

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mass.	
COUNTY: Norfolk	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.7.20.0006	DATE 7/1/70

1. NAME	
COMMON: Moswetuset Hummock	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION		CONG. DISTRICT: 11	
STREET AND NUMBER: Squantum Street about 1,000 feet northeast of the intersection of Morrissey Blvd.			
CITY OR TOWN: Quincy			
STATE Mass.	CODE 025	COUNTY: Norfolk	CODE 021

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		STATE: MASS.	
OWNER'S NAME: Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Metropolitan District Commission)			
STREET AND NUMBER: 20 Somerset Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Mass.	CODE 025	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		COUNTY: Norfolk	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the Treasurer			
STREET AND NUMBER: State House			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Mass.	CODE 025	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		FOR NPS USE ONLY	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of the historic assets of the Commonwealth		ENTRY NUMBER 70.7.20.0006	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1963ff ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local		DATE 7/1/70	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary			
STREET AND NUMBER: State House			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Mass.	CODE 025	

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PH0026352

H13 NO 4770



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

Supply - Moswetuset Munnock is a promontory lying east of East Squantum Road in the northern part of Quincy. This arrow-shaped mound is approached from the road across a short and narrow neck. The Hummock is bounded by the waters of Quincy Bay, where the Indians fished, and salt marshes which afforded them protection. The vegetation on the two acre site remains much the same as when the Indians occupied the Hummock in the early seventeenth century (and before). Four stone bounds are sunk along the north, east and south edges of the Hummock and on the south side is a monument placed there by the Squantum Women's Club.

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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)

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

Moswetuset Hummock is the only surviving memorial of the tribe of Indians from whom the Colony, Province and Commonwealth of Massachusetts derived their name; in the early 1600's, this small hill was the chief seat of Chicatabot, the Sachem of the Massachusetts Indians. Further, Moswetuset Hummock is one of the few important Indian sites in New England that has remained unchanged since it was occupied by the Indians. The purely rustic form of the Hummock has not been altered by modern improvement. It is still bounded by the sea where the Indians fished, the marshes that protected them from their enemies and the original planting grounds of the tribe on land to the west.

Neal's History of New England, published in 1747, explains the origin of the name Massachusetts. "The Sachem or Sagamore who governed the Indians in this part of the country when the English came hither, had his seat on a small hill, or hummock, containing perhaps an acre and a half, about two leagues to the southward of Boston, which hill or hummock lies in the shape of an Indian's arrowhead, which arrow-heads are called in their language MOS, or MONS, with O nasal, and hill in their language is WETUSET; hence, this great Scahem's seat was called Moswetuset, which signifies a hill in the shape of an arrow's head, and his subjects, the Moswetuset Indians, from whence with a small variation of the word, the Province received the name MASSACHUSETTS."



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Massachusetts Archaeological Society, "Reflections Upon the Past and Present of the Massachusetts Indians", Bulletin, Vol 4, #3.

Speck, "Territorial Subdivisions and Boundaries of the Wampanoag, Massachusetts and Nauset Indians" Museum of American Indians, N.Y., 1928, Monograph No. 44.

Neal, Daniel, The History of New England, London, 1747.

Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society Comm., History of the Town of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Boston: Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., 1859.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	17	22
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	01	20
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0				
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: under 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard W. Hale, Jr., Acting Chairman		
ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission	DATE April 22, 1971	
STREET AND NUMBER: Office of the Secretary, State House		
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE Mass.	CODE 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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. Donohue

Title

Date

27 April 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Conrady
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 7 1971

Date

ATTEST:

William J. Smiley
Keeper of The National Register

Date

SEP 29 1971

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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JTM:JEF
4/27/71



Quincy
Moswetuset Hummock
E Squantum St.

NPS Number 70.7.20.0006

Title: Moswetuset Hummock

Log.

Mass
Norfolk

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)

STATE Mass.	
COUNTY Norfolk	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.7.20.0006	DATE 7/1/71

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Moswetuset Hummock			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Squantum St. about 1,000 feet northeast of the intersection of			
Morrissey Blvd.			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Quincy			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Mass.	025	Norfolk	02
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Massachusetts Historical Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: April 1971			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
Massachusetts Historical Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View from East Squantum Street, showing monument			



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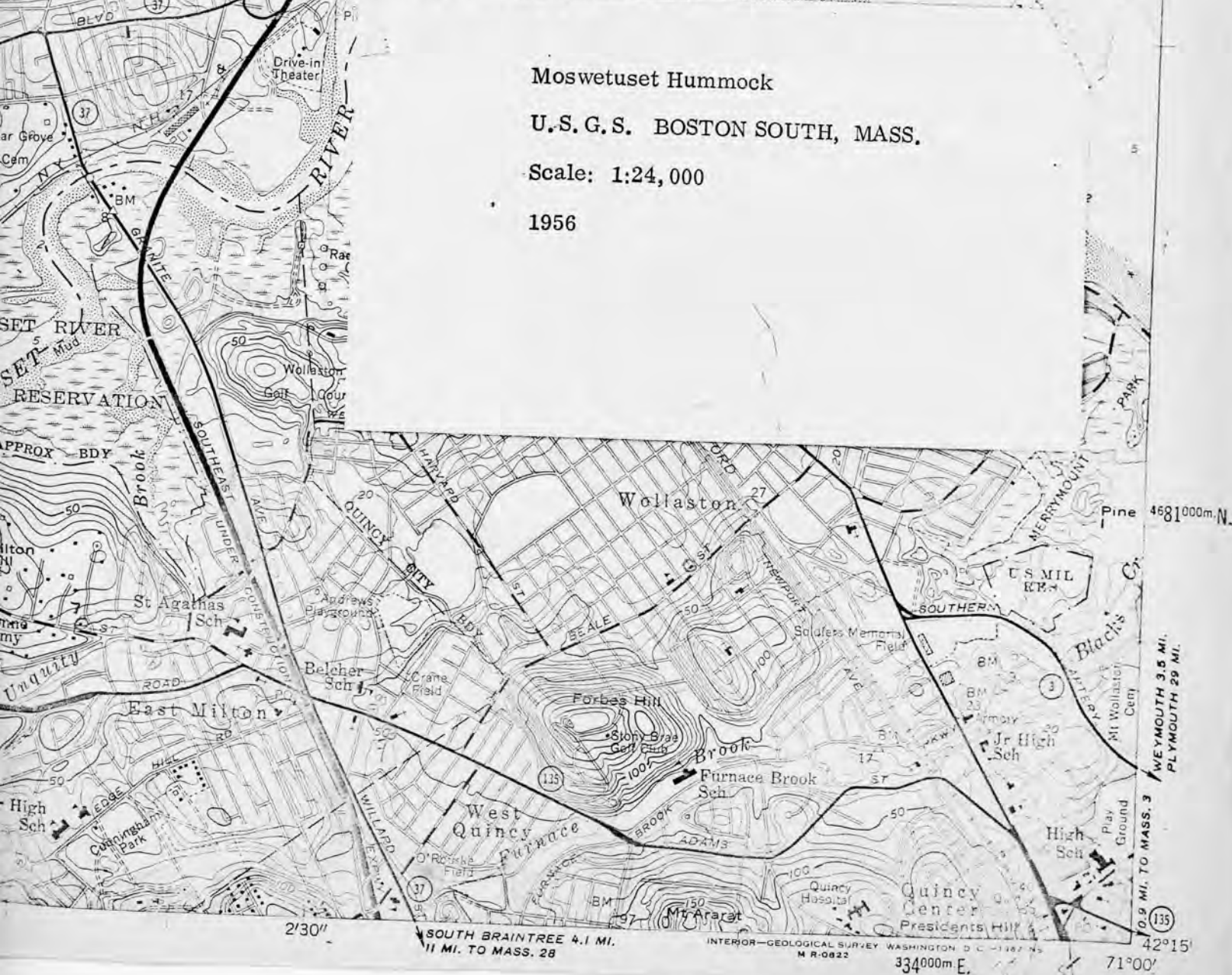


Moswetuset Hummock

U.S.G.S. BOSTON SOUTH, MASS.

Scale: 1:24,000

1956



Form 10-301
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

STATE	
Mass.	
COUNTY	
Norfolk	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
10.7.30.0006	7/1/70

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Moswetuset Hummock			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Squantum St. about 1,000 feet northeast of the intersection of Morrissey Blvd.			
CITY OR TOWN: Quincy			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Mass.	025	Norfolk	02
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. Boston, South			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1956			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



MASSWETUSSET Hummock

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BOSTON SOUTH QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey

Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Revised from

aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 246

and 248 (1971). This information is not intended for navigational

purposes

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,

mainland zone

1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,

zone 19, shown in blue

Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information supplied

by Massachusetts Department of Public Works

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

SCALE 1:24,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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.

N4215—W7100/7.5

1970

AMS 6768 I SE—SERIES V814



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

State House, Boston 02133

Fed. Reg.

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

June 4, 1970

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
801 19th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20006



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

In Massachusetts we wish to avail ourselves of pre-submission of state-owned properties for the Register. These four properties have been passed on by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at their March 17 meeting.

70.7.20.0004 1. Quincy Homestead, 34 Butler Road, Quincy, Norfolk County, which is already a state landmark

70.7.20.0005 2. Plymouth Rock, Water Street, Plymouth, Plymouth County. This is already part of the Cole's Hill National Landmark, but should, for obvious reasons be separately listed in the Register.

Then come two properties which are not located by streets, but which can be located by latitude and longitude.

70.7.20.0006 3. Moswetusset Hummock, Quincy, Norfolk County, 42 deg. 17 20 N, 71 1 20 W, the Indian seaside site which, with a change in spelling, gave the Commonwealth its name. On Squantum Street, c. 1,000 feet Northeast of intersection with Morrissey Blvd.

70.7.20.0007 4. Dighton Rock, Berkeley, Bristol County, 41 deg. 48 51 N, 71 06 42 W., is famous for its mysterious inscriptions ever since Cotton Mather transcribed them in the late 17th century. 1 mile west of Bayview Ave. in Dighton Rock State Park

These sites are in the following Congressmens' districts:

- 1, Quincy- Representative James A. Burke
- 2, Plymouth-Representative Hastings Keith
- 3, Quincy--Representative Burke
- 4, Dighton--Representative Margaret Heckler

(over)

Yours sincerely,

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

RWH/s

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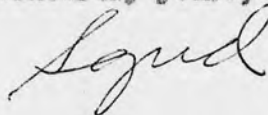
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Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman
Massachusetts Historical Commission
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Davoren:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Edward M. Kennedy and Edward W. Brooke and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

JUL 1 1970

Entered in the National Register

cc:

HR

RGamble:mm

6/26/70

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historical Places

MASSACHUSETTS

Quincy Homestead

Plymouth Rock

↳ Moswetuset Hummock

Dighton Rock

Norfolk County, Massachusetts

Plymouth County, Massachusetts

Norfolk County, Massachusetts

Bristol County, Massachusetts

KJO-HR

Hon. James A. Burke
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

JUL 14 1970

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Dear Mr. Burke:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Massachusetts and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Edward M. Kennedy and Edward W. Brooke have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, Massachusetts 02133, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

JUL 1 1970

CC:

Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman,
Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Director, Northeast Region

cc: LL-Mr. Melvin
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HR
RGamble:mm
6/26/70

Properties added to the National Register of Historical Places

MASSACHUSETTS

Quincy Homestead ✓

✓Norfolk County, Massachusetts

Moswetusset Hummock ✓

✓Norfolk County, Massachusetts



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

July 16, 1970

Miss Elizabeth Dipple
Office of Archeology and
Historic Preservation
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
801 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C., 20006

Dear Miss Dipple:

This is to confirm the data I telephoned to you.
Moswetuset Hummock's address is Squantum Street, Quincy,
about 1000 feet northeast of its intersection with Mor-
rissey Boulevard.

Dighton Rock: Dighton Rock State Park, Berkeley, one mile
west of Bay View Avenue.

Also enclosed is a photocopy of the clipping from the
Worcester Telegram about Elm Park, about which I spoke to
you. It reached me by chance from friends in Worcester.

Thank you for your help on this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard W. Hale Jr.".

Richard W. Hale Jr.

Acting Chairman
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure

RWH/st



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

April 27, 1971

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:

Fort Independence, Boston	}	state-owned properties
Moswetuset Hummock, Quincy		
Rogerson's Village, Uxbridge (North)		
Crown and Eagle Mills, Uxbridge (North)		



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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