

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Jones Block

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 49-53 Park Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Adams

N/A vicinity of

congressional district First

state Massachusetts

code 025

county

Berkshire

code 003

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:

4. Owner of Property

name Ignatius J. Michanlenko, Trustee for 49 Park Street Trust

street & number 14 Pine Street

city, town Adams

N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Berkshire County North Registry of Deeds

street & number 65 Park Street

city, town Adams

state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the
Commonwealth #629has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date January 1979

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street

city, town Boston

state Massachusetts

7. Description

ADAMS: Jones Block, 49-53 Park Street

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 Jones Block stands on the east side of Park Street south of School Street in Adams Center. The building is a three-story brick structure with a rectangular floor plan that covers all of its lot, except for a small portion of the lot's east end. The structure is built of red brick laid up in seven rows of stretchers to each row of alternating headers and stretchers; the facade is faced with pressed brick laid up in stretcher bond. The structure is enclosed by a low sloping roof which declines from west to east. With the exceptions of a small one-story section of the north elevation and most of the south elevation, the building's elevations are free-standing.

The facade (west elevation) is asymmetrical at the first story and symmetrical above. The first story is framed by 5 cast-iron columns with panelled faces and moulded capitals, which support a steel "I" beam (partially concealed by modern siding). Moving south to north the cast-iron columns frame the entry to an enclosed alley, one storefront, a single entry to the upper stories and a second storefront. The storefronts have been altered by enclosing former transoms with wooden siding and by the addition of tapestry brick bases and aluminum window and door trim. In addition the building's main entry has a modern aluminum and glass door. The second and third stories each contain six windows, evenly spaced except for the center two which are more closely set than the rest. Each window contains 1/1 sash surmounted by a semi-circular transom, the whole set in an arched brick surrounded with a dressed sandstone sill. Window arches at the second story are made up of radiating bricks with an archivolt of moulded brick trimmed with engaged spheres; except for the central two windows which have a plain moulded brick archivolt; all second story arches also have sandstone keystones. Third story allows window surrounds are identical to those of the second story's two center windows but lack keystones. Beneath the roof line is a shallow corbel table above which is a pressed metal cornice consisting of an egg-and-dart moulding surmounted by a plain frieze, dentils and acanthus modillions. Set north of center on the facade's second and third stories is an iron fire escape, added in the twentieth century.

The north elevation is asymmetrical and it is blocked by an attached structure at the first story at its west end. This elevation contains a variety of window sizes, all but two added window openings have sills of gray marble and heads of low brick arches made up of two rows of headers. The first story windows (partially blocked) contain 2/2 sash while two windows at the second story and four at the third contain 1/1 sash with rectangular one-pane transoms. Both the second and third stories of the elevation's westernmost bay contain single windows which are identical to those of the facade. Other windows contain a variety of sizes of 1/1 sash.

The rear (east) elevation is asymmetrically arranged, containing 5 windows and one bulk head at the cellar; 3 blocked double windows, a rectangular opening for a covered alley, and one door at the first story; 6 windows arranged in three pairs at the second story; and three double windows and one small (added) window at the third story. All single windows have low arched heads made up of two rows of headers, while double windows have arches of three rows of brick headers. Most second and third story sash is 1/1 surrounded by a rectangular transom.

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The south elevation is mostly concealed by attached, neighboring buildings. Its westernmost bay contains windows identical to those of the facade. Other windows on this elevation originally faced into the covered alley which passes beneath the structure's south end; however, most of these windows have been blocked.

As originally built, the Jones Block was two stories high with a bay window centered at the second story. Around the turn of the century, the present third story was added in the same style as the original structure and the bay window was replaced by two arched windows at the facade's center. Subsequent alterations to the block consist of the re-building of storefronts within the original iron framing, the blocking of facade transoms and the erratic blocking of windows and side and rear elevations.

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/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☒ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1895, ca 1900-10 Builder/Architect Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jones Block possesses integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship, as well as historical associations with the rapid commercial development of Park Street at the turn of the century. As one of the best remaining structures from this period it meets criteria C of the NRHP. The Block was built as a two-story block in 1895 for Albert Jones, a clerk for the merchant tailor firm of C.E. Legate. Upon completion, the Block's first story was occupied by the Bay State Clothing House, of which Jones was the manager and, presumably, owner. Also contained in the building's second story was Adam's Hibernian Hall. Perhaps in response to the growing local demand for commercial space or perhaps by original plan, the Jones Block was enlarged to three full stories height in the early twentieth century. At the time of this enlargement an original central bay window was removed from the second story, the original cornice was removed and an identical new cornice constructed at the top of the new third story. Details such as the moulded brick window arches of the original structure were matched by the use of nearly identical materials, as was the pressed red brick of the building's facade. Fenestration of the third story's rear wall suggests that this addition originally contained a public hall. In its present form, the Jones Block preserves the basic features of the large-scale commercial architecture which began to be built on Park Street in the 1890s, viz. construction of the facade to the property/sidewalk line, cast-iron post-and-linted storefronts at the first story, offices and public halls on the upper stories and brick construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Rowe & Fairfield. North Adams and Vicinity Illustrated. North Adams: The Transcript Publishing Co., 1898, p. 130.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .250 acres

Quadrangle name Windsor, Mass.

UMT References

A

18	6	5	4	1	4	0	4	7	2	0	4	0	0
Zone	Easting			Northing									

C

E

G

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

B

Zone	Easting			Northing									

D

F

H

Quadrangle scale 1:2400

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property includes only the lot on which the Jones Block stands; this lot is described in Berkshire County North Registry of Deeds, Record Book 590, page 168.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director
Brian Pfeiffer, ACT for Massachusetts

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date January 1981

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone *(617) 727-8470

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

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 Peter L Weslowski

title Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission date 2/17/82

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

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 4/1/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

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Property: Jones Block
State, County: MA, Berkshire
Federal Agency: _____Working No. 3/3/82-600Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83Date Due: 4-1-82 / 4-17-82Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/1/82Entered in the ☐ RETURN _____National Register ☐ REJECT _____photos 1maps 4

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. LocationX3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☒ Public Acquisition		Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

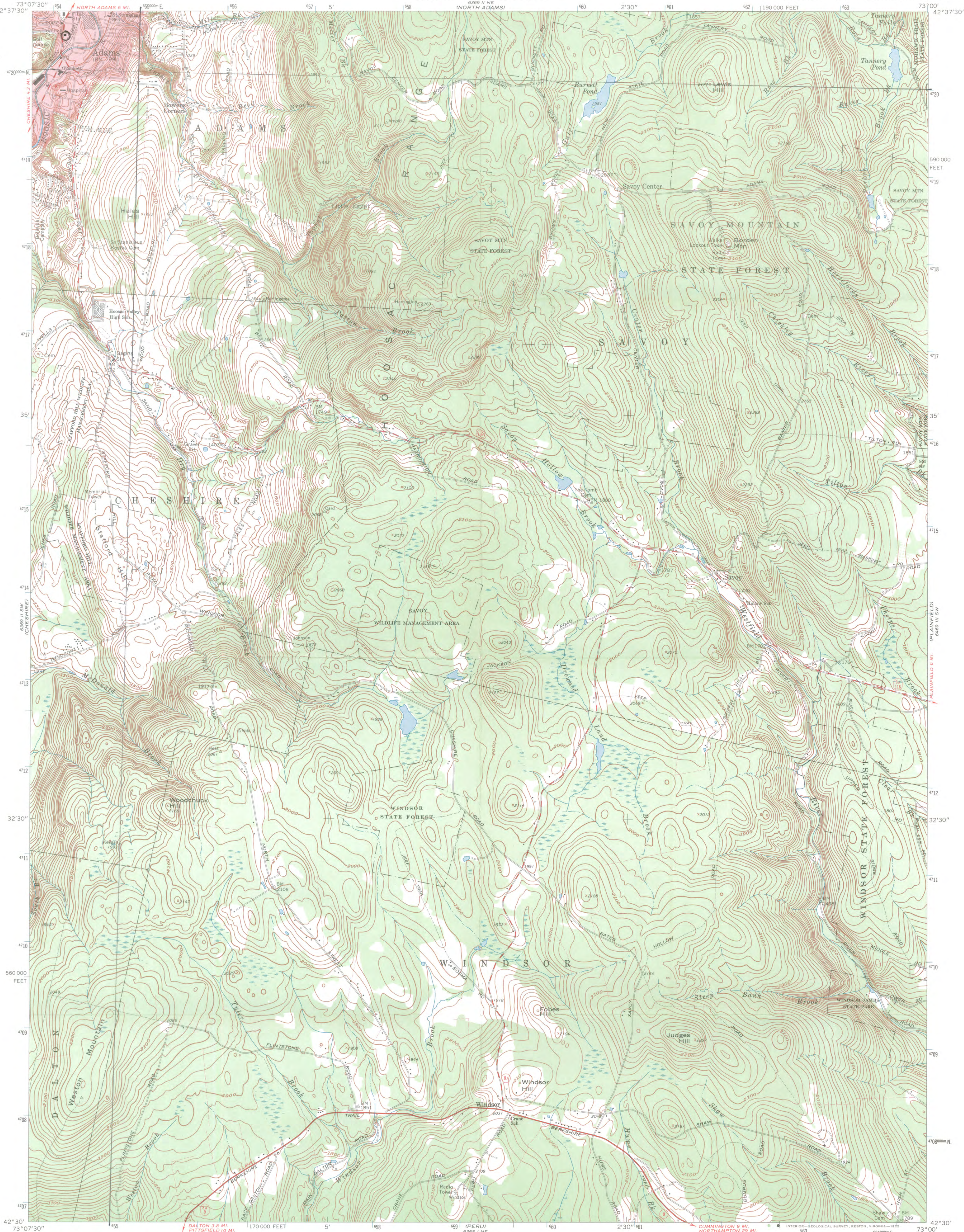


Jones Block
Adams
Berkshire County
Massachusetts

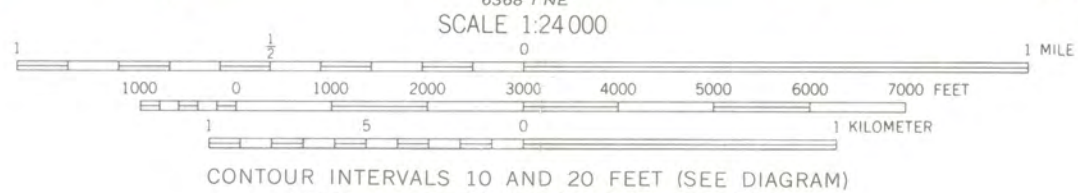
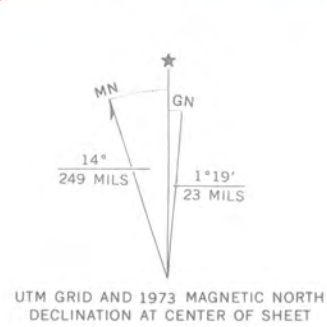
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Jones Block
Adams, MA
UTM Reference
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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1942. Topography by planimetric surveys 1943 and 1944
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1973
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 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is uncheckd
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



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

WINDSOR, MASS.
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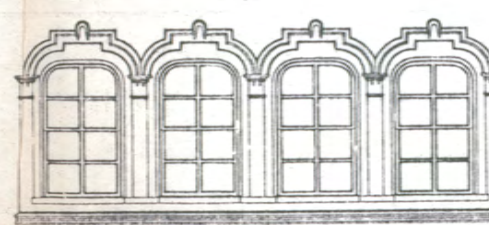
Jones Block
Adams, MA
Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet
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Scale in feet
0 25 50 100 200 250

ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Note:
This Drawing is a composite of information
from several sources; it does not represent
official or legal boundaries. Information
presented on this drawing is for illustration
only.

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**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

February 17, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper
National Register Division
National Park Service
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following National Register nomination forms:

Adams: Armory Block (local)
Adams: Barrett Block (local)
Adams: Berkshire Mill #1 (local - DOE 6/81)
Adams: Jones Block (local)
Adams: Mausert Block (local)
Adams: Pittsfield & North Adams Passenger Station and Baggage and
Express House (local)
Adams: Simmons Block (local)
Lawrence: American Woolen Mill Housing District (local)
Melrose: Town Center Historic District (local)
Milton: Belcher-Rowe House (local)
Needham: Davis-Mills House (local)
Needham: Joshua Lewis House (local)
Needham: Townsend House (local)
Peabody: Nathaniel Felton Houses (local)
Stockbridge: Glendale Power Station (local)
Stockbridge: Wheatleigh (state)
Webster: Main Street Historic District (local-DOE)
Westfield: Octagon House (local)
Weymouth: Old South Union Church (local)

All were voted eligible by the State Review Board at their meeting on 2/10/82 and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Comments by owners and other interested parties are attached. Owners and chief elected officials were notified of pending Review Board consideration on December 23, 1981.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director

MAR 3 1982

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APRIL 1, 1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Barrett, P. J., Block	Adams Berkshire County
Berkshire Mill No. 1	Adams Berkshire County
<u>Jones Block</u>	Adams Berkshire County
Pittsfield and North Adams Passenger Station and Baggage & Express House	Adams Berkshire County

Notified

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Paul E. Tsongas
Honorable Silvio O. Conte

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, NPS
North Atlantic Regional Office, NPS

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director, Massachusetts
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