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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Greendale Village Improvement Society Building

AND/OR COMMON

Greendale Improvement Society

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

480 West Boylston Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

CODE

025

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

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

NAME

Greendale Village Improvement Society

STREET & NUMBER

480 West Boylston Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1974

☐ 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 Greendale Improvement Society Building, erected in 1900, is a two story building of wood frame construction. It is located at 480 West Boylston Street and is surrounded by a lawn and a chain link fence.

The five bay facade of the house is dominated by a projecting, pedimented central bay. The pediment of the bay is formed by a gabled roof dormer containing double windows topped by a wooden fanlight decoration and is reminiscent of the projecting bay found in Georgian style houses. A large classical portico extends across the first floor of the bay. The portico is composed of a latticework base, six square-based classical columns and a flat, slightly overhanging roof. The portico is reached by six wooden steps and shelters wooden double doors. The right bay of the facade is formed by a square, three story tower. There are triple round-arched windows in the third floor of the tower, and it is topped by a gently sloping pyramidal roof. The main roof of the house is hipped and covered with asphalt shingles. Modillions articulate the slight overhang of the roof. Wood shingles, painted gray, cover the house and its trim is painted white.

Three functional floors comprise the interior of the building. The basement contains the kitchen and a large dining room. The first floor is divided into two rooms: a small formal meeting room with a handsome fireplace and a large room that was used as a library. The second floor houses an auditorium. The interior walls of the house are plastered and have wooden wainscoting. The ceilings are of pressed metal, and the floors are covered with maple strip.

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 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Greendale Improvement Society Building is derived from the important role that the members of the Society have played in the social and humanitarian programs in Worcester. It is a fine example of a simple building that housed a nineteenth century organization concerned with the general welfare of the citizens of the community - planting trees, providing rubbish collection, plowing snow and providing fire protection. Many of these responsibilities are assumed by the city and state government, but the Greendale Improvement Society still plays a significant role in maintaining the welfare of the citizens of the community.

The history of the Greendale Improvement Society began on January 17, 1895 when a meeting was held to consider the organization of a society seeking the general welfare of the citizens of Greendale. This organization was chartered by the State of Massachusetts on August 5, 1896 in the name of the Greendale Improvement Association, Inc. After many meetings, the original association disbanded in favor of the Greendale Village Improvement Society, turning over all the funds and property on September 2, 1897. The original society had formed a committee to research the possibility of a building to be used for its services. In anticipation of acquiring this property, a new charter was applied for in the name of the Greendale Village Improvement Society. This charter was approved by the Massachusetts State Legislature, Acts of 1897, Chapter 259, on April 10, 1897.

The Kendrick family, a prominent family in the area, transferred title to the property on which the building stands to the Society in 1897. The members of the Society raised the funds for the building in many ways. They had bean suppers, socials, dances, lawn parties, entertainment programs and solicited private contributions. On April 19, 1900, ground was broken, stone boundaries were laid, and the property surveyed. The building was dedicated the last week in October, 1900.

One of the first functions of this Society was to plant trees to beautify the area. They built and maintained cinder roads which they plowed in the winter with their horse and plow (hopefully, when it snowed). A rubbish collection was made available to the membership at a minimal fee and a permanent fire station was requested for Greendale in 1897. Following the Second World War, the building was used for a short time for a veteran's organization.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Greendale Village Improvement Society Records, 1895- present,
on file at the home of the Society's Treasurer

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .30 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	9	2	6	9	2	5	0	4	6	8	7	5	2	0
ZONE			EASTING					NORTHING						

B

ZONE			EASTING					NORTHING						

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

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

July 1976

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 ☒

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 Amazon

TITLE

Executive Director Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

8/5/76

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11/9/96

DATE

11/2/96

Property Greendale Village Improvement Society Building

State Mass.

Working Number 8.12.76.3941

76000949
Worcester

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
8.13.76

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Grosvenor
10/28/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

NICELY DONE
DOCUMENTED

ACCEPT
LEBOVICH
10.29.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

accept
BRANCH CHIEF

accept
Cole
10.29.76

KEEPER

Wm
11/2/76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered NOV 7 1976

Federal Register Entry 12-7-76

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



Greendale Improvement Society Building
Worcester, MA *Worcester County*
Leonard Stranreri, Photographer
1976
250 Boston Tpke., Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Facade of the building, facing west.
Photo #1

AUG 12 1976

NOV 7 1976

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LEONARD STRANIERI

PHOTOGRAPHER

250 BOSTON TURNPIKE
SHREWSBURY, MASS. 01545



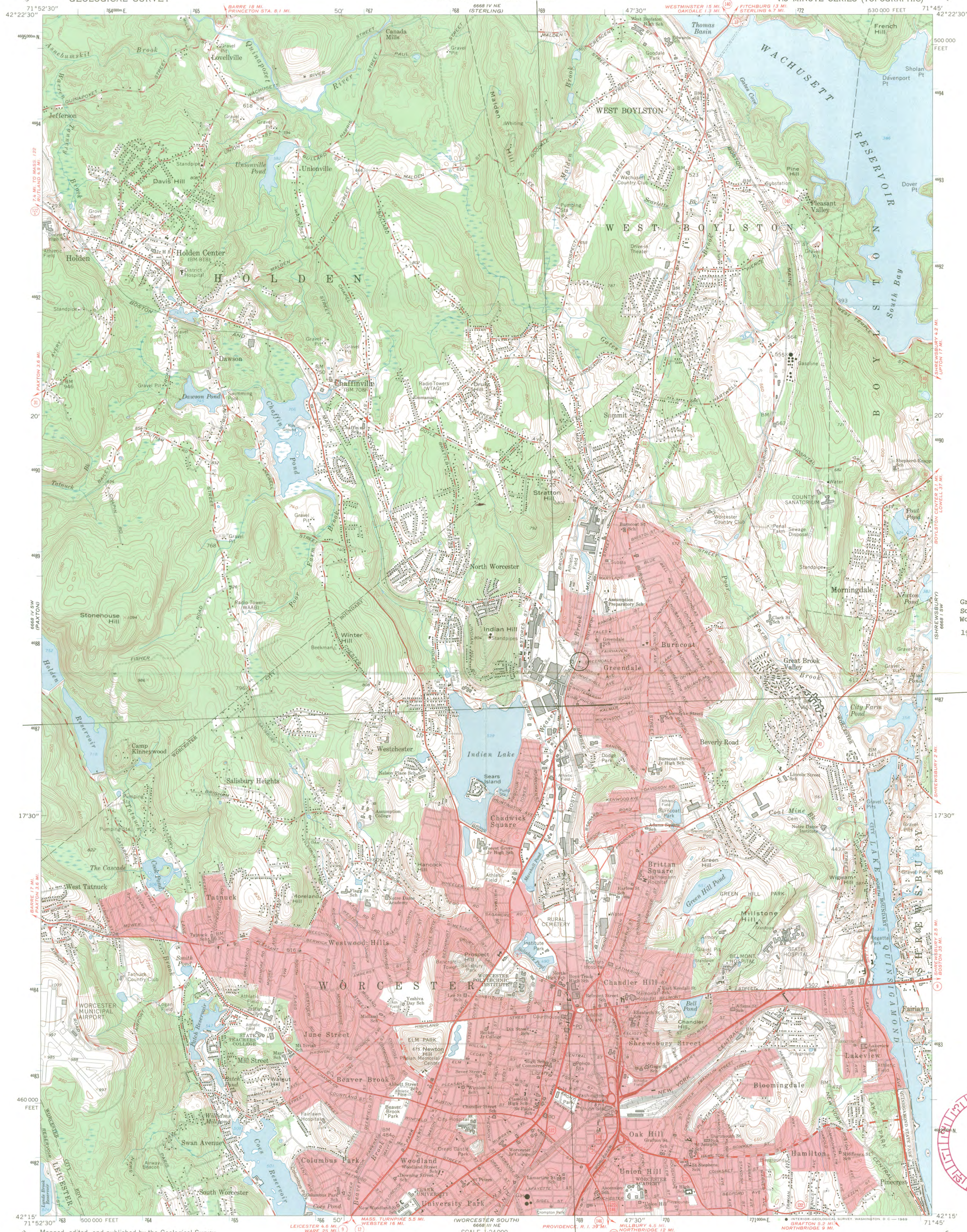
Greendale Improvement Society Building
Worcester, MA *Worcester County*
Leonard Stranieri, Photographer
1976

250 Boston Tpke., Boston, MA 01545
South side of the building, showing
3 story corner tower.
Photo #2

AUG 12 1976
NOV 7 1976

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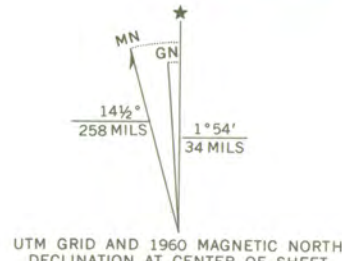
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PHOTOGRAPHER
250 BOSTON TURNPIKE
SHREWSBURY, MASS. 01545



Greendale Improvement
Society Building
Worcester, MA
19269250/4687520



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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Topography by planetable surveys 1934. Revised 1960
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 areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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

WORCESTER NORTH, MASS.
N4215—W7145/7.5

1960

AMS 6668 IV SE—SERIES V814

UNDERWOOD ARMS COMPANY
Main & Spring Streets
Shrewsbury, Mass.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Secretary of the Commonwealth *294 Washington Street* *Boston, Massachusetts 02108*
(617) 727-8470

August 6, 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington
Registrar
National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Charles:

Enclosed find nomination forms for the following properties:

1. Worcester, Greendale Improvement Society Building
2. North Andover, Kittredge Mansion
3. Haverhill, Rocks Village Historic District
4. Lancaster, Anthony Lane House

These properties have been reviewed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth R. Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

Pat

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW/edh
encl.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered NOV 7 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Greendale Village Improvement Society Building	Worcester Worcester County
Grace Episcopal Church	Lawrence Essex County
Lane, Anthony, House	Lancaster Worcester County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Joseph D. Early
Hon. Paul Tsongas
Hon. Edward P. Boland
Regional Director, North
Atlantic Region

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

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 10/28/76
Reviewer INITIALS: BG

NR

DOE

NOV 7 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Greendale Village Improvement Society Building
OTHER NAMES: Greendale Improvement Society

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 480 W. Boylston St.

CITY, TOWN Worcester

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF
025

COUNTY

code

Worcester-

027

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

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
GOOD
FAIR

DETERIORATED
RUINS
UNEXPOSED
Unexcavated

UNALTERED

ALTERED
Reconstructed
Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE
MOVED
Unknown

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- Club Building

now- Club Building

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC

AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE

ART

COMMERCE

COMMUNICATIONS

CONSERVATION

ECONOMICS

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

EXPLORATION

INDUSTRY

INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LAW/Gov't/politics

LITERATURE

MILITARY

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION

SCIENCE

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER (SPECIFY)

entertainment

health

recreation

settlement

socio/cultural

urban & commun

planning

Claims

"first"

YES

NO

"oldest"

YES

NO

"only"

YES

NO

Vernacular
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ECLECTIC

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role
&
appropriate date)

events

institutional

Village
Greendale Improvement Society

✓ DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1900

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.3

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

BRICK FOUNDATION, FRAME, 3 STORY, RECTANGULAR, HIPPED ROOF.
STORY SQUARE, PROJECTING CORNER TOWER WITH SADDLEBACK HIPPED ROOF.

CENTRAL BAYS PROJECTS, CAPPED BY GABLE DORMER WITH
SUNBURST MOTIF ABOVE WINDOW &
MODILLION BLOCK CORNICE.
6 COLUMN FLAT ROOFED PORCH

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Frame, shingled, brick foundation; 2 1/2 stories, modified rectangle, hipped roof, ~~front~~ double door entrance and
1-story porch, front corner 3-story tower, *Vernacular eclectic.*
The Greendale Village Improvement Society Building was built for a society
which began in 1895 and has played an important role in the social and humanitarian
programs in Worcester's

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	33-B

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Roll 18

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Worcester

Address 480 West Boylston Street

Name Greendale Improvement Society

Present use improvement society

Present owner Greendale Village Improvement Society

3. Description:

Date 1900

Source see attached information

Style eclectic

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features see attached National Register of Historic Places Inventory--Nomination

Form _____

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by see attached form

Organization _____

Date information prepared July 1976

(over)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

UTM:
19/269250/4687540

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places;
see attached nomination form for historical background.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)



Prestige Prints
by Berkeley

978

30 AUG 1979

33-B

480 W. Boylston St.
Greendale Improvement Society
west elevation
Worcester MRA, MA

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JAN 1978

MAR 5 1980

MAR

Prestige Prints
by Berkeley

JAN 19

Roll 18