are the National Register nominations for:

Berkshire County, Florida and North Adams, Hoosac Tunnel
Middlesex County, Concord, Colonel James Barrett Farm

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Amadon

Elizabeth R. Amadon
State Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary
Massachusetts Historical Commission

John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth

40 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108
727-8470

October 23, 1973

National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20240

Attention Jerry Rogers



Dear Jerry:

We are resubmitting the National Register nomination form for the Colonel James Barrett Farm. Enclosed please find the form and map with the latitude corrected as per your suggestion.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Amadon (plw)

Elizabeth R. Amadon
State Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW:
encl:

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered NOV 15 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Barrett, Colonel James, Farm	Concord Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Paul W. Cronin

Director, Northeast Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission
40 Beacon Street
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