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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Hyde House
AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

144 West Park Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Lee

VICINITY OF

1st

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Massachusetts

025

Berkshire

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: YMCA

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Pittsfield YMCA

STREET & NUMBER

292 North Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Pittsfield

VICINITY OF

Massachusetts 01201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Berkshire County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

24 Wendell Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Pittsfield,

Massachusetts 01201

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

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 Hyde House is a large, vernacular Georgian style dwelling. It was built in 1792 and is located at 144 West Park Street in a residentially zoned area near the center of Lee. The house is set well back from the street with a landscaped lawn in front and large trees surrounding the sides and rear.

The original house, which forms the central part of the current house, is built on a fieldstone foundation. It is of wood frame, plank construction and covered with four inch clapboard. The geometric shape of the house is rectangular; the facade is symmetrical with five bays of nine over nine windows and the center entrance on the first floor, and six over six windows on the second floor. The doorway is graced with fluted pilasters and capped with a triangular pediment. The door itself is not original. It was reproduced according to an original design, but made wider to meet fire safety regulations. The house is two and one half stories, with a medium height pitched roof that is pierced by two dormers.

The interior design of the original house has been altered considerably. On the first floor, the original symmetrical layout of the rooms along a central hallway has been changed. The two front rooms remain, but the central staircase has been removed and the partitions that formed the back rooms have been taken out to create one large room. Paneling has been put on the walls, doors have been changed and large planks have been put across the bottom of the first floor windows. However, the original detail remains around the ceilings and fireplaces in many of the rooms.

During the nineteenth century, when the house was used as a boarding school as well as a residence, a large rear addition was built. The first floor of this addition housed the "school room" and the second floor contained the small bedrooms of the students. These rooms remain virtually unaltered. The staircase in the rear addition was taken from an eighteenth century house in Sandisfield, Massachusetts. It consists of two staircases, eight feet four inches apart, which meet at a landing. From the landing, a single staircase rises to the second floor. The garages at the rear of the house and the seven foot, one story additions on the sides of the original house were built in the 1930's.

The original house and additions are painted red with white trim. This color scheme and the choice of similar building materials throughout the house, give it a physical, if not stylistic, unity.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hyde House has played a significant role in the educational and religious life of the town of Lee. It has served as the rectory of the First Congregational Church, a boys' boarding school and a private residence. Architecturally, the Georgian style Hyde House is also noteworthy, reflecting the tastes of an eighteenth century clergyman and town.

Hyde House was built in 1792 by Reverend Alvan Hyde, the first settled minister of the Lee First Congregational Church. Upon the death of Reverend Hyde, the house was inherited by his son, Alexander Hyde. In 1837, Alexander opened a school in the house called "Hyde Park Family Boarding School for Boys." The large addition at the rear of the house was built to accommodate the school. In 1867, the boarding school closed and the house was again used only as a private residence. It was owned by the Hyde family until 1967, when the house was given to the newly founded Lee YMCA.

Both Alvan and Alexander Hyde played significant roles in the early history of Lee. As the first settled minister of the town, Alvan, whose ministry in Lee spanned forty-one years, had an important impact on the religious life of the community. Alexander played an active role in the establishment of the schools in the town. He was instrumental in the founding of Lee Academy which later became Lee High School. His own boarding school attracted boys from New York, Boston and Chicago and included F.D.R.'s father James Roosevelt and Arthur Gilman, a well-known educator who was one of the founders of Radcliffe. Alexander also served as the first president of the Berkshire Historical and Scientific Society, contributed weekly articles on scientific agriculture to the New York Times, and was asked to be president of Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst - the present University of Massachusetts, an invitation he declined. In 1880 he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature, and died a year later in Boston while attending a legislative session.

Architecturally, the original house is Georgian in style and one of the best preserved buildings in the town of Lee. The eighteenth century house can be clearly distinguished from the later additions. It illustrates well several characteristics of the Georgian style: a symmetrical five bay facade, low hipped roof, and a classical doorway capped with a triangular pediment.

The house is currently the property of the Lee YMCA. The Hyde family gave the house to the YMCA with the understanding that if at any time the YMCA no longer wishes to have the property, it will be returned to the family. The statement that accompanied the gift also specified that no changes be made on the exterior of the house.

no
Lebovich
11.8.76

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Valley Gleaner, Lee, MA June, Aug. Oct. 1879, Lee Library
 Memoir of Rev. Alvan Hyde, D.D. of Lee, MA, Boston, 1835
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 Letter from F.D. Roosevelt, June 16, 1937, at Lee Savings Bank
 Registry of Deeds, Pittsfield, MA
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.6 acres

UTM REFERENCES

46 84-750

A	1 1 8	6 4 3 9 1 8 1 0	4 6 8 3 7 1 8 1 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Andrea M. Gilmore, Charlotte P. Davis

July 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts 02108

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amadon

TITLE Executive Director Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

7/19/76

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

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11/21/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11.15.2

Property Hayde House

Berkshire

State Mass.

Working Number 7.29.76-3826

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

Nothing appears incorrect

11.12.76 CONTROL
3.0 part pl
OK 7.30.76

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
11-1-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
LEBouché
11.8.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

As Trip
BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Cole
11.10.76

KEEPER

Hunt
for Hunt
11.15.76

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry 2-1-77

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

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HYDE HOUSE, LEE, MASS

PHOTO NO 1.

Hyde House

Lee, MA

Berkshire Co.

David Elliot

1976

Lee YMCA, 144 West St., Lee MA 01201
Corner View - Facade and south side of
house

Photo #1

JUL 29 1976

NOV 21 1976

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



HYDE HOUSE - LEE YMCA - 144 WEST PARK ST., LEE

(2)

Hyde House

Lee, MA *Berkshire Co.*

Photographer, Unknown

1967

Lee YMCA, 144 West St., Lee, MA 01201

View of the house before alterations

were made by the YMCA

Photo #2

JUL 29 1976

NOV 21 1976

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PHOTO NO. 2.

Hyde House
Lee, MA *Berkshire Co.*
David Elliot
1976
Lee YMCA, 144 West St., Lee, MA 01201
West side of the house
Photo #3

JUL 29 1976

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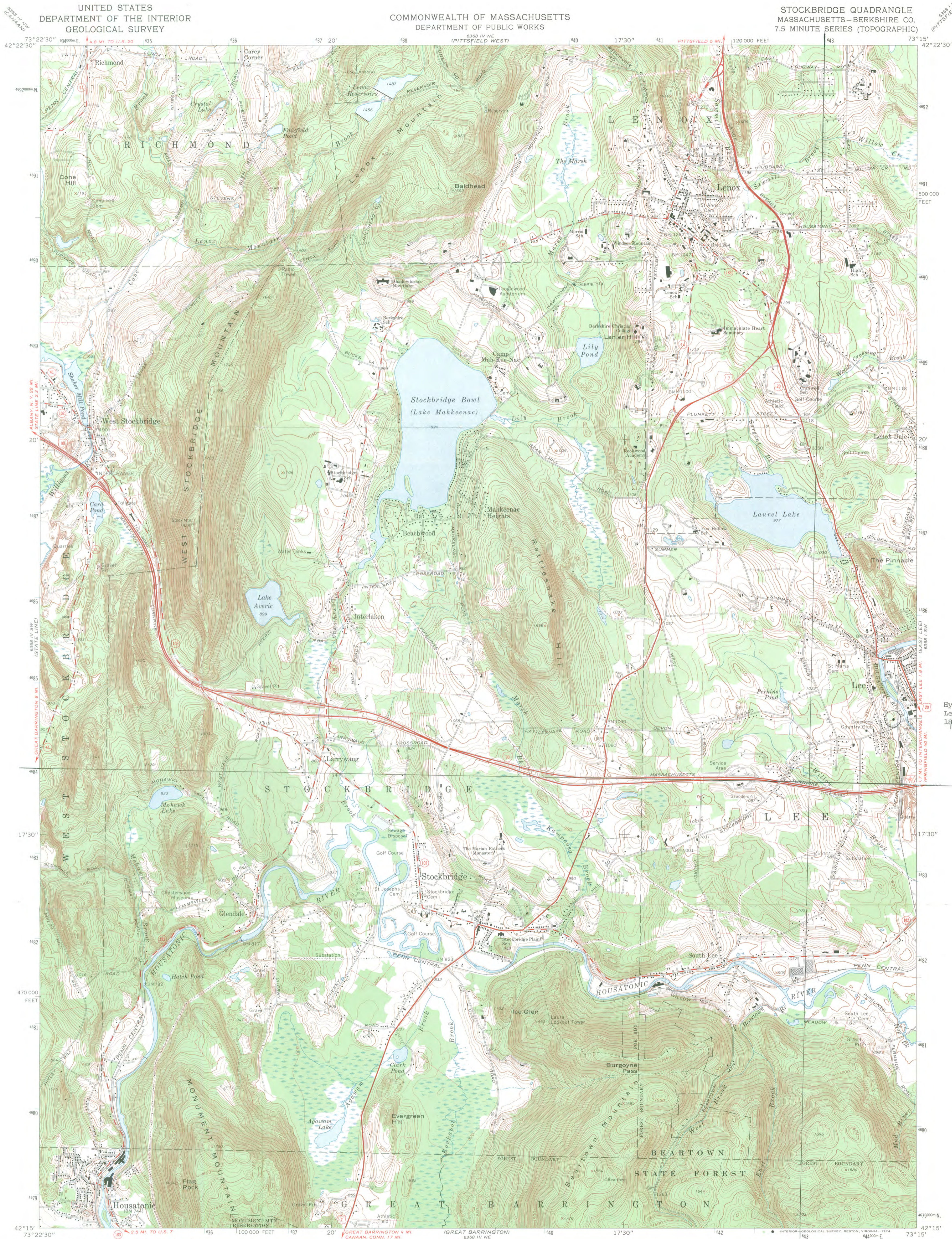
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Hyde House
Lee, MA *Berkshire Co.*
David Elliot
1976
Lee YMCA, 144 West Park St., Lee, MA 01201
East side of house
Photo #4

JUL 29 1976

NOV 21 1976

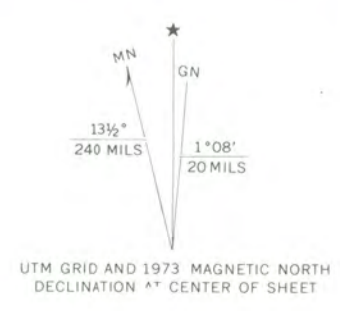
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Hyde House
Lee, MA 4684-750
18643980/4683780

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1942. Field checked 1944. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1973
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 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



SCALE 1:24 000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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STOCKBRIDGE, MASS
N4215—W7315/7.5
1973
AMS 6368 IV SE—SERIES V814

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered NOV 21 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hyde House	Lee Berkshire County
Meetinghouse Common District	Lynnfield Essex County
Bakers Island Light Station	Salem vicinity Essex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Silvio O. Conte
Hon. Torbert H. Macdonald
Hon. Michael J. Harrington

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Mr. Robert F. Crecco, DOT
Mr. Clarence Lee, U. S. Coast Guard

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11-1-76
Reviewer INITIALS: *ESL*
NR DOE NOV 21 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Hyde House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: 144 W. Park St.

CITY/TOWN: Lee

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st

STATE: Massachusetts

VICINITY OF: 025

COUNTY: Berkshire code 003

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

Lee YMCA

ADMINISTRATOR (underline):

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR: Substantially intact-1
 unknown - 4
 not applicable - 7
EXTERIOR: Substantially intact-2
 unknown - 5
 not applicable - 8
ENVIRONS: Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 6
 Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO

IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO

IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- *House*

now- *Currently used as YMCA*

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
 ARCHEOLOGY HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN recreation
 ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING MILITARY TRANSPORTATION settlement
 ART EXPLORATION MUSIC PHILOSOPHY OTHER (SPECIFY) socio/cultural
 COMMERCE INDUSTRY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT urban & communit
 COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: *Georgian*

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal

events

institutional

Frame, clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, modified L shape, gabled roof sections, central chimney, gabled dormers, front center pedimented entrance, extensive alterations and additions, 19th and 20th c. Georgian. Built by Rev. Alvan Hyde, first settled minister of the Free First Congregational Church; inherited by ^{U6377} ³ Lyson Alexander who opened a boys' boarding school which closed in 1867, and who later became an important figure in education in Massachusetts.

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1792*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): *1792 - Present*

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

1.6

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

2 1/2 stories, frame, rectangular structure with gabled roofs. Series of ell extending perpendicular to main block. Central chimney.

Frame, clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, modified L shape, gabled roof sections, central chimney, gabled dormers, front center pedimented entrance; extensive alterations and additions, 19th and 20th c. Georgian. Home of Built by

SIDE BAYS AND GARAGE: 1930's alterations and additions, 19th and 20th c. Georgian.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The Hyde House is significant for its association with Reverend Alvan Hyde, who was the first settled minister of the Free First Congregational Church; and played an active role in the establishment of the Academy. served as a factory, of the church, boys' boarding school, and private residence.