

FORM F - STRUCTURE

ref no 40000652

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Quincy

Address Chickatawbut Road

Name Chickatawbut Observation Tower

Present use recreation

Present owner Metropolitan District  
Commission (M.D.C.)

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in  
relation to nearest cross streets, buildings,  
other structures, natural features. Indicate  
north.

3. Type of structure (check one)

- |            |       |              |          |
|------------|-------|--------------|----------|
| bridge     | _____ | pound        | _____    |
| canal      | _____ | powder house | _____    |
| dam        | _____ | street       | _____    |
| fort       | _____ | tower        | <u>X</u> |
| gate       | _____ | tunnel       | _____    |
| kiln       | _____ | wall         | _____    |
| lighthouse | _____ | windmill     | _____    |

other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Description

Date c. 1930-1940

Source M.D.C. records

Construction material native granite, un-  
coursed cut-face  
rubble with slate roof

Dimensions approx. 20' x 20' x 60'  
near the summit of Chickatawbut  
Setting Hill

Condition good

19 329880 4676590

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

Sara B. Chase

6. Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_

Organization SPNEA

Date April, 1979

(over)

note: justification for inclusion of this less than 50 year  
old structure is found in item #8, p.3

7. Original owner (if known) M.C.D.

Original use recreation

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This tower, with its 180 degree panoramic view toward Boston, repeats the architectural materials and design of the Great Blue Hill Observation Tower. Together with the Observatory and the M.D.C. Blue Hills Headquarters Building, it forms a special collection of structures in the Blue Hills Reservation. These buildings blend into the Reservation and enhance the education and recreational values of the Blue Hills.

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

SEP 25 1980

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet, Item number 8-9, Page 4-1

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 141 acres

Quadrangle name Blue Hills, MA, Norwood, MA

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24000

### UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3</u> <u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>8</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<u>1</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u> <u>8</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>9</u> <u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<u>1</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>1</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>7</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Section 7, paragraph one.

### 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/title Stephen A Cole and Sara B. Chase, Architectural Researcher, SPNEA

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date June 1980

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city or town Boston state MA 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia Westbrooke

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date 7/30/80

For HCRS use only

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

Patricia Westbrooke (for) date 9/25/80  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patricia Westbrooke date 9/25/80  
Chief of Registration

Property Reservations multiple Resource area  
(partial inventory)  
State MA, Norfolk Working Number 8/13/80/2088

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 21  
Maps 3/1

This area is significant as an early planned recreational area designed to meet the growing recreational needs of burgeoning urban Boston - The area includes only 20th cent. to 1930's recreational buildings, also included are examples of 19th century industrial remains and 18th, 19th, and early 20th century residences. Taken with the archeological components, this N.R.A. nomination traces the continuous human habitation and

**HISTORIAN**

accept  
Patrick Andrus  
9/25/80

So of this land from prehistoric to modern times. This is a good multiple Resource nomination - they have included all the required elements for documentation. Defers to archeologist on the disputed site (Ponhapoag). Requested additional statement of signif. on Eliot Bridge is sufficient justification <sup>under</sup> criteria c.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Accept 2 of 3 site - Return Ponhapoag as information currently known is insufficient to delimit extent of site and therefore boundaries. Recommend nomination when more is known. Recommend "accept" for the Quarry Site

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

Joy Byrd  
Accept + Return  
9-15-80

and green hill site - the former for its importance in understanding regional lithic procurement, manufacture, use and trading networks; the latter for its potential to contribute to knowledge of middle Archaic within a state-wide context. State aware of impending return of Ponhapoag - discussed with Steve Cole.

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

ELIOT MEMORIAL BRIDGE IS ELIGIBLE UNDER CRITERION C. A BETTER CASE COULD HAVE BEEN MADE FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER CRITERION A. BUT I WILL ACCEPT.

**BRANCH CHIEF**

ACCEPT  
Mac DUBAN (FOR)  
9/25/80

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up 2.3.81 Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered SEP 25 1980  
Federal Register Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_



CHICKATAWBT

10.

OBSERVATION Tower

Blue Hills and Reponset  
River Reservations Multiple  
Resource Area  
Norfolk Co. MA

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SEP 25 1980

AUG 13 1980

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000272