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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Plymouth
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE DEC 27 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Plymouth Antiquarian House (use for publication)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Hedge House , Hammatt House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
126 Water Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Plymouth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
12th

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

COUNTY:
Plymouth

CODE:
023

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Plymouth Antiquarian Society, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
27 North Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Plymouth

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Russell Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Plymouth

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 1809 Plymouth Antiquarian House faces east on a slight rise overlooking Plymouth Harbor, flanked and fronted by modern commercial development. The two-story main section of the house has a truncated hip roof and forms an elongated octagon, running from north to south. It is Federal in style, as is the three-story ridge roof ell which extends from the northwest rear corner. A variety of fabrics cover the exterior walls. The facade's first story is covered with horizontal flush boarding. The second story and ell are clapboard but the south side of the main house and part of the ell are exposed brick. A delicate dentiled Ionic porch fronts the first floor of the facade and is topped by a small balustrade. The octagonal entrance hall repeats the design of the main house and extends out under the porch so that the doorway is flush with the porch columns. The main house has two end chimneys; the ell has two interior chimneys. The facade is 7 bays wide with 6/6 sash. The entrance door is flanked by two 4/4 windows and above it, on the second floor, is a 6/6 window flanked by two narrow 2/2 windows. The house is 7 bays deep, first floor windows being 6/6 and second and third floor windows being 8/12 and 8/8 respectively.

The entrance door opens into an octagonal hall with stairway, which is flanked by an octagonal parlor and an octagonal keeping room. Over these two rooms, on the second floor, are two bedrooms, a sewing room, and a dressing room. The first floor of the ell contains a dining room, kitchen, summer kitchen and carriage shed. The top two floors of the ell house bedrooms.

In 1830 the 3-story ell was enlarged with the aforementioned summer kitchen and carriage shed on the first floor and bedrooms on the two floors above. No structural change has been made since 1830 except for the introduction of gas in 1854 and running water in 1863.

On the inside of the L formed by the house is a restoration "knot garden". The entire property is handsomely landscaped.



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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) 1809 and 1830

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1809 Plymouth Antiquarian House is significant as a fine and well preserved example of a Federal elongated octagon and as the home of two prominent Plymouth families.

The house was built in 1809 by William Hammatt, a Plymouth merchant and ship owner who was very active in the social life of Plymouth. He occupied the house with his wife and six children until 1820. When his business suffered heavily from the War of 1812, he sold the house but continued to live there until 1820. At that time, many Plymouth people were interested in developing land in Maine. Mr. Hammatt, with others of his family, bought land there. He moved to Bangor, where he became a leading citizen. Eventually he founded the town of Howland, named for his Pilgrim ancestor, where he built a house modeled on his house in Plymouth. In the prospectus of his new town, he urged young men to settle there, and "make themselves independent with no tool but the axe, and no stock in trade but honesty, industry, and sobriety".

In 1830 the Antiquarian House was bought by Thomas Hedge, another Plymouth merchant, whose family occupied the house for nearly a hundred years. Thomas Hedge and his brother, Isaac Lothrop Hedge, were partners. They owned shares in many ships, some of which were fishing schooners and coasters which made voyages to the Mediterranean, England, France and Russia. The Hedges also owned shares in four whaling ships. The MAYFLOWER and the FORTUNE were named after the Pilgrim ships; the ARBELLA was named for the flag-ship of the fleet that brought Puritan settlers to Salem and Boston. The building of the whaler MAYFLOWER marked the recovery of Plymouth after the War of 1812. To process the oil from these whaling ships, the Hedges built a candle factory. The family also owned Hedge's Wharf, site of Plmouth Rock, which extended from the base of the rise on which the house was situated.

Thomas Hedge had nine children. Like the Hammatts, the Hedges were known for their hospitality. The house, in its exterior and interior, reflects the elegance, sophistication and prosperity of the heyday of Plymouth's maritime importance.

The house remained in the Hedge family until 1920, when it was purchased by the Plymouth Antiquarian Society and moved adjacent to its original site to avoid demolition. It is now a house museum furnished with Plymouth pieces of the period, some of which are Hedge heirlooms.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Davis, William T., Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth, Boston, 1883.
2. Briggs, Rose T., "The Antiquarian House", pamphlet, Plymouth Antiquarian Society.

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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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than an acre

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:
Mindy Arbo, National Register Editor, for Elizabeth Amadon, Acting Exec. Dir.

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: 8/13/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston 617-727-8470 STATE: Massachusetts 02108 CODE: 025

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. Davoren
John F.X. Davoren
 Secretary of the Commonwealth
 Title Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission
 Date 9/4/74

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

AP Wortsch
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/27/74

ATTEST:
WJ Muntz
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 26 1974

PROPERTY The Plymouth Antiquarian House

STATE Mass.

WORKING NUMBER 10.7.74.1643 Plymouth

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 2

MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW

OK
11.6.74

HISTORIAN

Despite move

Accept
W.R. Line
11/11/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT Hayward
11/22/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
M. Barnett
8 Nov 74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ACCEPT
COLE
11/29/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

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DEC 26 1974

National Register Write-up 1-10-75

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 2-4-75

Re-submit _____

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Antiquarian House Museum
126 Water St., Plymouth, Ma.

Photo Credit to Plymouth Antiquarian Society, Inc.

Negative filed at Studio One, 301 Court St., N. Plymouth, Ma. 02360

Front

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Studio One	6/20/74	301 Court St., Plymouth

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

East facade



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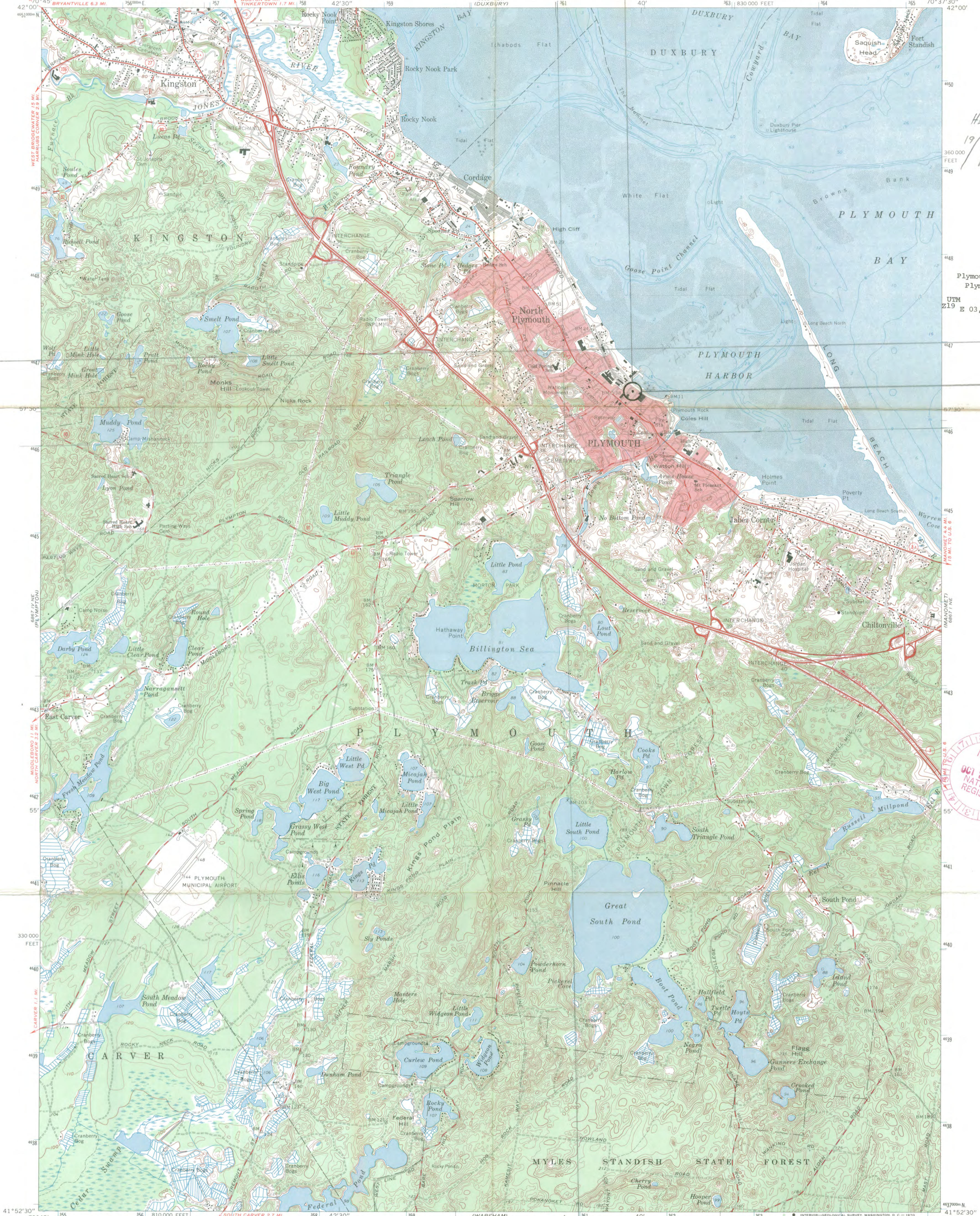
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North elevation with north side of ell

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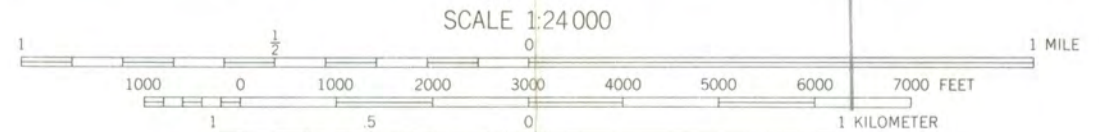
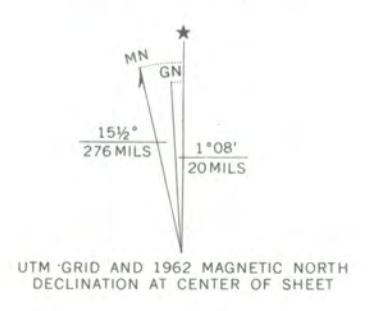


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Plymouth Antiquarian House
Plymouth
UTM
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1934. Revised 1962
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 245 (1960)
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
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

PLYMOUTH, MASS.
N4152.5—W7037.5/7.5
1962
AMS 6867 I NW—SERIES V814

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

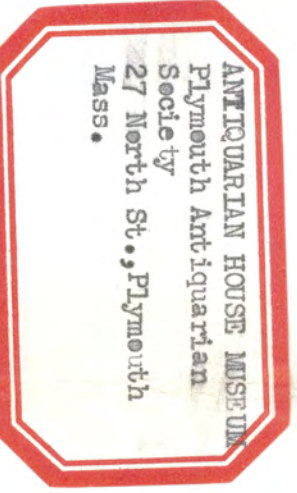
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Massachusetts	025	Plymouth	023
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: USGS Plymouth, Mass.			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1962			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

40 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

727-8470



September 17, 1974

National Register
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington DC I 20240

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Attention: Charles Herrington, Chief of Register

Dear Charles:

Enclosed are three National Register submissions for the following properties:

1. Plymouth, Plymouth Antiquarian House, Plymouth County
2. Plymouth, Harlow Old Fort House, Plymouth County
3. Danvers, Salem Village Historic District, Essex County

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 of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and designated the State Liason Officer.

Please let us know if any other information is necessary.

Sincerely,

Betty

Elizabeth Amadon
Acting Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered DEC 27 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Harlow Old Fort House	Plymouth Plymouth County
<u>The Plymouth Antiquarian House</u>	Plymouth Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Gerry E. Studts
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission
40 Beacon St.
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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12/28/74