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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Capron House

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

42 North Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Attleboro

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
10th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Bristol

CODE

005

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Donald R. and Marian H. Wrightington

STREET & NUMBER

42 North Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Attleboro

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02703

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Bristol County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Taunton

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1969

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Capron House is located on a third of an acre in an older residential neighborhood of Attleboro. The house is sited close to the street and separated from the roadway by a simply landscaped apron and low stone wall. Much of the original front yard was taken for an electric trolley right-of-way in the early 20th century.

The 2½ story house has a ridge roof with gables to the side and two dissimilar end chimneys. There is a one story ell on the south elevation. The house is sheathed in cedar shingles. The 6/6 fenestration throughout is framed by a simple flat architrave. Windows on the second story of the facade and rear elevation are placed directly below the simple molded cornice.

The six bay wide facade faces east across North Avenue. The raised panel door of the center entry is flanked by pilaster and crowned by a five light transom. Above this is a shallow projecting triangular pediment with dentil course.

The main house is 36x26'. The ell is 21x14'. The interior features wide pine floorboards, corner posts with beaded casings and horizontal wainscoting.

The chimneys were rebuilt in 1876; the clapboarding has been covered by the cedar shingles. A carriage shed attached to the ell was destroyed by the great hurricane of 1938.

The original farm consisted of over 200 acres.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☒ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Capron House is significant as an 18th century house and for its associations with the Capron family, an important Attleboro family who owned the house for over 200 years.

Banfield Capron, one of the original Attleboro settlers, gave each of his children a farm of 200 acres. One of his children built this house.

One colorful owner in the 19th century, Joseph Willard Capron, kept a journal of events associated with this property, the surrounding area and the family. The journal included an inventory of all standing wood, hay, ornamental trees, even cranberries stolen from the property.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Journal of Joseph Capron"

Daggett, John, A Sketch of the History of Attleborough, Boston: Press of Samuel Usher.
Maps of Attleboro

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/3 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 309610 4647140
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marian H. Wrightington

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor & Attleboro Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

28 February 1978

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 X

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 National Park Service.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Patricia L. Wedel

3/23/78

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE
Acting

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles H. Smith
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

7-21-78

ATTEST:

William C. Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property

Capron House

State

Mass.

Working Number

4.3.78.2814

Bristol

TECHNICAL

Photos *6*

Maps *1*

Signature

CONTROL

OK 4.4.78

HISTORIAN

*Accept
Franklin
6-1-78*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
Bravham
5-15-78*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Minimal nomination for eligible
property. Significant as example
of 18th century residence carrying over 17th C
technology. - at local level.*

*Accept
Lebovich
6/13/78*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

JUL 21 1978

Federal Register Entry

9.5.78

Re-submit

INT:2106-74



Capron House
Attleboro, MA.

1977

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Photo #1 96

Looking west towards the facade and south
elevation

SE - OLD RED HOUSE
AVE ATTLEBORO, MASS
HOUSE FACING EAST

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



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Photo #2 86 Bristol County
Looking west towards the center entry

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FRONT DOOR FACING EAST

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Photo #3 **86 Bristol County**

Detail, parlor mantel

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FIRE PLACE
HAS CARVING THAT

IS REPRODUCED IN
PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

THE CHAIR RAIL,



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Photo #4 86

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Detail, millwork, parlor mantel

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SIDE OF FIREPLACE

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DETAIL OF CARVING.



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Photo #5 **g6**
Detail, roof ridge

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CONSTRUCTION:

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OLD RED HOUSE
E. ATTLEBORO, MASS

HOWING MORTISE-
AND PEG.



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Photo #6 *g6*
Detail, Keeping Room fireplace

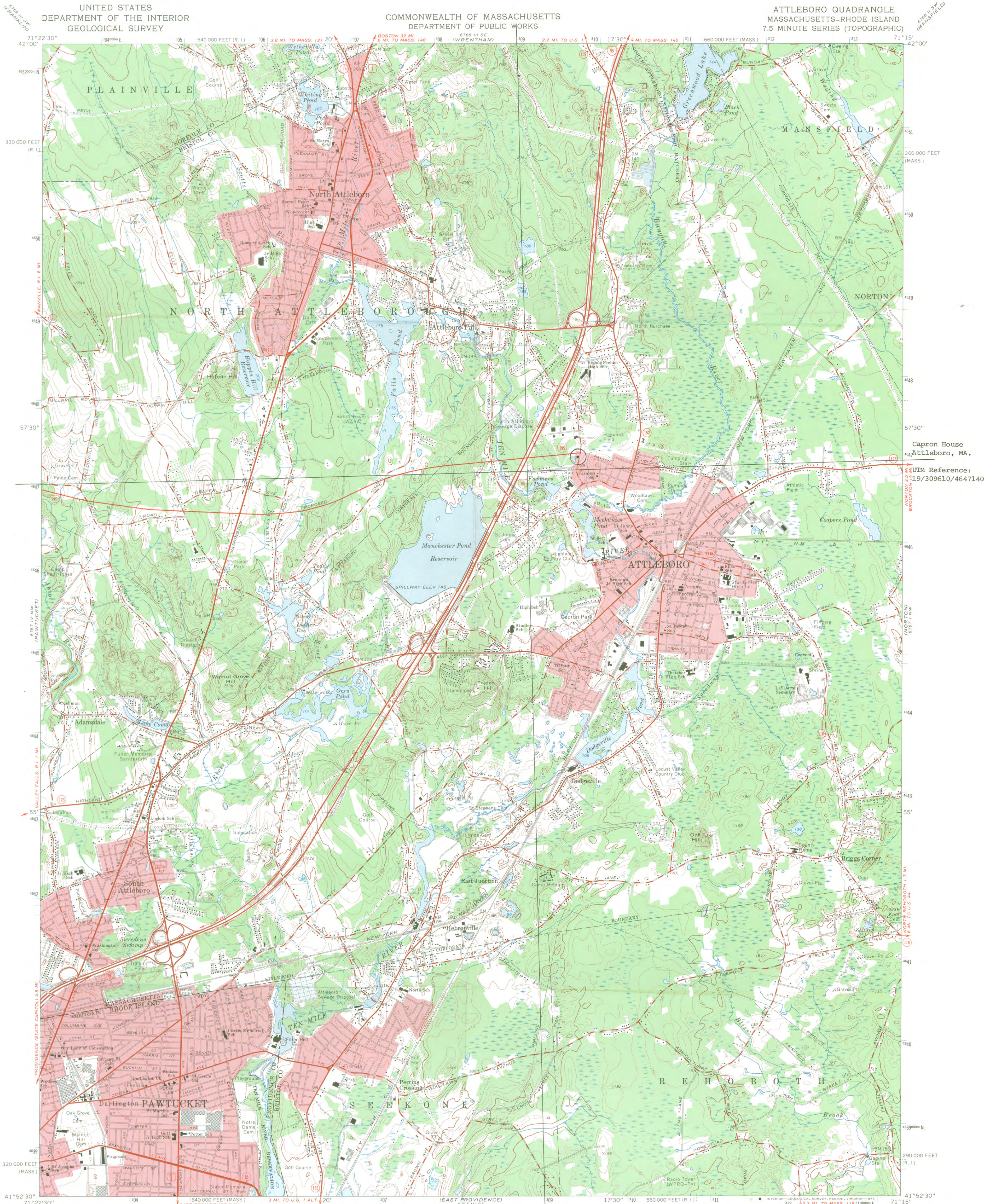
Bristol County

ON THE SIDE.

OLD RED HOUSE
ATTLEBORO, MASS

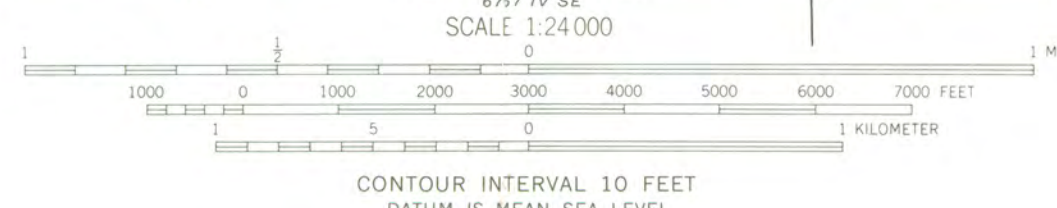
REPLACE WITH
WO BAKE OVENS

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1935 and 1938-1939
Revised 1964
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone, and Rhode Island coordinate system.
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1964 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	Light duty
Medium duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ATTLEBORO, MASS.-R.I.
N4152.5-W7115/7.5

1964
AMS 6767 IV NE-SERIES V814

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Attleboro, Mass.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Half Way House	Chatham Barnstable County
First Parish Church	Duxbury vicinity Plymouth County
Capron House	Attleboro Bristol County
Newell Farm	West Newbury Essex County
Locke, Capt. Benjamin, House	Arlington Middlesex County
Hawthorne Class Studio	Provincetown Barnstable County
Thayer Public Library	Braintree Norfolk County

Also Notified

Honorable Edward W. Brooke
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Gerry E. Studds
Honorable Margaret M. Heckler
Honorable Michael J. Harrington
Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Honorable James A. Burke

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02103

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Capron House			② OTHER NAMES:		③ date of entry: JUL 21 1978	④ county code: 05
⑤ LOCATION street & number 42 North Ave.		city / town Attleboro	vicinity of	state MA	county Bristol	⑥ NPS REGION NA
⑦ OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)				⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: SHPO staff		
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NAD8 ☐ NAD27 ☐ NAD83 ☐ NAD83/84		⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑪ CONGRESS DISTRICT 10th		
⑫ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑭ ACCESSION ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION		
⑮ CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ ruins ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ altered ☐ original site ☐ moved ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated		⑯ FEATURES SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-4 ☐ NOT INTACT-5 ☐ NOT INTACT-6 ☐ UNKNOWN-7 ☐ UNKNOWN-8 ☐ UNKNOWN-9 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-10 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-11 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-12 ☐				
⑰ ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		⑱ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑲ SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		
⑳ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC-1 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC-2 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-5 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10		☐ ENGINEERING-7 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-25 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20		☐ POLITICS/GOVT-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) _____ ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25		
㉑ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		㉒ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:			㉓ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION	
㉔ architectural style(s):		㉕ architect:		㉖ master builder:		㉗ engineer:
㉘ landscape architect/garden designer:		㉙ interior decorator:		㉚ artist:		㉛ artisan:
						㉜ builder/contractor:
㉝ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:						
㉞ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP						