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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 Parkman Tavern

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 5 of Concord at
20 Powder Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Concord

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fifth

STATE Massachusetts

CODE
025

COUNTY Middlesex

CODE
017

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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Artcon Realty Trust, Alan and Deborah Trustman, beneficial owners

STREET & NUMBER
Parkman Terrace

CITY, TOWN
Concord

VICINITY OF

STATE
Massachusetts (01742)

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
40 Thorndike Street

CITY, TOWN
Cambridge

STATE
Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #3

DATE
☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN
Boston

STATE
Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
☒ EXCELLENT	☐ DETERIORATED	☐ UNALTERED	☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ GOOD	☐ RUINS	☒ ALTERED	☐ MOVED
☐ FAIR	☐ UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Parkman Tavern is located at the corner of Sudbury and Powder Mill Roads in the Town of Concord adjacent to a one and a half acre pond. It is a two and a half story five bay center entrance wood framed structure sheathed with clapboards. A central chimney with a corbelled cap rises through a ridge roof. The foundation is fieldstone. A modern one story shed-roof ell which replaced an earlier barn extends from its northeast corner.

It is believed that the house was constructed in the seventeenth century and remodeled in 1770 and 1820. The early date is supported by several features: the position of the chimney in front of the ridge; the fenestration of the side elevations with paired windows placed toward the front and presumably older portion of the structure; and interior details such as feather edged sheathing and chamfered beams.

The present appearance of the facade is the result of a nineteenth century remodeling and reflects the popularity of the Greek Revival style. The entrance is framed by full length side lights and a shallow pediment and is flanked on either side by two windows. The three windows of the second story repeat the side light pattern of the front door. 6/9 double hung sash appears throughout the building.

The window surrounds and cornerboards are formed of simple flush boarding. The molded cornice has short returns and is raked in the gable ends.

Inside the stairway leading to the cellar are traces of much earlier stairs, going in the opposite direction, possibly at one time to a buttery. The cellar door in the dining room dates from the 17th century.

Upstairs there are two large chambers. The east bedroom contains 17th century vertical feather-edged sheathing. The 17th century posts and beams have been boxed with beaded-edged boards, probably in 1770. The front window was altered from the more traditional two windows about 1820 by an architect working in Lexington. He also changed the windows in the upstairs front hall and the west bedroom.

In the front hall one can see the original 17th century beams, containing traces of egg yolk paint. The attic stairs have been boarded up, but one can see in the plaster under the wallpaper where they originally went.

The western bedroom contains plaster dating from the 17th century. Fragments of diamond paned glass from the original casement windows have been found inside the walls as well as pieces of the wooden casement window frames. The size and shape of these windows is clearly visible in the plaster, which has been protected under a layer of canvas. Traces of the same 17th century feather-edged sheathing that exists in the east bedroom were found in the wall of the west bedroom. It was torn down in 1820 when the attic stairs were removed. The present owners have restored that sheathing. In addition, brick insulation dating from the 17th century was found inside the walls of both bedrooms. The ceilings in these bedrooms are very high, nine feet.

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
X1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
—1800-1899	—COMMERCE	XEXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1659

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

George Wheeler

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Parkman Tavern possesses integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is associated with events which have contributed to the broad patterns of our history, with persons important in Concord's past and it embodies many of the distinctive characteristics of first period construction expanded by eighteenth and nineteenth century owners. It is one of the oldest houses in Concord and stands on its original site. During most of its history, it was owned and occupied by the Wheeler family, one of the earliest, largest and oldest Concord families

It is believed that the core of the house was built in 1659 by George Wheeler for his son William at the time of his marriage. George had arrived in Concord in the 1640's, and purchasing much of the southwestern section of town known as Nine Acre Corner (where the Parkman Tavern is located) from Peter Bulkely, quickly became one of the larger landowners. He was elected selectman in 1660.

The house remained in Wheeler ownership until 1770 when Amos Wheeler sold it to William Parkman, a wealthy Boston merchant. Parkman was one of the messengers sent to warn the inhabitants of neighboring towns that the British were coming on April 19, 1775. He served as deputy sheriff of the county for most of the twenty-five years he lived at Nine Acre Corner. He became deacon of the First Church in 1788, and also served as the town's first postmaster.

The house takes its name from this period when it was operated as a tavern. Nineteenth century accounts described the tavern as "a great place of resort for teamsters, who in those days did all the business of transportation for the county. His (Parkman's) granddaughter remembered that on one occasion her grandfather put up for the night over forty teams. She also used to recall vividly the fact that heavy Canadian baggage wagons, drawn by ten or a dozen as heavy horses, with peculiarly cumbersome harness used to appear frequently at the tavern." The success of the tavern may be attributed in part to its location. In the eighteenth century the "South Road" was a major route connecting Lincoln on the east with Marlboro on the west. At that time it incorporated Powder Mill Road and ran right by the tavern. In the nineteenth century this route was supplanted by the Fitchburg Turnpike (now Route 117) which ran one mile south of the tavern.

In 1795 Parkman moved to Concord Village to become a shopkeeper. He sold the house and farm to Phineas Wheeler, a nephew of Amos. One of Phineas' sons was Captain Artemas Wheeler, a veteran of the War of 1812. He had enlisted in the Concord Light Infantry in 1806 and became captain of the company in 1816. He was a gunsmith by trade and is well-known for his invention of the gun with a revolving cylinder for which he was granted a patent in 1818. The house remained in the Wheeler family throughout the nineteenth century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY *2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please refer to the attached assessor's map on which the boundaries are delineated in red.

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

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Concord Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

March 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Peter W. S. Gaska

4/3/79

DATE

TITLE

Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

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

DATE

6.15.79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Ann M. Dwyer

DATE

6/18/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property

Parkman Tavern

State

Mass. (Middlesex)

Working Number

4.18.79.844

TECHNICAL

Photos

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Maps

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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

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BRANCH CHIEF

THE STRUCTURE IS ONE OF THE EARLIEST IN CONCORD AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH ONE OF THE COMMUNITIES EARLIEST AND LARGEST CONCORD FAMILIES. PHYSICALLY THE HOUSE IS PRIMARILY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 17TH CENTURY WITH CHANGES MADE TO IT IN 1770 AND 1820.

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Concord

Parkman Tavern

Deborah Trustman 1977

Parkman Tavern

Photo #1

Facade (south) and east elevation

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SOUTH AND EAST FACADES OF

Middlesex
County



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WEST FACADE OF THE BUILDING

Concord
Parkman Tavern
Deborah Trustman
Parkman Tavern

1977

Photo #2
East elevation

Middlesex
County



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WEST FACADE OF THE BUILDING.

Concord

Parkman Tavern

Deborah Trustman 1977

Parkman Tavern

Photo#3

West elevation

*Middlesex
County*



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W AND THE EAST AND SOUTH FACADES

Concord

Parkman Tavern

Deborah Trustman 1977

Parkman Tavern

Photo #4

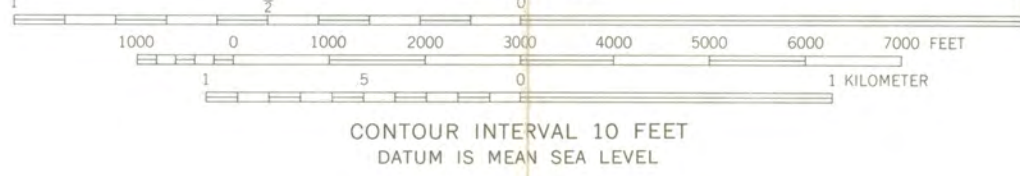
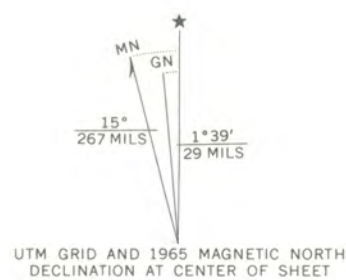
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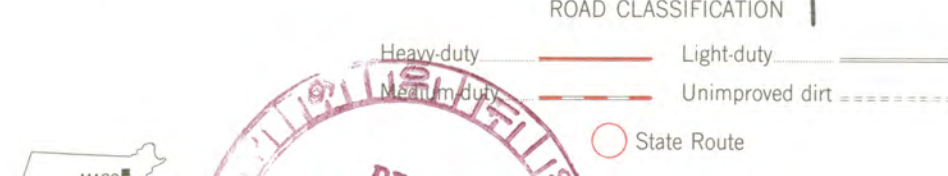


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Concord, MA
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10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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Name

Location

Wason-Springfield Steam Power Blocks

Springfield
Hampden County

Winchester Savings Bank

Winchester
Middlesex County

Parkman Tavern

Concord
Middlesex County

Ware, Schian, Tavern

Ware
Norfolk County

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