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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE76 000 235
FOR NPS USE ONLYRECEIVED APR 6 1976
DATE ENTERED APR 20 1976NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

**

The General Israel Putnam House

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 431 Maple Street

CITY, TOWN

Danvers

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE 025

COUNTY Essex

CODE 009

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

MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

PARK

EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME The General Israel Putnam Family Trust

STREET & NUMBER

431 Maple Street

CITY, TOWN

Danvers

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01923

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Essex County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

32 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN

Salem

STATE

Massachusetts 01970

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
HABS (MASS-153)

DATE

1967; 1935

☒ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission; Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Boston; Washington, D.C.

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

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 General Israel Putnam House is located on 3-3/4 acres of land in the town of Danvers. It lies on a cloverleaf-shaped parcel of land at the intersection of two highways and a connecting ramp. The highways were purposely located in a way that would preserve the house on its original site.

The General Israel Putnam House is a two-story frame structure. The original 1648 portion has a gable roof and an end chimney and forms the rear or north portion of the present dwelling. The 1744 addition, which forms the front or south portion of the house, has a gambrel roof and center chimney. The center doorway projects slightly from the front facade to create a vestibule entry. The door has sidelights, double pilasters on each side, and a molded cornice, above which is a small balustrade. A one-story frame kitchen, added in the early nineteenth century, adjoins the north side of the 1648 structure. In 1831 the roof of the 1648 saltbox was raised to provide two additional rooms on the second floor and a full attic in the 1648 section. At this point the roof became a gable. The house has a stone foundation and complete basements except under the west section of the 1744 structure.

The windows of the oldest section have six-over-nine lights on the first floor and six-over-six on the second. In the 1744 section, the lights are nine-over-nine except six-over-nine in the two attic windows. The two 1831 attic windows are nine-over-six while the later kitchen wing has six windows of varying size and shape.

Occupying about half of the premises and separated from the house by a stone wall, is a candy manufacturing firm. This operation is housed in a colonial style building which is the last of the old clapboard buildings which were part of the Putnam family's shoe shops in the nineteenth century. A small garage is in the rear of the property, and a picket fence runs along the Maple Street side of the property. On all sides, the property is screened from its environs by many old plantings, including a tall yew hedge, lilacs, buckthorn, a smoke tree and old grape vines.

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 1648, 1744, 1831

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 3/4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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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

Margo Webber, Editorial Assistant and John E. Emerson, General Israel Putnam Trust

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

March 30, 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 Amador

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

3/31/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Active

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4/30/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4-30-76

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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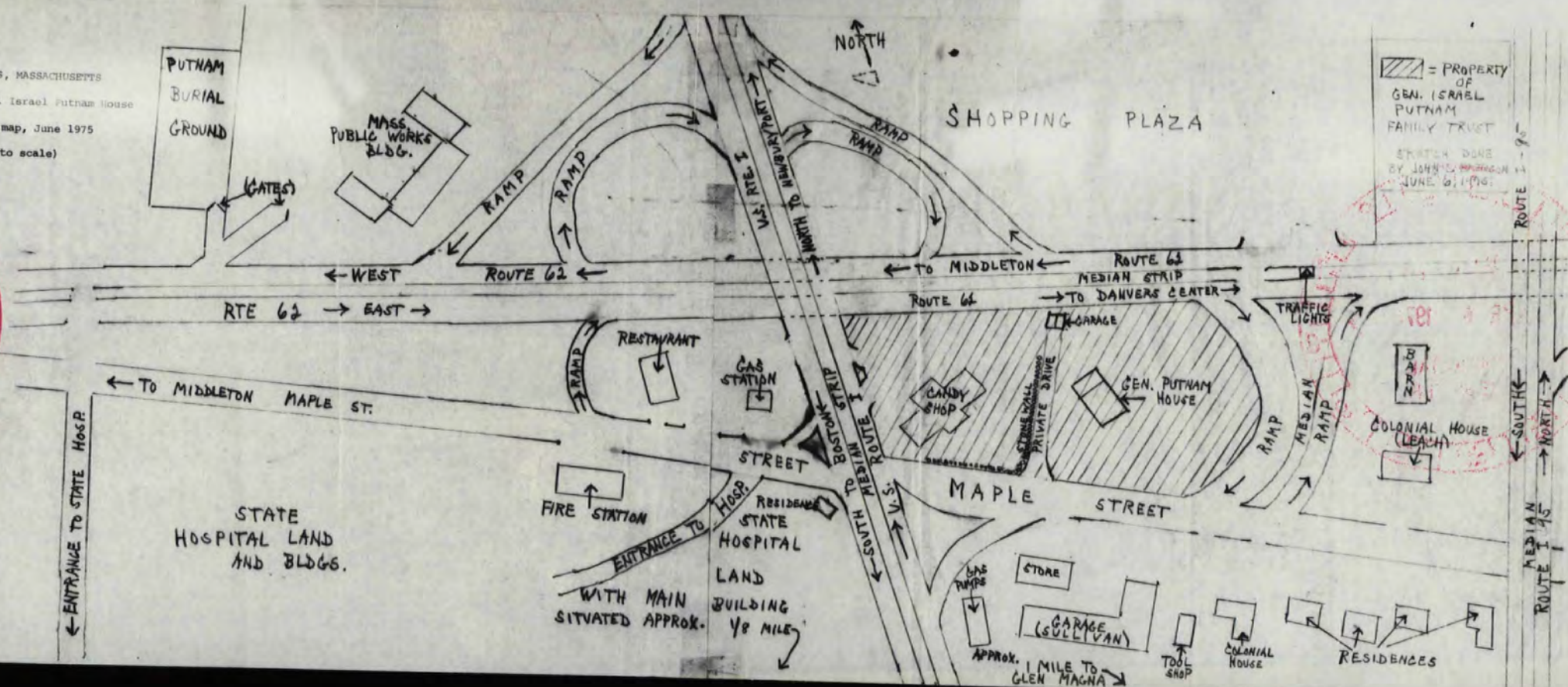
CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE 1

#8:

preserve the old homestead as a living memorial to the life of the great folk hero,
General Israel Putnam.

DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS
General Israel Putnam House
Sketch map, June 1975
(not to scale)



Property General Israel Putnam House

State Mass Working Number 4.6.76.3003

Essex

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 2 *1 cont sheet*

CONTROL

OK ^{CM} *4.9.76*

Included within the 3 3/4 acres is a Condy shop (originally a shoe shop) and a small garage. The significant structure however, is the house itself.

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
4-15-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Nice house

Accept
SO 4/16/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4-16-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hung
4.30.26

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered APR 30 1976

Federal Register Entry 6-1-76

Re-submit _____

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General Israel Putnam House
Danvers, Massachusetts Essex County
General Israel Putnam Family Trust
September 1975
General Israel Putnam Family Trust,
431 Maple Street, Danvers, MA 01923
Looking west at east facade
Photograph #1 of 2

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General Israel Putnam House
Danvers, Massachusetts Essex County
General Israel Putnam Family Trust,
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Looking south at north facade.
Photograph #2 of 2

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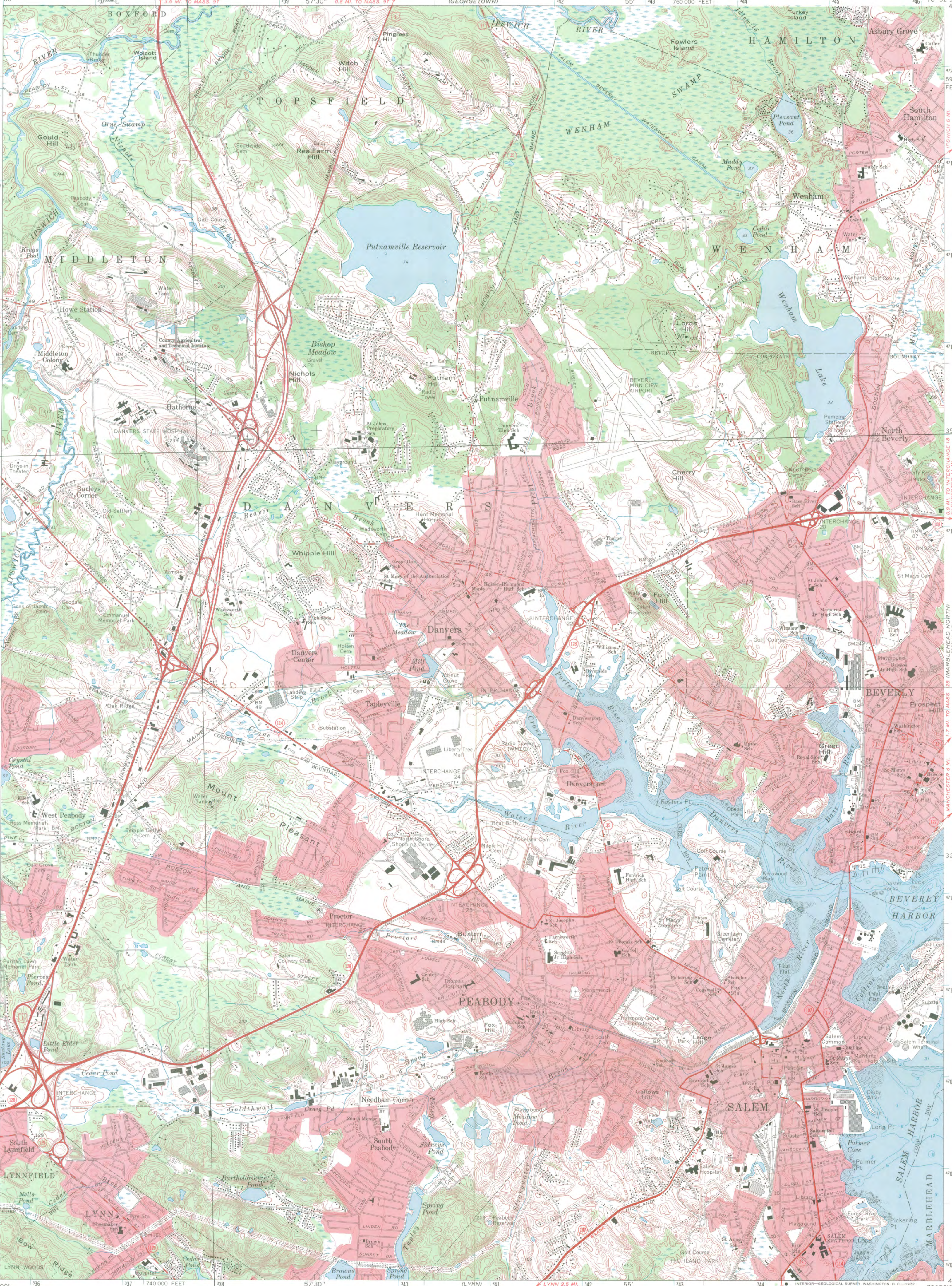
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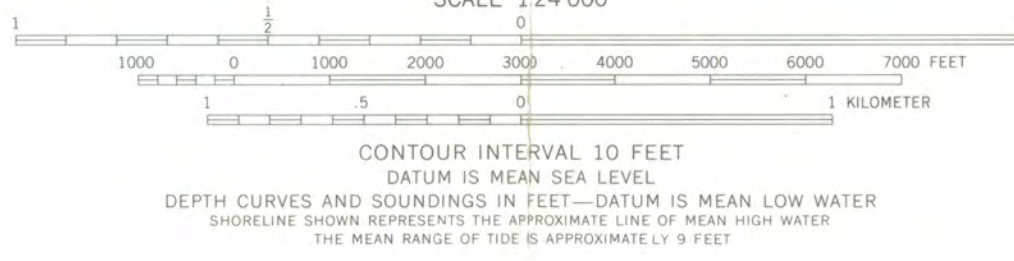
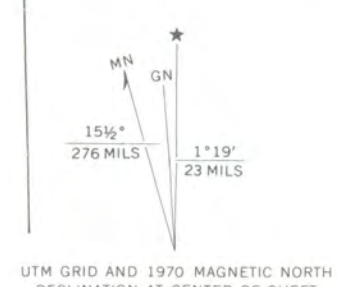
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
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taken 1938. Topography by planimetric surveys 1942
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 240 and
241 (1970). 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

SALEM, MASS.
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1970

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTERSTATE MASSACHUSETTSDate Entered APR 30 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Peirce, Peter, Store	Middleborough Plymouth County
Belcher, Jonathan, House	Randolph Norfolk County
Fernald, George P., House	Medford Middlesex County
Albree-Hall-Lawrence, House	Medford Middlesex County
Smith Alumnae Gymnasium	Northampton Hampshire County
Putnam, General Israel, House	Danvers Essex County
Dillingham House	Brewster vicinity Barnstable County
Wellesley Town Hall	Wellesley Norfolk County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
 Hon. Edward W. Brooke
 Hon. Margaret M. Heckler
 Hon. James A. Burke
 Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald
 Hon. Silvio O. Conte
 Hon. Michael J. Harrington
 Hon. Garry E. Studds

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

MAY 21 1976

Eleven generations of Putnams

U.S. recognizes Danvers

DANVERS — The General Israel Putnam house, 431 Maple St., has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The announcement was made by the office of Secretary of State Paul Guzzi after word was received from the National Park Service.

The house had been nominated for inclusion in the register — a listing of historically important buildings and sites in the United States — by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The house was built in 1648 and may be the oldest house in the United States which has never been sold," according to Galo Putnam Emerson Jr., its current occupant.

Emerson resides in the house of his ancestors with his wife Sally and their 4 children.

According to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the house is significant as the birthplace of General Israel Putnam and the only surviving structure associated with his name.

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(Peter Kohns)

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

1 April 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington
Chief, Registration
National Register
National Park Service
US Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find four nomination forms for the following properties:

1. Danvers: General Israel Putnam House
2. Norton: Pitt Clarke House
3. Rockport: Downtown Main Street District
4. Salem: Salem Common Historic District

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

Sincerely yours,

Pat

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW/jdd

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HEARD
DANVERS, MASS.
W. 4.021

MAY 20 1976

New
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Newspaper

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Originally, the one hundred acres of land on which the house stood were used for farming, and until 1923, some degree of farming was maintained. Since then, however, most of the land has been taken by eminent domain by the State and Federal governments.

In 1800, Daniel Putnam began a shoe factory on the property in addition to running the farm. Here were manufactured brogans which were sent South in barrels from 1800-1849. In 1952, Galo Putnam Emerson founded Putnam Pantry Candies, using the one remaining old shoe shop factory building as his shop. At present, the income from the venture helps preserve the old homestead as a living memorial to the life of a great folk hero, General Israel Putnam.

The house is a two story frame structure. The original 1648 portion has a gable roof and an end chimney and forms the rear or north portion of the present dwelling. The 1744 addition, which forms the front or south portion of the house, has a gambrel roof and center chimney.

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DATE: 4/16/76
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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER:

Putnam, General Israel, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

431 Maple Street

CITY, TOWN

Danvers

STATE

MA

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

COUNTY

Essex

code

009

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

HABS

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- House; 1820

now- House; RESID and Bus.

SIGNIFICANCE:

☒ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC☒ AGRICULTURE☐ ARCHITECTURE☐ ART☐ COMMERCE☐ COMMUNICATIONS☐ CONSERVATION☐ ECONOMICS☐ EDUCATION☐ ENGINEERING☐ EXPLORATION☐ INDUSTRY☐ INVENTION☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE☐ LAW/Gov't/politics☐ LITERATURE18 ☒ 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

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Colonial

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal

General Israel Putnam 1718-1738

events

institutional

DATES:

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

1648, 1744

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

1831

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

1718-1738

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

3.8

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

~~HAAS 95 feet (1935) 25 feet garden~~

~~Frame, clayboarded. 2 1/2 stories, modified rectangle, gambrel and gambrel roof sections, interior end and central chimneys; front entrance in projecting vestibule flanked by sidelights and double pilasters, small balustraded deck above. ~~Front addition constructed 1748. Front gambrel roof section constructed 1744. Original section built by ~~original interior furnishings~~~~~~

Front addition, 1744

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

~~1718-1738~~

~~This is the birthplace and boyhood home of General Israel Putnam,~~
American folk hero known for his participation in the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars; owned by 11 successive generations of the Putnam family.

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: ✓ 1 Putnam, Gen. Israel, House		2 OTHER NAMES:		3 date of entry: ✓ (4-30-76)		4 county code: 0009	
5 LOCATION street & number ✓ 431 Maple St.		city / town ✓ Danvers		vicinity of		state ✓ MA	
				county ✓ Essex		6 NPS REGION: North Atlantic	
7 OWNER: ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)						8 ADMINISTRATOR:	
9 EXISTING SURVEYS: ☒ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL		10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☒ NO		11 CONGRESS DISTRICT 6th		12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL	
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME: ☒ NO		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME: ☒ NO		15 ACREAGE 3.75		if state who prepared form? ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
16 CONDITION ☒ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated ☒ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated		17 features: ☒ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7		18 features: ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8		19 features: ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9	
20 ACCESS: ☒ YES - Restricted ☐ YES - Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		21 ADAPTIVE USE: ☐ YES ☒ NO		22 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		23 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no	
24 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10		☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ INVENTION-14		☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☒ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20		☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☒ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
25 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: RESIDENCE CURRENTLY: RESIDENCE		26 dates of initial construction: 1648 major alterations: historic events:		27 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐		28 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION	
29 architectural style(s): GEORGIAN		30 architect:		31 master builder:		32 engineer:	
33 landscape architect / garden designer:		34 interior decorator:		35 artist:		36 artisan:	
37 builder/contractor:		38		39		40	
41 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: GEN. ISRAEL PUTNAM - EARLY RESIDENT - PROMINENT "FRENCH AND INDIAN" AND REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERO. EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:							
42 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: ✓ FRAME, CLAPBOARDING; 2 1/2 STORIES, RECTANGULAR, GABLED AND GAMBREL ROOF SECTIONS, INTERIOR END AND CENTRAL CHIMNEYS, OFF-CENTER ENTRANCE WITH SIMPLE ARCHITRAVE, 1-STORY POLYGONAL SIDE BAY, 1 1/2-STORY SHED WING; (FRONT CENTER ENTRANCE WITH SIDELIGHTS IN 1-STORY PROJECTING BOWSTRADED VESTIBULE); ORIGINAL GABLED DWELLING (1648), ENLARGED BY GAMBREL ADDITION (1744), AND LATER KITCHEN WING; 19TH C. FAMILY SHOE FACTORY NOW OPERATED AS CANDY FACTORY OUTBUILDING. GEORGIAN. BIRTHPLACE OF GENERAL ISRAEL PUTNAM, PROMINENT "FRENCH AND INDIAN" AND REVOLUTIONARY WAR LEADER; HOUSE UNDER CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP FOR 11 GENERATIONS.							