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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Stony Farm

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 428 Salisbury Street

N/A not for publication

city or town Holden

N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts

code MA

county Worcester

code 027

zip code 01520

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith B. McDonough

11/2/95

Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register

☐ removed from the National Register

☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Edson R. Beall

Date of Action

12.13.95

National Register

Stony Farm
Name of Property

Worcester County, MA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
5	1	buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
6	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling, secondary structure

AGRICULTURE: agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling, secondary structure

AGRICULTURE: agricultural outbuilding

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

FEDERAL

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation granite

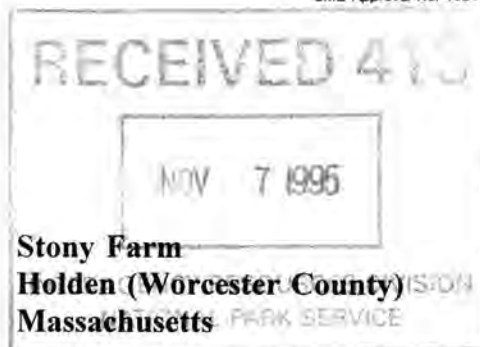
walls weatherboard

roof slate

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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7. DESCRIPTION

Stony Farm House is a 2 and 1/2 story, 5 bay, double pile frame, Federal style residence with an offset two story ell. The building is set on a granite block foundation and the walls are sheathed in clapboards. The slate-covered gable roof is punctuated by two interior brick chimneys. The property is located about four miles east of Holden Center, on the east side of Shrewsbury Street, a heavily traveled road leading to Worcester. To the south of the house is a 19th century shed and a six car stuccoed garage constructed in 1936, reached by a semicircular driveway from the street. An early 20th century shed and a leanto are located in the open field behind the house, while the remains of an early 20th century pool and pump house are located in the woods behind the house. A large gambrel-roofed barn is located to the north of the house, set close to the road. Constructed in 1981, it was built on the foundations of an earlier barn destroyed by fire in that year. The property is in excellent condition and retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Set back approximately fifty feet from the road, the facade of the main house block faces west. The fenestration pattern of the facade is balanced although not equally spaced. All of the windows have six-over-six sash with slightly projecting simple architrave surrounds flanked by louvered blinds. Those on the second floor extend to the frieze. The center entrance contains a six panel door flanked by partial, four-light sidelights and capped by an entablature lintel. Architectural trim is minimal and unadorned including flat cornerboards, a slightly projecting boxed cornice on the lateral eaves articulated by cyma recta, ovolo and torus moldings, and shallow returns on the gable ends.

Both the north and south gable ends feature two widely spaced bays. The first floor front window frame on the south side has been replaced. A c.1895 photograph indicates that at one time a single story, three-sided bay window occupied this space with an adjacent doorway, also no longer extant. Similarly, on the north side plain moldings are noted on the first floor while more decorative moldings are found on the second floor openings. Photographs indicate that at one time a single story sunporch addition spanned the north side with a door located between the two window bays. According to the present owner, both the bay window and the sunporch were removed during the Wheelers' ownership c.1950.

There is an irregular (asymmetrical) fenestration pattern on the rear facade of the main block does not display the balance of the facade. The center entrance contains three-by-three upper panes of glass over a four panel lower section. Three six-over-six windows are located to the

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south of the entrance with two similar windows on the other side. Upstairs three six-over-six windows extend to the frieze and like those on the first floor display plain surrounds.

Extending eastward from the southeast corner of the main block is a two story clapboarded ell. According to stories passed onto the present owners, the MacPhees, by local residents, the ell was moved from down the street, in the vicinity of what is now Mark Circle, in 1805. This could unfortunately not be verified. The ell was little more than a shed until it was renovated about 25 years ago by the MacPhees. Previously the building contained a kitchen that served as a sugaring house for many families in the area. Spanning much of the first floor on the south side is a three bay, single story, shed-roofed porch supported by square posts with angled caps, resting on a wooden deck. Sheltered by the porch the two outer bays contain six panel doors flanking two six-over-six windows. A modern multi-light picture window is located to the east. The second floor is punctuated by four irregularly spaced six-over-six window openings, also flanked by louvered blinds. Architectural trim consists of a projecting boxed cornice on the lateral eaves and projecting cornice returns on the gable ends. A brick chimney is centered on the eastern end. The west gable end is two bays wide with six-over-six windows, while the east end is without openings. Spanning the east end is a single story shed, sheathed in board and batten siding and resting on a fieldstone foundation. The front and rear elevations display a parapet while a low gable roof profile and exposed rafters are visible on the eastern end. A single arched opening is located on the south front. A historic photograph of the property taken in 1895 indicate that this shed was preceded by an earlier single story shed with gable roof and lacking the arched opening. The present shed addition appears to date to the early 20th century.

The rear (north) side of the ell is punctuated by three first floor openings and two on the second floor, arranged in no certain pattern. The area closest to the main house contains a modern door with 3x3 upper glass. A 6/6 window and picture window light the first floor while upstairs there are two 6/6 windows. Two long vertical strips descend from the roof almost to the first floor near where the main house and ell meet.

Interior Description - Main House

The double pile, double chimney Stony Farm displays a center hall plan with eight fireplaces, some of which are currently closed. On the first floor, the main entrance hall has a simple open string staircase with stick balusters and a square newel post with cap. The most elaborate mantel is that in the front (southwest) parlor. In contrast to the plain, stark mantels found elsewhere in the house, the simple Federal mantel in this room has recessed panel pilasters and a wide, plain frieze. The room has a simple, molded chair rail and window trim

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and beaded mopboard. Most of the rooms display encased corner posts, wideboard wainscoting and wideboard floorboards. The northeast room, which functioned as the kitchen until the early 1960s, retains a cooking fireplace with beehive oven although the chimney has been rebuilt. Architrave moldings and four panel doors are found in the northwest room, a utility room that was also used as a "birthing" area. Like the southwest room, this room lacks wainscoting. Elsewhere thin, six recessed panel doors predominate.

Description - Outbuildings

Located south of the ell is a single story shed, sheathed in board and batten siding. The building is oriented with its vertical board door centered on the broad side facing the main house. A single doublehung six-over-nine window lights the west gable. An exterior metal chimney is located on the east side. The building appears to date to the late 19th century.

Just to the south of the shed is a six car garage building, rectangular in plan and capped by a flat roof. The building is constructed of concrete blocks and faced in stucco. Tax valuations indicate the building was constructed in 1936. The six individual overhead doors with upper lights are recessed slightly. At the cornice line a simple bracket block is located between each opening. Six three-by-two pane metal windows with brick sills are equally spaced on the rear elevation, again separated by cornice blocks. A single window of the same configuration is located on the south side while a brick chimney with concrete cap is located at the southeast corner.

Located to the east of the rear of the ell is a squarish shed building, sheathed in board and batten siding and resting on a concrete foundation. The building is formed by the union of two shed-roofed forms of unequal height, resulting in elevated clerestory openings facing south. The shed roofs are covered in asphalt shingles and display exposed rafter ends. A wooden door with five horizontal panels is located on the west side while four continuous single pane windows light the south side. Both the north and east sides are without openings. The former chicken coop appears to date to the early 20th century.

Located in the fenced field behind the house is an early 20th century small frame sheep shed constructed of vertical board sheathing with a shed roof displaying exposed rafters. Three horizontal slat doors are located on the taller wall.

To the north of the main house, set close to the road, is a large gambrel-roofed barn built in 1981, on the site of an earlier barn destroyed by fire that year. The barn is sheathed in vertical boards and capped by an asphalt shingled roof. Centered on the ridge is a square

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cupola with louvered side panels and a bellcast roof surmounted by a weathervane salvaged from the former barn. Care has been taken to make the design of the barn compatible with the older structure and in particular the openings on the north and west sides have been chosen to imitate an older structure. The gambrel front features a set of large double doors, each of which consists of a three panel door with diagonal board infill. On each side the doors are flanked by an upper and lower window containing an eight-over-eight window. The upper loft features a door decorated by double "x" stickwork. On the north side there is a central vertical board opening flanked by two eight-over-eight windows. The rear (east) and south sides display regularly spaced one-over-one windows with a set of three windows in the rear attic. The barn's fieldstone foundation is exposed at the rear which displays a lower level opening.

According to Mr. and Mrs. MacPhee, an additional large attached barn, thought to be even older than the barn that burned, was at one time attached to the rear of the house. This barn is visible in a c.1885 photograph owned by the MacPhees. Otherwise, tax valuations indicate the property today is very much as it earlier in the century. Tax records from 1910 indicate that in that year the property included a house, barn, hennery and carriage/tool shed. By the 1920s a grain room and garage had been added. By 1937 the property was just as it appears today, with a house, barn, garage, poultry house, grain room and shed.

The farm retains numerous structural and landscape features reflecting its rural and agricultural past. Dry laid stone walls loosely outline the area around the building complex and define present and former fields. Surviving segments include an east-west wall just south of the barn and a curved section radiating northeastward from a point near the gable-roofed shed. A series of modern beehouses are located just south of the garage and a small, (six foot square) dilapidated early 20th century pump house with slate, hip roof and concrete foundation is located north of the house. The remains of an early 20th century swimming pool constructed of mortared stone are located adjacent to the pumphouse but are obscured by overgrown vegetation.

Landscaping immediately around the main house includes rhododendrons and ornamental evergreen shrubs. A paved semicircular driveway runs in front of the garage and just to the south of the house and ell, shaded by two large sugar maples. A series of mature plantings including lilacs and forsythia line the streetline. The remaining landscape alternates woodlands and open, fenced fields in which a flock of Suffolk sheep are still pastured.

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County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

ca. 1790 - 1945

Significant Dates

ca. 1790

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Gordon & Barbara MacPhee, Owners

Worcester County, MA
County and State

Acreage of Property 7.89 acres

1. 19	265070	4689820
Zone	Easting	Northing

Zone Easting Northing

2. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone	Easting	Northing
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See continuation sheet

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

name/title	Lisa Mausolf, Preservation Consultant, for the Holden Historical Commission with Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director, MHC
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organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date July 1995

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Gordon and Barbara MacPhee

street & number 428 Salisbury Street telephone (508) 829-4556

city or town Holden state MA zip code 01520

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MassachusettsSection number 8 Page 1**8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Built c. 1790 with a later ell, Stony Farm is significant architecturally as a well-preserved example of Federal Period architecture in Holden. Historically, the property also derives significance as one of the town's best preserved farms and for its organic development in the 19th and 20th century. The buildings are set in a well preserved rural agricultural setting that presents a visual appearance quite similar to its historic appearance, predominantly open fields with a partial woodlot. Stony Farm retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and satisfies Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places at the local level. The period of significance is c.1790-1945. Significant dates include c. 1790, the date of construction of the main house.

Typical of the Federal style, Stony Farm displays a two-and-a-half story, 5 bay, double pile form. In this case the building displays a double pile plan and double chimneys, rather than the single-pile and center chimney variations which are common locally. The center entrance features a simple entablatured doorframe which is actually somewhat elaborate in comparison to the unadorned enframing which predominated in Holden. Other details which are typical of the style include the architrave window surrounds and cornice moldings which end in shallow returns. Stony Farm is among the best preserved of house form in Holden. Other examples include the large Estabrook-Howe-Hall Farm (1780?-1830s) on River Street and the Cyrus Chenery House (c. 1830) at 257 Shrewsbury Street.

Although previous efforts, including the 1974 Reconnaissance Survey prepared by the Holden Historical Commission, had concluded that this house was constructed for Samuel Whitney c. 1779, no verification could be found for this through deed research. Instead, it would appear that this house was constructed by Tilla Chaffin who, in at least five separate transaction and deeds, assembled a large parcel of land in this area beginning in the last decade of the 18th century and continuing into the early 19th. In the earliest of the deeds, dated 1789 and recorded in 1800, Tilla Chaffin purchased from Phineas Ball, a nineteen-acre tract of land with buildings located near Samuel Chaffin's and opposite the school house, on the County Road leading from Holden to Worcester. It is not known whether any of these early buildings are present in the current buildings. "Tilley" Chaffin purchased an additional thirty acres of land from Samuel Chaffin in 1791 and sixteen acres of land from Nathan Chaffin on the west side of the County Road in 1792. In 1804 (recorded in 1827) Tilla purchased nine acres of land bordering land owned by Phineas Ball, Samuel Chaffin and himself and in 1814 (recorded in 1827) he added another acre of land from Abraham Howe on the west side of the County Road, near the "said Chaffin house".

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In 1828, in consideration of \$2,000, Tilla Chaffin sold to his son, Tilla Chaffin, Jr. a total of 100 acres of land "with buildings thereon, leading from the Holden meetinghouse to Worcester, about two miles from the said meetinghouse" (Book 266, Page 44). The bounds of the property were described as being mentioned in seven deeds: Phineas Ball, 19 acres; Samuel Chaffin, 30 acres; Nathan Chaffin, 16 acres; Samuel Austin, 30 acres; Benjamin Whitney, 9 acres; Abraham Howe, 1 acre and Samuel Chaffin and Bezaleel Fisk, 2 acres.

Tilla Chaffin, Jr. was born in Holden in 1796, the son of Tilla and Hannah Chaffin. He married Sarah Foster of Roxbury in 1829. In local affairs, he served as a selectman in 1833 and as a Representative to the General Court from 1839 to 1840.

In 1867 the farm "commonly known as the Tilla Chaffin farm and situated on both sides of the County Road from Worcester to Holden" was sold by Maria Chaffin to Lucy M. Howe, wife of Thomas R. Howe, for \$3,200. The property was said to contain about 75 acres and included the school house lot situated within the farm (Book 746, Page 645).

Thomas R. Howe (b.1821-d.1904) was a carpenter by trade. After purchasing Stony Farm in 1867, Howe continued to work at his trade in Worcester. Later he devoted his attention to the farm and to carpentering in Holden, as well as to town affairs, serving as highway surveyor and overseer of the poor. Howe married Lucy Maria Parker in 1858 and had two children, Waldo Emerson (b.1859-d.1865) and Thomas Walter (b.1866-d.19??).

Upon Thomas R. Howe's death in 1904, the property was passed to his son T. Walter Howe. The younger Howe nearly doubled the acreage of the property during his ownership, adding a twenty acre parcel in 1910 and an additional fifty acres of land in 1918. In 1926 T. Walter Howe sold the property, including land on either side of Salisbury Street and the "so-called school lot", to Clarence and Janet Daniels of Worcester. Comprised of three separate parcels, the total acreage of the property was approximately 145 acres, with the farm lot proper equalling 75 acres. In 1941 the Daniels sold the property to the Congregational Church of Holden. From 1941 to 1946 this house served as the Congregational Parsonage. In 1946 the Church sold the same property, including all three parcels of land, to William and Katherine Wheeler. Nineteen years later, in 1965, the Wheelers sold part of the land, the 10.93 acres east of Salisbury Street, to Francis H. Dewey III. The other over 150 acres of land was sold in 1973 and subsequently developed into housing. The present owners, Gordon and Barbara MacPhee purchased the property, with no new boundaries, in 1973. The parcel currently contains 7.89 acres of land.

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According to the U. S. Census Agricultural Schedules available for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880, during the mid to late 19th century Stony Farm was a fairly prosperous farm for Holden. In 1850 the farm, owned then by Tilla Chaffin, included 70 improved acres and 60 unimproved acres and was valued at \$3,500. The holdings of the typical mixed use farm included a horse, three milk cows, two working cows and five pigs. Crops raised included rye, Indian corn, oats, beans, Irish potatoes and orchards. The farm contained five additional acres in 1860 and was valued at \$4,000. During Thomas Howe's ownership in 1870 the farm was said to include just 80 improved acres, with a total value of \$3,200. The 1880 Census states that in that year Thomas Howe's farm had 12 tilled acres, 30 acres of meadow and 30 acres of woodland and was valued at \$2,000.

Local tax valuations also shed light on the evolution of the property. In 1859, these records tell us that Tilla Chaffin's farm consisted of 55 improved acres and 45 unimproved acres. Standing on the property were a house, barn and shop. Livestock included a horse, two oxen, five cows and a pig. Additional holdings owned by Chaffin included acreages known as the Austin, Whitney and Damon lots. In 1887 a hen house and piggery are noted on the valuation for the first time. Both the 1870 and 1898 maps indicate the presence of a large barn with attached shed north of the house while there are two small sheds shown south of the ell. The 1905 valuation indicates there were 100 fowl living in a single henneries. In 1913, in addition to a house and barn and multiple henneries, there is mention of a carriage and tool shed in the tax valuations, as well as 130 fowl. The number of chickens remained stable at approximately 125 during the decade between 1910 and 1920. Non resident valuations assessed the Daniels suggest that they did not use the farm on a full time basis, perhaps commuting from Worcester for summer or weekend use. During the Daniels' ownership a garage was constructed in 1936.

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DEEDS

Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Worcester, Massachusetts

Year	Book	Page
1973	5352	439
1965	4608	520
1946	2988	333
1941	2840	130
1926	2408	457
1867	746	645
1829	266	43
1828	266	44
1822	257	353
1814	257	352
1804	257	350
1792	137	278
1791	137	277
1789	137	276

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies Map 209, Lot 23 in the local tax assessor's records (see enclosed copy of tax map for exact bounds of lot).

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property is drawn to include that acreage which survives from the original parcel upon which Tilla Chaffin built his residence and which is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination does not include acreage which was originally part of the property but which has been subdivided to other parties over the years.

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**STONY FARM
HOLDEN (WORCESTER COUNTY), MASSACHUSETTS
DISTRICT DATA SHEET**

Resource	Construction date	Contrib. (C) or Non contrib. (NC)
Main house	c.1790	C
Barn	1981	NC
Shed	late 19th century	C
Garage	1936	C
Chicken Coop	early 20th century	C
Swimming Pool site	early 20th century	C
Pump House	early 20th century	C

Summary: 5 contributing buildings
1 non contributing building
1 contributing site

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Stony Farm

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 11/07/95 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/22/95
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/08/95 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/22/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95001441

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 12.13.95 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



Stony Farm
428 Salisbury St.
Holden, Massachusetts

Photographer: Lisa Mausolf

Date: February 1994

Negative: Holden Historical Commission

Description: Facade (west side) and
south side; looking northeast

PHOTO 1 OF 5



Stony Farm
428 Salisbury St.
Holden, Massachusetts

Photographer: Lisa Mausolf
Date: February 1994
Negative: Holden Historical Commission
Description: Rear (east) and north sides
of main house; north and east sides
of ell; looking southeast

PHOTO 2 OF 5



Stony Farm
428 Salisbury St.
Holden, Massachusetts

Photographer: Lisa Mausolf

Date: February 1994

Negative: Holden Historical Commission

Description: Shed and garage looking southeast

PHOTO 3 OF 5



Stony Farm
428 Salisbury St.
Holden, Massachusetts

photographer: Lisa Mausolf

Date: February 1994

Negative: Holden Historical Commission

Description: Barn-north + west sides,
looking southeast; main house in
distance at right

PHOTO 4 OF 5



Stony Farm
428 Salisbury St.
Holden, Massachusetts

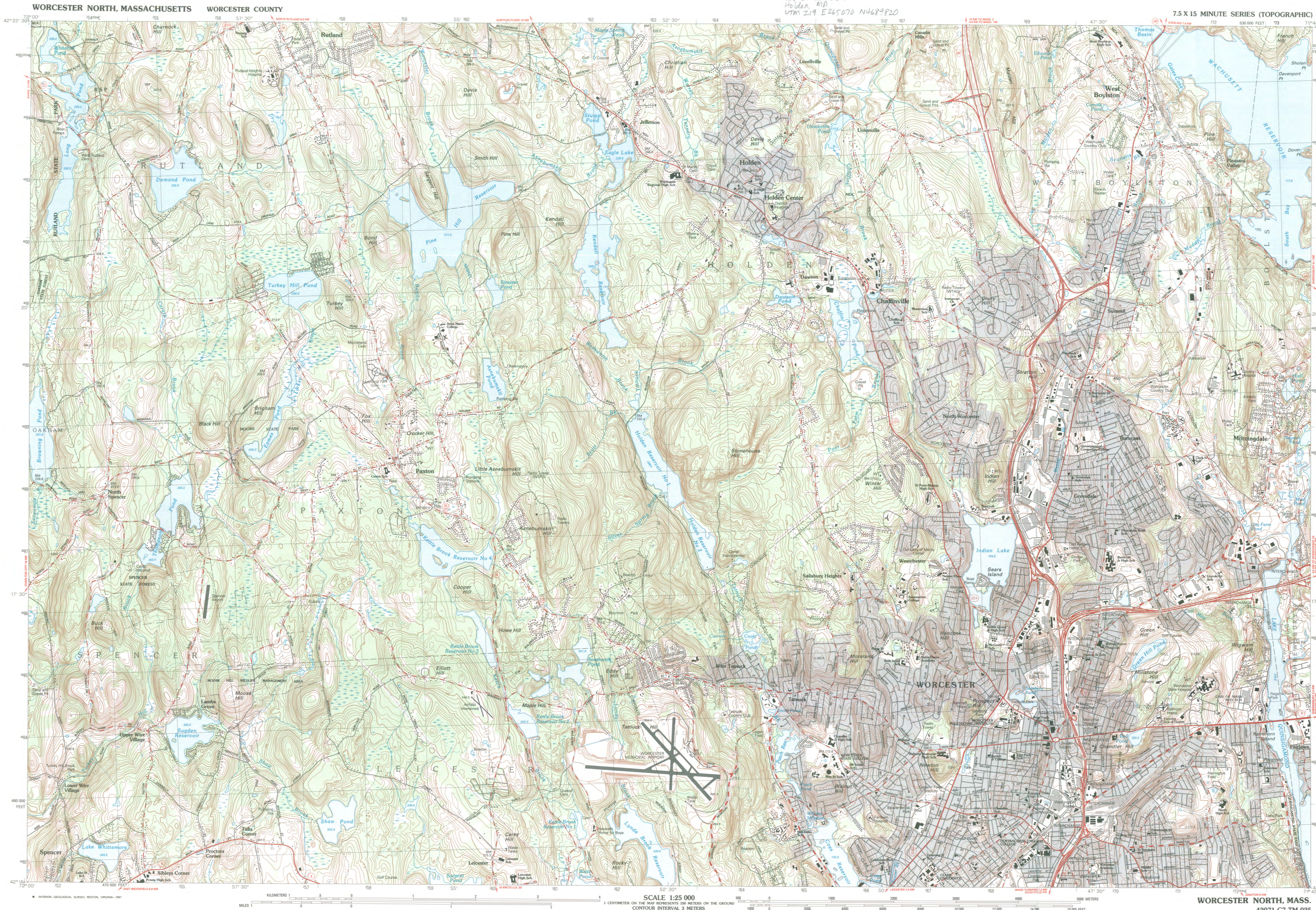
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Date: February 1994

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Description: Shed, looking northwest

Photo 5 of 5



Worcester North

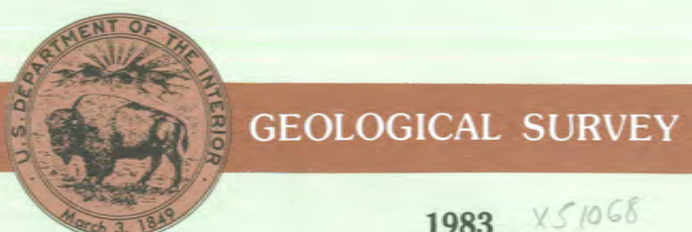
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1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map



7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names



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Supersedes Paxton and Worcester North 1:25,000-scale
maps dated 1965 and 1974

Projection and 1000-meter grid, zone 19: Universal
Transverse Mercator
10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate
system, mainland zone - 1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 6 meters south and 40 meters
west as shown by dashed corner ticks
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM	ADJOINING MAPS			
Meters	Feet		1	2	3	
1	3.2808					
2	6.5617					
3	9.8425					
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5	16.4043					
6	19.6852					
7	22.9660					
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10	32.8086					
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Unimproved road, trail	
Road marker: Interstate; U. S.; State	
Railroad: standard gage; narrow gage	
Bridge: drawbridge	
Footbridge: overpass; underpass; railroad crossing	
Build-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown	
House; barn; church; school; large structure	
Boundary:	
National, with monument	
County, parish	
Civil township, precinct, district	
Incorporated city, village, town	
National or State reservation; small park	
Land grant with monument; found section corner	
U. S. public lands survey: range, township; section	
Range, township; section line: location approximate	
Fence or field line	
Power transmission line, located tower	
Dam; dam with lock	
Cemetery; grave	
Campground; picnic area; U. S. National monument	
Windmill; water well; spring	
Mine shaft; prospect; adit or cave	
Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation	
Contours: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression	
Distorted surface: strip mine, lava, sand	
Bathymetric contours: index; intermediate	
Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream	
Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small	
Submerged marsh; marsh, swamp	
Land subject to controlled inundation; woodland	
Scrub; mangrove	
Orchard; vineyard	

A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

November 2, 1995

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P. O. Box 37127
Washington, D. C. 20013-7127



Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Stony Farm, 428 Salisbury Street, Holden (Worcester County), Massachusetts 01522

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property within the district were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

cc: Susan Ceccacci, Chairperson, Holden Historical Commission
Robert V. Johnson, Chairperson, Holden Board of Selectmen
Gordon & Barbara MacPhee, 428 Salisbury Street, Holden
Janet Baker, Head Librarian, Holden Public Library
Lisa Mausolf, Preservation Consultant

Enclosure



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

October 30, 2001

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

TECHNICAL CORRECTION

It has come to my attention that there is an error in the nomination for Stony Farm, Holden (Worcester Co.), MA, listed December 13, 1995. (see attachment)

Section 7, page 1, line four: change "...located about four miles east of Holden Center, on the east side of Shrewsbury Street, a heavily traveled road leading to Worcester.", to "...located just south of Holden Center at 428 Salisbury Street."

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Brona Simon
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Cc: Holden Historical Commission

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Stony Farm
Holden (Worcester County)
Massachusetts

Section number 7 Page 1

7. DESCRIPTION

Stony Farm House is a 2 and 1/2 story, 5 bay, double pile frame, Federal style residence with an offset two story ell. The building is set on a granite block foundation and the walls are sheathed in clapboards. The slate-covered gable roof is punctuated by two interior brick chimneys. The property is located about four miles east of Holden Center, on the east side of Shrewsbury Street, a heavily traveled road leading to Worcester. To the south of the house is a 19th century shed and a six car stuccoed garage constructed in 1936, reached by a semicircular driveway from the street. An early 20th century shed and a leanto are located in the open field behind the house, while the remains of an early 20th century pool and pump house are located in the woods behind the house. A large gambrel-roofed barn is located to the north of the house, set close to the road. Constructed in 1981, it was built on the foundations of an earlier barn destroyed by fire in that year. The property is in excellent condition and retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Set back approximately fifty feet from the road, the facade of the main house block faces west. The fenestration pattern of the facade is balanced although not equally spaced. All of the windows have six-over-six sash with slightly projecting simple architrave surrounds flanked by louvered blinds. Those on the second floor extend to the frieze. The center entrance contains a six panel door flanked by partial, four-light sidelights and capped by an entablature lintel. Architectural trim is minimal and unadorned including flat cornerboards, a slightly projecting boxed cornice on the lateral eaves articulated by cyma recta, ovolo and torus moldings, and shallow returns on the gable ends.

Both the north and south gable ends feature two widely spaced bays. The first floor front window frame on the south side has been replaced. A c.1895 photograph indicates that at one time a single story, three-sided bay window occupied this space with an adjacent doorway, also no longer extant. Similarly, on the north side plain moldings are noted on the first floor while more decorative moldings are found on the second floor openings. Photographs indicate that at one time a single story sunporch addition spanned the north side with a door located between the two window bays. According to the present owner, both the bay window and the sunporch were removed during the Wheelers' ownership c.1950.

There is an irregular (asymmetrical) fenestration pattern on the rear facade of the main block does not display the balance of the facade. The center entrance contains three-by-three upper panes of glass over a four panel lower section. Three six-over-six windows are located to the

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