

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mass.
COUNTY: Middlesex
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: SEP 22 1972 DATE:

1. NAME

COMMON: Cooper-Frost-Austin House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION Cong District - 8

STREET AND NUMBER: 21 Linnaean Street
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge
STATE: Mass. CODE: 25 COUNTY: Middlesex CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ 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) <u></u>	☐ Comments <u></u>
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities
STREET AND NUMBER: 141 Cambridge Street
CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Mass. CODE: 025

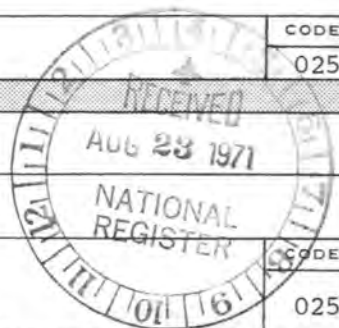
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
STREET AND NUMBER: Cambridge and Third Streets
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Mass. CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of the Historical Assets of Massachusetts
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission
STREET AND NUMBER: Office of the Secretary, State House
CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Mass. CODE: 025

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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 Cooper-Frost-Austin House is a two-story, five-bay, center-entrance house with steeply pitched roof, rear lean-to, and an attached chaise house (now used as porch and garage) on the left (southwest) side. Outstanding period features include the lean-to (which is integral with the framing of the house), the pilastered center chimney, and the overhanging right gable. The house was built in two stages -- the right half (which originally had a facade gable and casement windows) around 1690, the left half around 1720. The interior retains original fireplaces and exposed framing. The entry and stairs date from the early nineteenth century, but few subsequent changes have been made. The grounds, though reduced from their original extent, are still extensive for the built-up district in which the house now finds itself and are kept in an appropriately natural condition.

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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)

ca. 1690-1720

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☒ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cooper-Frost-Austin House is locally important as the oldest complete house in the city. (Portions of one or two other structures may be slightly older but do not possess the same integrity.) The house is important to the state as a well-preserved, well-maintained example of early New England domestic architecture, accessible to the public. It is a certified Massachusetts Historic Landmark.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET FOR REDRAFT



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Bulletin of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, vol. 3, no. 3 (1913), p. 12.
- Hannah Winthrop Chapter, D.A.R., An Historic Guide to Cambridge. Cambridge, Mass., 1907. Pp. 149-152.
- Gozzaldi, Mary I., in Cambridge Historical Society Proceedings, vol. 6 (1911), pp. 19-21.
- Rettig, R. B., Guide to Cambridge Architecture. Cambridge, Mass. 1969, F23.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

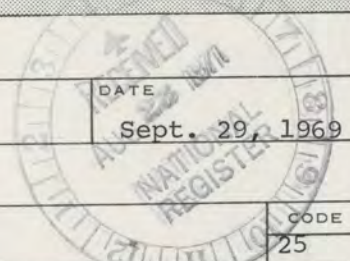
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SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Robert Bell Rettig, Associate Survey Director		
ORGANIZATION Cambridge Historical Commission		
STREET AND NUMBER: 57 Inman Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge	STATE Massachusetts	

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. Wavoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman
Title Commission

Date March 18, 1971

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

Robert M. Italy
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/22/72

ATTEST:

William F. Smith
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

UTM REF.
zone 19
E 385290
N 4694420
m 9-12-75

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE	
Massachusetts	
COUNTY	
Middlesex	
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SEP 24 1972	

(Number all entries)

8. Statement of Significance (redraft)

Long thought to be the oldest surviving house in Cambridge, the Cooper-Frost-Austin House is the only building in the city which retains seventeenth century architectural characteristics. Most notable of these are the large pilastered center chimney, the steeply pitched roof and the overhanging eastern gable.

The house, which still stands on its original site, was probably built in several stages; the eastern part of the structure was the first completed, then the western part and later the rear lean-to. The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, which has owned the house since 1912 and opens it to the public, dates the eastern part of the house from 1657 but other sources give the date as 1680. The western portion of the house was added c. 1720.

The Cooper-Frost-Austin House was built on land owned by Deacon and Selectman John Cooper. Cooper's grandson Walter built the 1720 addition. The later Cooper, Frost and Austin owners of the house were descendants of John Cooper, in whose family the property remained until it was acquired by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. in AR.

The Cooper-Frost-Austin House is important to the state of Massachusetts as a well-preserved and well-maintained example of early New England architecture, accessible to the public. It has been certified a Massachusetts Historic Landmark.



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED

DATE 2/23/72

NAME OF PROPERTY

Cooper - Frost - Austin House, Mass

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

☐ Insufficient locational information.

☐ Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

☐ Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

☐ No bibliography.

☐ Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

☐ Chemical copies of forms unacceptable.

☐ Acreage
Comments: _____

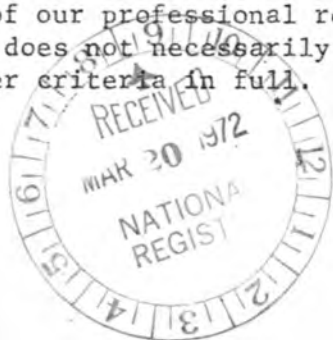
☐ Insufficient map coverage of property.
Comments: _____

☐ Description (Item #7).
Comments: _____

☒ Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments: Is the original builder or owner of the
House known. A brief paragraph providing
historical data on the House would be
helpful for review and write-up purposes.

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



SIGNED

Robert J. Mullen

M. d. Essex

Cooper - Frost - Austin House

Mass

RECEIPT

PROPERTY

STATE

REGISTER NUMBER

DATE OF RECEIPT

DATA PAGE

PHOTO (S)

PHOTO DESCRIP (S)

MAP (S)

MAP DESCRIPTION (S)

LOGGED

ACKNOWLEDGE

8/23/71 YES

NO

NUMBER

SEP 22 1972

RE SUBMIT

3/20/72

REVIEW

HISTORIAN

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECT

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

ENTRY

CHIEF, OARP

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

Date

Federal Register Entry 10-2-72

Annual Edition Entry

Logged

SEP 22 1972

Card

SEP 22 1972

WORKING NUMBER

8.23.71.3

COMMENTS:

Returned for: 2-23-72

name of builder or owner if known.
and historical data on house.

Cong. dist. 8

G'tech 9/30/71 acreage is missing, however probably under 10.

Betty, don't you need more S of S? I'd like to see a little more on original builder if known, or events connected with the house.

Could use more historical data, but

Okay.

Sauls
11/8/71Return for info. Mary requested.
Not much better, but
5 Mar 72 11/3/71

OK

Powland
9-13-72

Send back if Betty needs more for her write-up.

OK

Chambers
11-8-71

OK Rep 9/14/72

Wm
9/24



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NPS Number Sept. 22, 1972

Title: Cooper-Frost-Austin

House

Loc. Middlesex Co, Mass.

Reduce to 30% size

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

Middlesex

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DATE

SEP 22 1972

1. NAME

COMMON: Cooper-Frost-Austin House

AND OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

21 Linnaean Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE:

Mass.

CODE

25

COUNTY:

Middlesex

CODE

017

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: B. Orr, Cambridge Historical Commission

DATE OF PHOTO: 1966

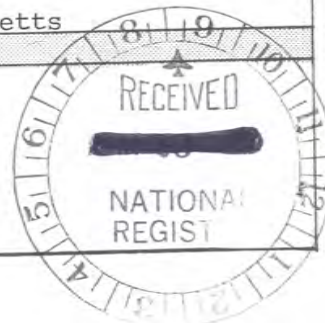
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B. Orr, Photography, Box 6, Carlisle, Massachusetts

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

view of house from southeast



COOPER-FROST-AUSTIN, 21 LINNAEAN ST. B. ORR PHOTO C15-N4-1085

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	
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. Boston, North

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.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS





U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle
 "Lexington, Mass." (1956)
 Scale 1:24,000

U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle
 "Boston North, Mass." (1956)
 Scale 1:24,000

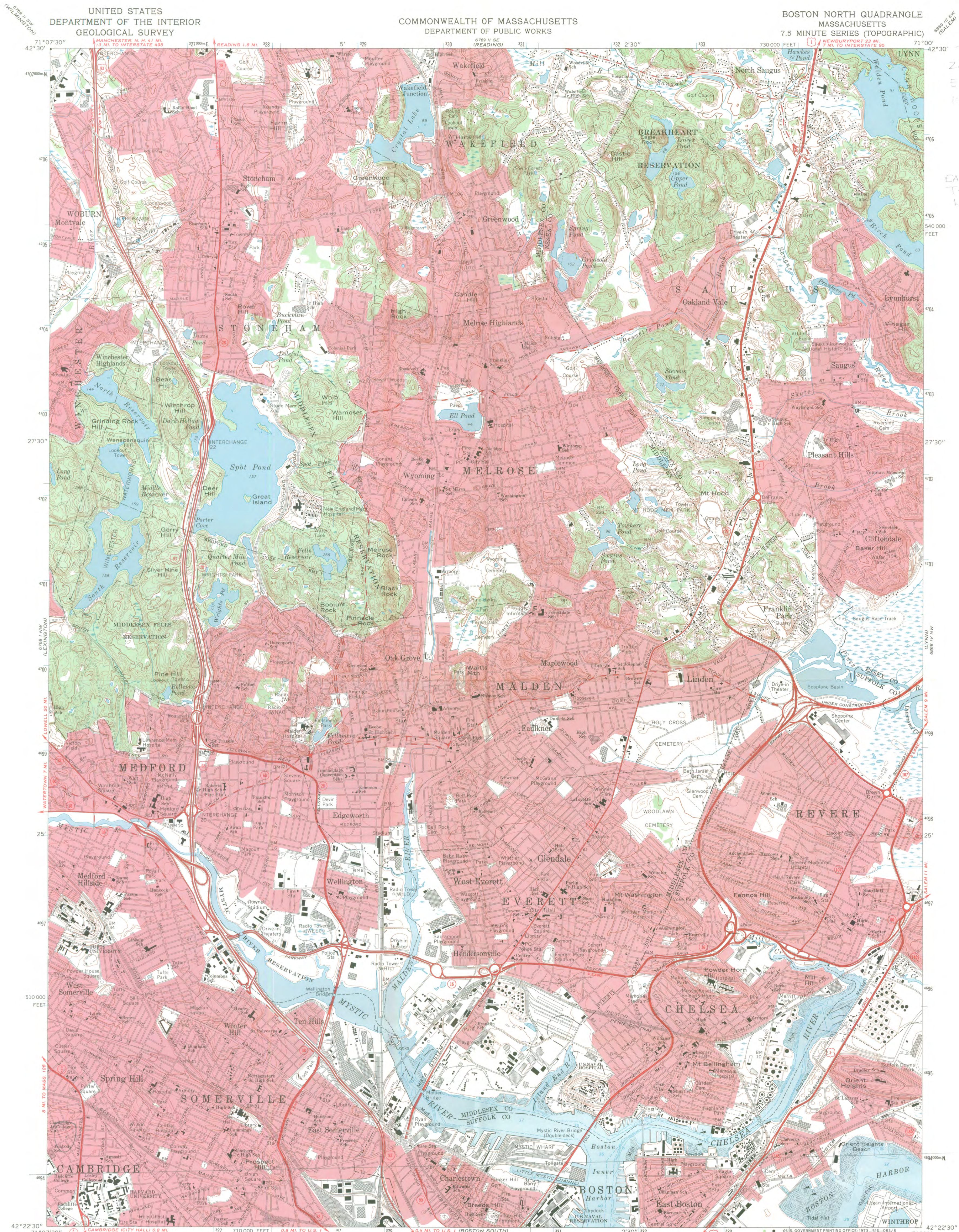


U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle
 "Newton, Mass." (1956)
 Scale 1:24,000

U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle
 "Boston South, Mass." (1956)
 Scale 1:24,000



COOPER-FROST AUSTIN
HOUSE
UTM REF
ZONE 19
E 325290
N 425420
EASTING MARK
TAKEN FROM
LOCALITY
G. 12



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 1971

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 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

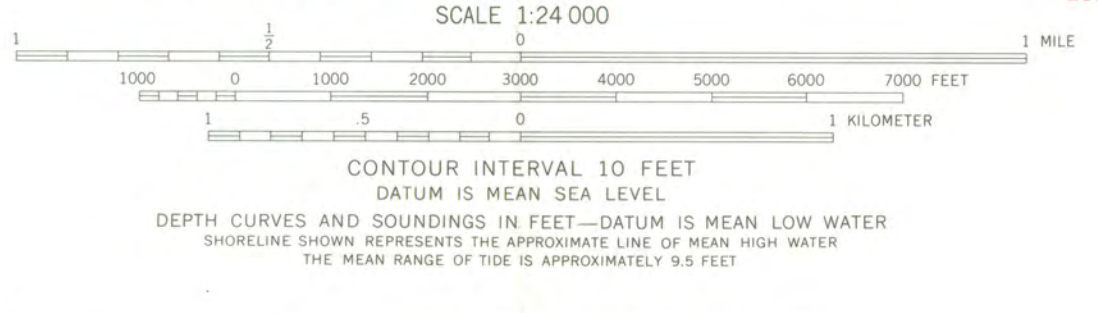
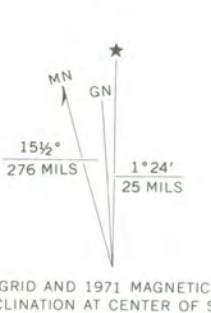
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,

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



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

BOSTON NORTH, MASS.
N4222.5—W7100/7.5

1971

AMS 6768 1 NE—SERIES V814

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered SEP 22 1972

Name

Location

Cooper-Frost-Austin House

Cambridge
Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

Director, Northeast Region

HR

NRowland:mm 9/25/72

State Liaison Officer
Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission
Office of the Secretary, State
House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION	3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	4. NUMBER	5. DATE
1. TYPE OF ACTION ☐ PREAPPLICATION ☒ APPLICATION (Mark appropriate box) ☐ NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.) ☐ REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION		a. NUMBER 804 b. DATE 19 78 8 24	3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	a. NUMBER 77060882 b. DATE 19 77 07 29	Year month day
4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT a. Applicant Name : Commonwealth of Massachusetts b. Organization Unit : Massachusetts Historical Commission c. Street/P.O. Box : 294 Washington Street d. City : Boston e. County : Suffolk f. State : Massachusetts g. ZIP Code : 02108 h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Patricia L. Weslowski, S.H.P.O. (617) 727-8470			5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 046-002-284		
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Cooper-Frost-Austin House, Cambridge, Middlesex Co.; Pierce House, Dorchester (Boston), Suffolk County; Peter Tufts House, Medford, Middlesex County Development Projects The 17th century properties in the greater Boston area selected for archeological investigation were lived in by owners practicing three different occupations at three different levels of income.			6. PRO-GRAM (From Federal Catalog) a. NUMBER 150904 b. TITLE Historic Preservation		
10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts			8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT A-State B-Interstate C-Substate D-District E-County F-School District G-Special Purpose District H-Community Action Agency I-Higher Educational Institution J-Indian Tribe K-Other (Specify): Enter appropriate letter ☒ A		
11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING 5.7 million			9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE A-Basic Grant B-Supplemental Grant C-Loan D-Insurance E-Other Enter appropriate letter(s) ☒ A		
13. PROPOSED FUNDING a. FEDERAL \$ 20,000.00 b. APPLICANT 20,102.00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 40,102.00			12. TYPE OF APPLICATION A-New B-Renewal C-Revision D-Continuation E-Augmentation Enter appropriate letter ☒ A		
14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. APPLICANT 9 b. PROJECT 8, 11, and 7			15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 1st or 1st) A-Increase Dollars B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation F-Other (Specify): N/A Enter appropriate letter(s) ☐ ☐ ☐		
16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day 19 78 8 1			17. PROJECT DURATION 26 Months		
18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY 1978 8 24			19. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		
20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code) Dept. of the Interior, Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service Washington D.C. 20240			21. REMARKS ADDED ☒ Yes ☐ No		
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved. b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached: (1) Office of State Planning (2) (3)		No response attached ☐ ☒ ☐			
23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE Patricia L. Weslowski, S.H.P.O. and Acting Executive Director		b. SIGNATURE Patricia L. Weslowski		c. DATE SIGNED Year month day 19 78 8 24	
24. AGENCY NAME Dept. of Interior			25. APPLICATION RECEIVED Year month day 19 78 9 5		
26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT HCRS			27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Grants Adm. Div.		
29. ADDRESS Wash., D.C. 20240			28. FEDERAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION		
31. ACTION TAKEN ☒ a. AWARDED ☐ b. REJECTED ☐ c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT ☐ d. DEFERRED ☐ e. WITHDRAWN			30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION 25-8B89		
32. FUNDING a. FEDERAL \$ 20,000.00 b. APPLICANT 20,102.00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 40,102.00			33. ACTION DATE 19 78 10 07		
34. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made. b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.) Same as #35			35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number) Stephen D. Newman 202 523-5472		
36. STARTING DATE 19 78 10 01			37. REMARKS ADDED ☐ Yes ☒ No		
36. ENDING DATE 19 80 09 30					

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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Cooper-Frost-Austin House
Cambridge (Middlesex), MA

Section number 2009 supplemental information Page 1

Re-evaluation of construction date due to dendrochronology

As a result of the dendrochronology testing of Phase I of the Cooper-Frost-Austin House in November of 2001, the construction date of the building has now been identified as 1681-82. The research team consisted of Daniel Miles and Michael Worthington of the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory, England, with Anne Grady of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA) acting as liaison. Their report, cited below, presented the following results and conclusions. Six samples were taken from the original eastern section of the building. Four samples including the fireplace lintel, ceiling joist, axial beam, and purlin were all dated successfully although the cross-matching between samples was not exceptional, suggesting different sources for the wood. The result was two precise felling dates of winter 1680/81 and spring 1681, indicating that construction would probably have taken place during 1681 or possibly into 1682. One purlin was dated to the winter of 1675/76, suggesting that this timber was stockpiled. The fact that there was no cross-matching with the other samples from the site supports this interpretation.

The full results of the analysis are presented in: D. W. H. Miles, M. J. Worthington, and Anne Andrus Grady, *Development of Standard Tree-Ring Chronologies for Dating Historic Structure in Eastern Massachusetts, Phase II*, Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey and Planning Grant Completion Report, Interim Report 2002/6, Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities and Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory, May 31, 2002. An abridged version of the report can be found on the website www.dendrochronology.com. The full report can be found at SPNEA, now known as Historic New England, and at the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

A note on dendrochronology dating

In recent years tree-ring chronologies have been developed for eastern Massachusetts and adjacent regions, and a number of buildings or parts of buildings have been evaluated and given new construction dates due to tree-ring dating, or dendrochronology. The principle behind tree-ring dating is a simple one: the seasonal variations in climate produce variations in growth which are reflected in the varying width of the annual rings of the tree. The rings in timbers from historical houses are compared with previously dated ring sequences from old-growth trees and from timber from structures with well-established dates to allow precise dates to be ascribed to each ring. Computer comparisons quantify how good the match is between the two. A dendrochronologist then analyzes the results and establishes the date the tree was felled. Some caution must be used in interpreting these dates to determine the construction date of a building. Sometimes timbers from the same construction phase of the same building have been felled one, two or more years apart. However, it was common practice to build timber-framed structures with green or unseasoned timber, and it is likely that construction was completed within twelve or eighteen months from the felling date.

(end)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Cooper-Frost-Austin House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 4/28/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/13/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 72000124

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ ACCEPT ___ RETURN ___ REJECT ___ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

April 19, 2011 William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Mr. J. Paul Loether
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find supplementary information for 34 properties previously listed on the National Register of Historic Places, reflecting recent scholarship regarding their dates of construction, based upon dendrochronological techniques.

These properties include:

Boston (Suffolk County):

James Blake House (NRIND, 5/1/74)
Pierce House (NRIND, 4/26/74)

Cambridge (Middlesex County):

Cooper-Frost-Austin House (NRIND 9/22/72)

Dedham (Norfolk County):

Fairbanks House (NRIND, NHL, 10/15/66)

Deerfield (Franklin County):

All properties are located within the Old Deerfield Village HD (NRDIS, NHL 10/15/66)

Allen House (MHC # 20)
John Ashley House (MHC #31)
Eldad Bardwell House (MHC #23)
Bull-Williams House (MHC #47)
Childs House (MHC #53)
Frary House (MHC #13)
Eliezer Hawks House (MHC #58)
Hinsdell-Williams House (MHC # 24)
Jonathan Hoit House (MHC # 9)

Little Brown House (MHC #79)
Moors House (MHC #39)
Nims House (MHC #12)
Russell House (MHC #49)
Saxton House (MHC #48)
Severance House (MHC #19)
John Sheldon – Hawks House (MHC #32)
Stebbins House (MHC # 36)
John Williams House (MHC # 50)

Essex (Essex County):

Cogswell's Grant (NRIND 4/19/90)

Gloucester (Essex County):

White-Ellery House (NRIND, NRTRA 3/9/90)
[First Period Buildings of Eastern MA, TRA]

Ipswich (Essex County):

Paine-Dodge House (NRIND, NRTRA, 3/9/90)
First Period Buildings of Eastern MA, TRA

Merchant-Choate House (NRDIS, NRMRA, 9/17/80)
[High Street HD]

Lexington (Middlesex County):

Hancock – Clarke House (NRIND. NHL, 7/17/71)

Millville (Worcester County):

Chestnut Hill Meeting House (NRIND 11/13/84)

Newbury (Essex County):

Tristram Coffin House (NRIND, NRDIS, 5/24/76)
[Newbury HD]

Salem (Essex County):

Eleazer Gedney House (NRDIS, 10/1/74)
[Gedney and Cox Houses HD]

Pickering House (NRDIS 8/28/73)
[Chestnut Street HD]

Sandwich (Barnstable County):

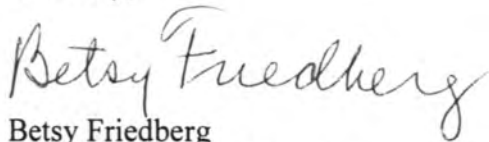
Wing Fort House (NRIND 6/3/76)

Winthrop (Suffolk County):

Deane Winthrop House (NRIND, NRTRA 3/9/90)
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Please add the enclosed continuation sheets to the existing National Register nomination files.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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