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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Westover - Bacon - Potts Farmother names/site number Westover, Jonah House

2. Location

street & number Route 41, under Mountain Road

N/A not for publication

city, town South Egremont

N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Berkshire code 003 zip code 02158

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

4

Noncontributing

1 buildings sites1 structures objects72 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: _____

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Valerie A. Talmage JWB 6/6/90
Signature of certifying official Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission;
State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. 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:) _____JWB

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action 7-27-90

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / Single Dwelling, SecondaryDwellingAgriculture / Storage, AgriculturalField, Animal Facility, AgriculturalOutbuilding

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / Single Dwelling, SecondaryDwellingLandscape / Conservation Area**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial / GeorgianNo Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Fieldstonewalls Weatherboardroof Asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located in the uplands of Berkshire County the Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm includes a 1744 farmhouse and related farm buildings on 150.221 acres, all of which were under one ownership and operated as a farm by the late eighteenth century. Situated in the Town of Egremont in the southwest corner of Massachusetts, the farm is east of Jug Head, a well known landmark of the Berkshire mountains and also on the Appalachian Trail. The property is bound on the north by Warner Road, formerly known as Guilder Lane (named for the first owner of the land, John Van Guilder), and on the south by a portion of the Appalachian Trail. A tributary of Willard Brook runs through the eastern side of the farm. The Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm is situated on the eastern slope of a high hill overlooking the valley with a vista towards northwestern Connecticut.

Egremont is an inland rural town in the southwestern corner of Massachusetts bordered by the State of New York and the town of Mount Washington on the west and Connecticut on the south. The towns of Great Barrington and Sheffield are east of Egremont, and Alford is due north. Egremont boasts two village centers; North Egremont and South Egremont, both of which have National Register districts. The Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm is south of South Egremont on Route 41.

The farm complex with its main farmhouse and related outbuildings is representative of the development of the rural agricultural communities of Berkshire County and retains architectural integrity as well as being an excellent example of Egremont's historical and economic development. The complex is reflective of the period of development beginning in 1744 when the house was constructed and continuing to 1939 during which time the buildings and surrounding landscape were in continuous use as a working farm.

The 149 acres (most recently surveyed and measured as 150.221 acres) that constituted the eighteenth century farm remain intact under one ownership. The farm acreage has been divided into seven parcels for the purposes of recording the conservation and preservation restrictions. (See plan of Land Surveyed - 1986). Nearly fifty acres (Parcel #2) have been protected by Agricultural Preservation Restrictions while an additional thirty-five acres (Parcels #4 & #6) have recorded conservation restrictions. Additional

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restrictions are applied to the fifty acres through which the Appalachian Trail has been rerouted (Parcels #5 & #7). All seven parcels are privately held under one ownership. Parcel #3 is subject to an easement and Parcel #1 is over four acres surrounding and including the farmhouse and outbuildings.

The Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm consists of five buildings and four structures of which all are contributing to the architectural and historical significance with the exception of one building, the 1979 garage, and one structure, the in-ground pool. The 1744 main house is the focal point of the farm complex with a circa 1806 converted woodshed and horsebarn addition. Other resources include two late eighteenth century farm buildings, a circa 1850 tool or garden shed, a new garage, two wells - one with a well sweep, the other with a cast iron pump - and an in-ground swimming pool, all surrounded by fields and woodland with remnants of the ancient stone wall system. Route 41 bisects the farm, leaving the buildings on the east side of the state road with the main farmhouse set back by 75 feet and facing east-southeast. The entire complex retains its architectural and historical integrity. Only the 1979 garage and the swimming pool are non-contributing although they are consistent with the surrounding historic fabric.

The Westover-Bacon-Potts House is a well preserved example of a five-bay, two and one-half story, Second Period dwelling with a gable roof and distinct lean-to or saltbox roof line at the rear. Built in 1744 the main house displays a traditional center entrance, two-room plan with integral lean-to around a massive central chimney. A one and one-half story 1806-1815 former wood shed extends 58 feet to the rear of the main 1744 dwelling connecting the house with the circa 1806 horse barn which has been recently converted to living quarters.

The house is sheathed in early scarfed clapboards with an asphalt roof and rests on an eight inch, raised fieldstone foundation, parts of which are dry while other sections have been reinforced with mortar. Windows of the early house display twelve-over-eight sash set in simply detailed frames with slightly projecting narrow lintels on the north and south sides.

The five-bay, main facade faces east towards Route 41 and has a center entrance with a wide entablature, a four-light transom, a wide frieze board, and a projecting unadorned cornice or lintel. The 1744 date is inscribed in eight inch digits on the frieze over the door. The main facade is symmetrical with two bays, evenly spaced and flanking the center entrance. The roof has a slight overhang with a wide frieze board between sash and eave. Simple cornerboards run from the foundation to the roof line and have no architectural details.

The north and south elevations display one window, centrally located, of

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building with a saltbox roof. Other local resources displaying this form are one and one-half stories. These facts contribute to its local importance and its articulation of Egremont's development.

Preservation planning has played a determining role in the future of this property. The importance of the landscape to the community has been recognized by the present owner who has established permanent protective strategies for maintaining the farmscape. The acreage has been divided into seven parcels for the purposes of recording protective restrictions and taxes. Nearly fifty acres are protected by an Agricultural Preservation Restriction held by the American Farmland Trust, Inc. Thirty-five acres have conservation easements held by the Appalachian Trail Conference, while the Appalachian National Scenic Trail passes through parcels affecting and protecting an additional fifty-one acres.

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Archaeological Significance

Since patterns of prehistoric occupation in this area of western Massachusetts are poorly understood, any surviving sites would be significant. Sites in this area could provide valuable data towards a better understanding of interior upland settlement and the relationship of that settlement to riverine systems eastward along the Connecticut River, westward to the Hudson River and upstate New York, and south along the Housatonic River. Sites in this area might also provide information indicating the extent of contact between cultures occupying the drainages noted above.

Historic archaeological remains described above have the potential for providing detailed information on the changing social, cultural and economic patterns that characterized life on a continually operated rural farm and agricultural community in Berkshire County from the 18th to 20th century. Archaeological survivals on the farm are enhanced by the farm's undisturbed state and through its ownership by one family from the early 1800s to 1960s.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture

Architecture

Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance

1744-1939

Significant Dates

1744

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm retains its rural agricultural setting and is reflective of a mid to late eighteenth century intact farmstead. The property is one of the best extant examples of a well preserved farm complex in Berkshire County with its 1744 farm house, several period outbuildings, and surrounding farm landscape. The complex retains architectural and historical integrity and is significant for the period beginning in 1744 when the house was constructed to 1939 throughout which time the farm has been in continuous use. The property retains integrity of location, setting, design, association, materials, workmanship, and feeling. The Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places and is significant at the Local level.

Although colonial settlement of the land that became Egremont did not begin until the early to mid 1700s, Robert Livingston and Killian VanRensselaer acquired large tracts of land from the Hudson River to the Berkshires in 1685, during which time there were boundary disputes between New York and Massachusetts. Much of this land included or passed near the Indian Reservation of the Mahican Algonquians. The General Court of Massachusetts moved to acquire reservation land in 1737. The Indian Reservation covered a vast area including parts of the towns of Mount Washington and Sheffield, West Egremont and South Egremont village. In 1737 one half of the Reservation was deeded to John Van Guilder, a full blooded Mahica Indian raised by Dutch parents in Rye, New York. The southern part was leased to Andreas Karner (after whom Karner Brook, which passes through South Egremont, is named) in 1740.

Egremont, so named for Charles Wyndham, the Earl of Egremont, was made a district in 1760 and had its first meetinghouse constructed in 1761 on Town House Hill. The Town was incorporated in 1775. Boundaries were altered in 1790 on the Alford border on the north and the Sheffield border on the southeast. Mount Washington land was annexed in 1817.

☒ See continuation sheet

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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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository:

Massachusetts Historical Commission**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of property 150.2 acres

UTM References

A 18 631580 4667510
 Zone Easting Northing

C 18 630380 4666870

B 18 631620 4667160
 Zone Easting Northing

D 18 630060 4667440

☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See Attached Map of Land Survey - The property is divided into seven parcels, all of which are included in the National Register Nomination application. Land recently surveyed and most accurate account is the "Plan of Land Surveyed, Mary Margaret Dellogg, November 1986", by Kelly Granger Parsons & Associates, Inc.

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Boundary Justification

The 150.221 acres includes the late 18th century property boundaries owned by Westover, and passed to successive generations of Bacons, Potts, and Warners. It is the area of land that includes the house, barns, and surrounding farmland that was in continuous use and comprised a working farm.

☐ See continuation sheet**11. Form Prepared By**

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Following the Revolution there was a decline in population (759 in 1790), which was reversed in the early 1800s when the twelfth Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 23) cut through the village of South Egremont. The early economy was based on farming with some industrial growth including shoes, marbles, and axles in South Egremont Village. Although all industrial activity had ceased by the end of the 1800s, farming and grazing continued throughout the region. Economic decline was unavoidable until the 1930s when Major Hugh Smiley established a resort community and the town was revitalized with tourist trade.

Joseph Van Guilder, son of John Van Guilder and Mary Karner, sold title of his property to Jonah Westover in 1751. Westover had settled on the land in 1744 when he built the Second Period saltbox dwelling. Westover died in 1768 leaving the farm to his son, Jonah Westover. The 1769 estate inventory shows that Westover's farm was used for crops such as hay, wheat and corn. In addition there was a sizeable livestock inventory accounting for the continuous use of pastures for grazing.

Although the Bacon family did not own the property until 1859, Andrew Bacon II (1791-1875) and his second wife, Betsey Bronson (d. 1862) lived here from 1830 when they began renting the property. Andrew Bacon's parents, Andrew Bacon (1765-1840) and Lucy Upson (1766-1862) lived in South Egremont from 1791. Bacon was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church in 1816. From 1830 when Andrew Bacon II moved to this property until 1966 when Carl Warner sold the farm, it was owned by one family and passed from generation to generation. Bacon's daughter Nancy married Herman T. Potts whose daughter married Fred A. Warner.

The farm was in continual use from the mid 1700s until the 1960s when Carl C. Warner was still delivering milk to the Great Barrington Milk Exchange. The Bacons, Potts, and Warners ran a dairy farm and were known for their cheese products. Although not farmed by the present owners the pasture land is leased to a nearby farmer for grazing cows.

The Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm is the only known farm in Berkshire County that can boast this long history of continuous use while displaying the best preserved example of a mid eighteenth century farmstead with related period outbuildings. It is for this reason that the dramatic and unspoiled landscape of the farm is a vital ingredient to the significance of the property. Use and ownership by one family from the early 1800s to the 1960s accounts for a reliable oral history which has preserved much of the tradition of the farm and is the source of dates for the outbuildings.

The Westover-Bacon-Potts House is the oldest extant dwelling in Egremont and is the only remaining example of a two and one-half story Second Period

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twelve-over-eight sash at the first, second, and attic story levels. There is an additional six-over-six window located towards the rear on the second story. The north and south sides each have an exit from the first floor parlor known as a "funeral" door that is flush with the dwelling's front corner boards. On the south side there is an additional entrance with one twelve-over-eight sash flush with the second door, having a common lintel.

The large roof expanse is evident at the rear or west elevation. A long rear ell with a small rectangular addition extends from the rear at the northwest corner of the house. One twelve-over-eight sash is centrally located next to the ell in the main house's rear elevation. The one and one-half story ell is sheathed in early twentieth century molded edge clapboards and has one entrance door and window glazing infill in the woodshed arched openings. This ell connects with the large two-story barn which has a pitched roof perpendicular to the ell. The barn has been converted to housing and has clapboard sheathing and three-part windows with double-hung, multi-light sash in the gable end and several new multi-light windows and an entrance in the rear or west barn elevation. The rear ell and the converted horse barn, both of which are attached to the main farm house are said to have been built between 1806 and 1815.

Interior features have been preserved throughout including raised field paneling, fireplaces, boxed structural members, and paneled doors with period hardware including strap and H-hinges, and Norfolk and Suffolk latches. The first floor displays the traditional two-room plan with an incorporated lean-to making it an integral three-room plan. Around the massive central core chimney there are two front parlors on either side of the front stairhall. The stairhall has a dog-leg staircase, a molded handrail and wide string with a plain newel post, and molded wainscot paneling. The featherwork finish of the paneling and staircase is notable and was carefully restored in 1967 according to advise from experts at Colonial Williamsburg. The parlors each have a small fireplace on the interior wall with simple molding and narrow mantel, lintel and interior firebox sides of marble, and parson's cupboards above and to the side of the fireplace. Gunstock corner posts and beams are boxed and display a narrow bead detail. The north parlor has a built-in corner cupboard and chairrail. The keeping room or early kitchen, which is the long rear room has a large fireplace with a bake oven on the interior wall with double parson's cupboards, boxed chimney girts, and flanked by four-panel doors that lead to the front parlors. One end of the keeping room, formerly the burning room, was converted to a modern kitchen in 1967. At that time heat and running water were added and most of the changes were confined to the ell and the horse barn.

The second-floor plan has two front bed chambers and a narrow hall across the back under the lean-to roof. The south chamber has a simple fireplace with

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brick lintel and firebox, a narrow plain mantel and corner molding next to one side of the fireplace to allow for a jog in the wall. Interior doors on the second floor display the early raised field paneling with two large panels and modified butterfly / strap hinges and simple Suffolk latches.

Outbuildings at the farm include two late eighteenth century structures both of which have vertical barn-board siding and pitched roofs with no returns. The dates come from oral family history and are consistent with construction techniques. The late eighteenth century barn (33 feet x 46 feet) has three levels with cow and box stalls on the first floor, grain and mow areas on the second, and a loft for the third level. The carriage or wagon shed (20 feet x 36 feet) is one and one-half stories with a shallow loft. It appears to have been built in two stages and is thought to date from the late 1700s. The tool shed (8 feet x 11 feet), situated behind the converted horse barn attached to the house, dates from circa 1850 and is a gable-end structure with an asphalt roof, no returns, featheredge clapboard siding, a plank door in the gable-end, and six-over-six sash set in a slightly projecting frame.

The landscape surrounding the farmhouse and outbuildings is integral to the complex and retains its eighteenth century character with open fields near the house, woodlands on the eastern part, and a large pond through which a tributary to Willard Brook flows. Some ancient stonewalls remain, reminiscent of the early pasture demarcations. On close examination, remnants of the wall systems can be found, many of which were dismantled to use in the nearby roadbeds in the early 1900s.

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Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are currently recorded on the property, it is likely that sites are present. One prehistoric site has been recorded in the general area (within one mile). The physical characteristics of the property, numerous well-drained terraces bordering two streams, a pond, and Willard Brook Swamp, indicate favorable locational criteria for native settlement and subsistence activities. Given the undisturbed nature of the land and large size of the parcel, a high potential exists that sites are present.

There is also a high potential for significant historical archaeological remains on the property. Further documentary research, controlled testing, and excavation can determine whether or not survivals (structural remains, middens, campsites) exist from the Mahican Algonquian Indian Reservation reported on part of the property until 1737. Similar research might also determine whether the remains of eighteenth and nineteenth century outbuildings exist as well as occupation related features such as trash pits, privies and wells. The location of a house and barn well are known though others may exist. Sheet refuse and subsurface features related to structures still extant (ca. 1750 barn, ca. 1770 carriage or wagon shed, 1806 horse barn, ca. 1850 tool or garden shed) may also be present.

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UTM References

POINT	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
E	18	630-670	4667-430
F	18	630-660	4667-480
G	18	631-010	4667-480
H	18	631-120	4667-290
I	18	631-430	4667-360
J	18	631-390	4667-470

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Westover--Bacon--Potts Farm

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Berkshire

DATE RECEIVED: 1/17/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/01/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/17/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/03/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000157

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ ACCEPT X RETURN ___ REJECT 3/2/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Great property with good
documentation. See reverse
for generally minor revision
necessary to enable listing.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/2/90

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

CLASSIFICATION

3 categories checked.
Please indicate only the
1 most appropriate.

count

resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic

current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification

materials

descriptive text

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

Conservation efforts

are described by the
easements as vehicles for preservation;

however, no context has been provided
for the historical significance of these
efforts. No information is even

provided as to when

these easements were

donated. Conservation

does not appear to be an applicable

area of significance. Either provide
further context for its evaluation within the
ascribed period of significance or
delete conservation as an area of significance
for resubmission.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage

verbal boundary description

UTMs

boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps

USGS maps

photographs

presentation

* OTHER COMMENTS

Pg. 7/1 is really pg. 8/1 and vice versa. These 2
pgs. were mislabelled. Please correct.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed

Walter Savage

Phone

(202) 843-9540

Date

3/2/90

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Westover--Bacon--Potts Farm

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Berkshire

DATE RECEIVED: 6/18/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/02/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000157

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 27 July 1990 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Well preserved locally significant
mid-late 18th-century farmstead including
the 1774 farmhouse, ancillary period
outbuildings and 150-acre rural
landscape.

Initial return comments have been
addressed.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 7/27/90

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

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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James N. Parrish, April 27, 1987
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The Jonah Westover House 1744, view N.W.
from Route 41. House, woodsheds and
horsebarn.



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James N. Parrish, April 27, 1987
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The Jonah Westover House, 1744. View of
front facade from road.



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James N. Parrish, April 27, 1987
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Jonah Westover's Barn 1750, and Carriage
and Wagon Shed 1770. View West from
Route 41.



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South Elevation of Jonah Westover House
view North, showing Keeping Room Door,
Funeral Door Well House and Well Sweep.



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View of Jonah Westover House from hill,
showing sloped salt-box roof, wood shed
ell and 1806 horse barn, now caretakers
apartment.



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Westover Barn 1750, showing ramp to
Hay Mowe. View ESE.



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Carriage and Wagon Shed 1770, view South
from rear lawn of house.



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1850 Tool or Garden Shed behind Horse
Barn and House



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Jonah Westover House, entry hall, showing
18th Century Feather work finish on the
front door and the four over lights, from
door to North Parlor.



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Wainscoated Dog-leg Staircase in the
Entry Hall. Note the 18th Century
feather work finish on the panels,
balusters and linen-fold.



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Close-up of Wainscoated panels on the
Dog-leg Staircase showing 18th Century
featherwork finish



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South Parlor view showing SE. corner
beam boxes and Funeral door.



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South Parlor, Fireplace with marble
lintel and cheeks, surround & mantel,
Parson's cubboards and Beam boxes.



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Keeping Room fireplace, marble lintel
& cheeks, Bake oven with door, double
Parsons' cubboards



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Present kitchen in the Old Buttery,
North side of Keeping room.



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North Parlor, Fireplace with marble
lintel & cheeks, surround and mantel,
single Parsons' cupboard.



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North Parlor, view of NE. corner
showing Corner Cupboard ~~from door to~~

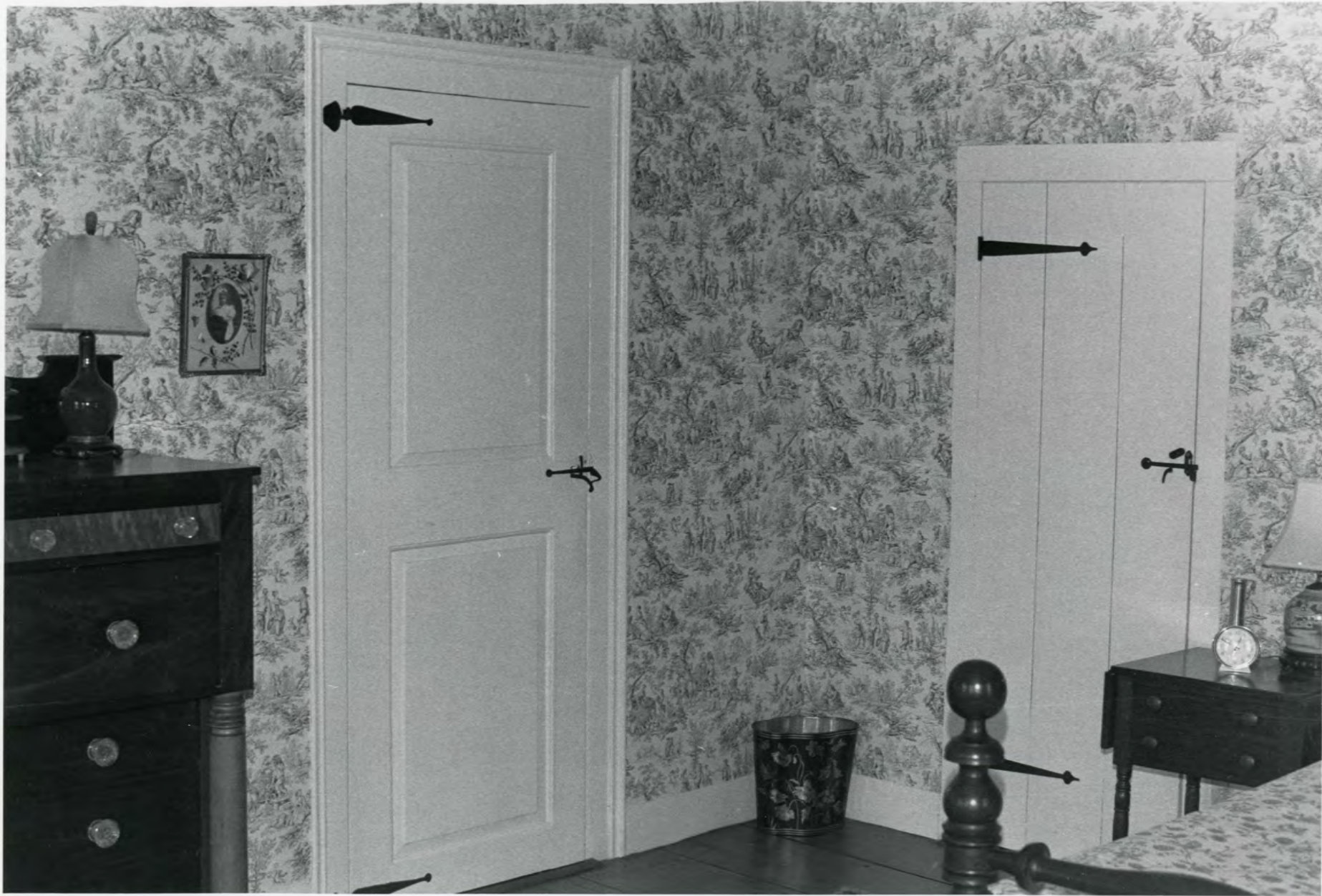


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South Chamber (Bedroom 2nd floor)
Brick fireplace. Note clothes pegs
in the jog near the chimney.



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North Chamber (Bedroom 2nd floor)
Chimney wall with narrow closet



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Keeping Room, original rear door,
exit to the Wood Shed ell. Note
the feather work finish.



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Interior of Wood Shed ell, North
Wall. This was originaly work shops
and farm storage.

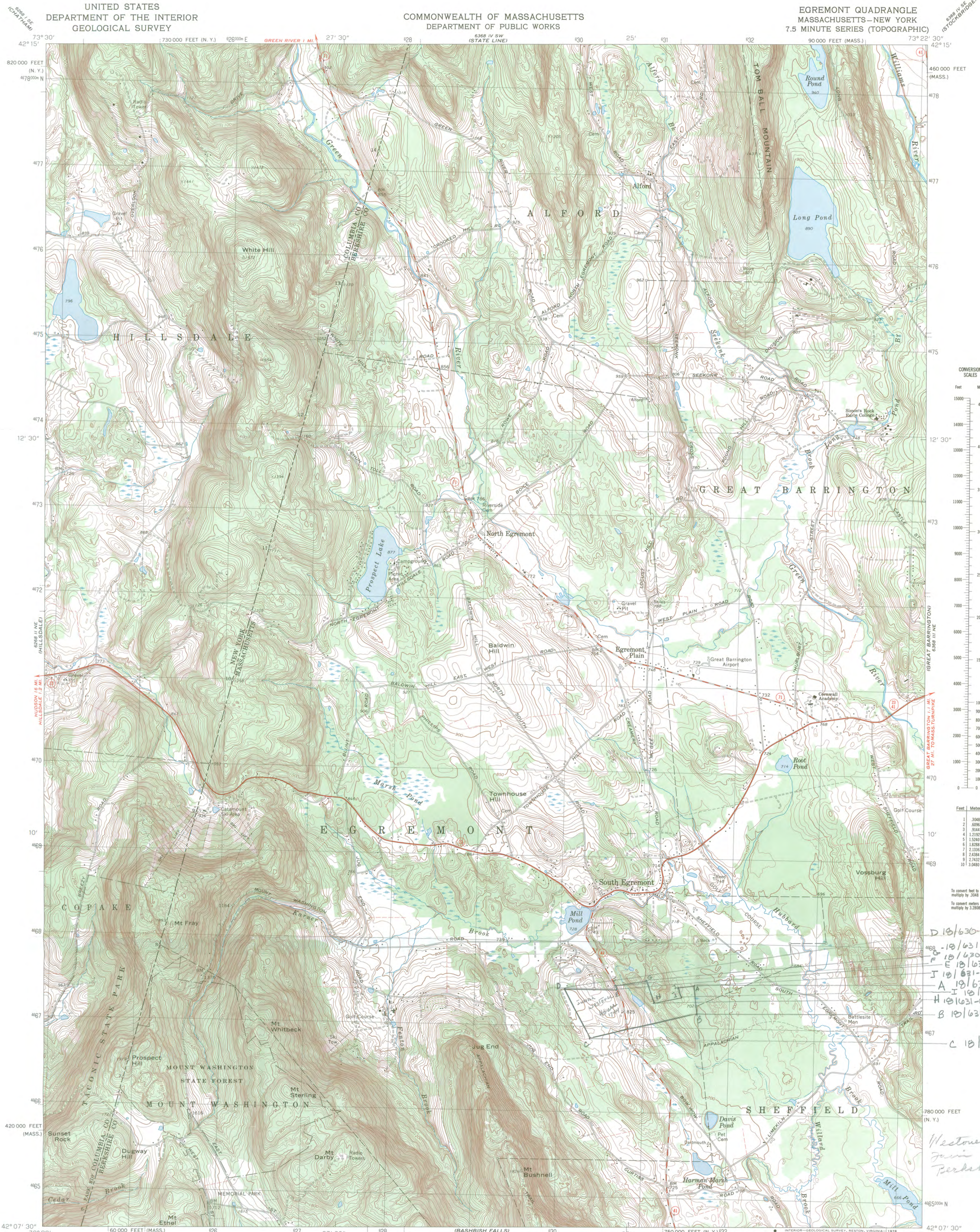


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Interior of Wood Shed ell, View
of West wall toward Horse Barn.



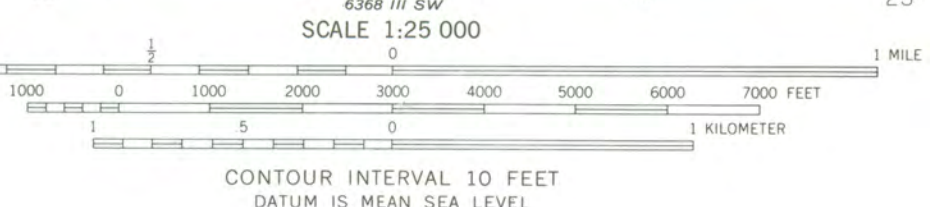
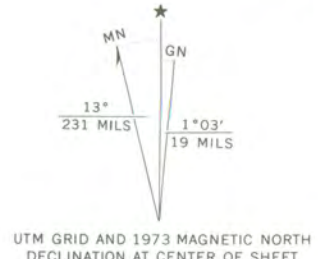
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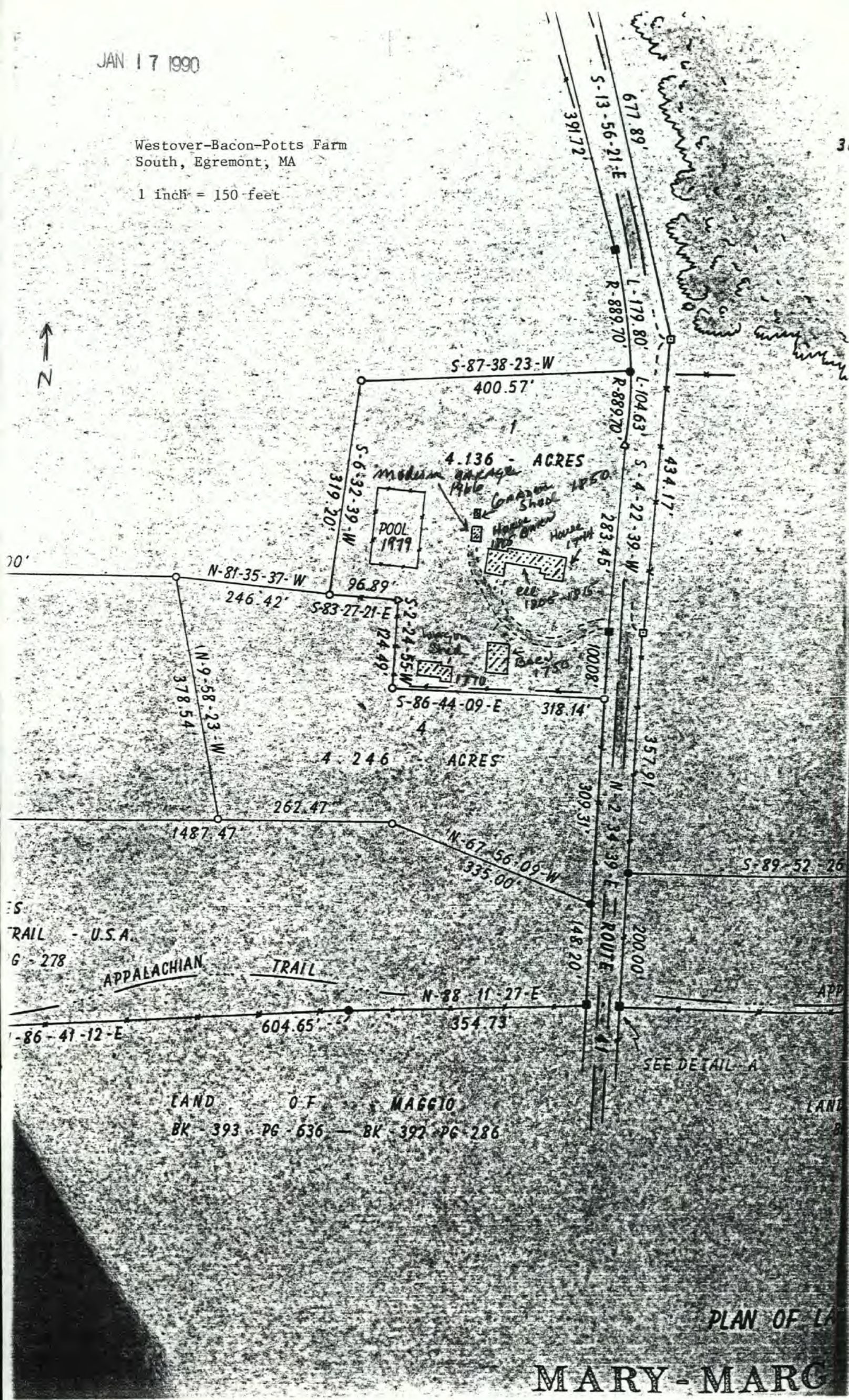
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Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm
South, Egremont, MA

1 inch = 150 feet



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January 9, 1990

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

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination:

Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm, Route 41, South Egremont (Berkshire County),
Massachusetts, 02158.

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination form.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Tait
Acting National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure:



June 8, 1990

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

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find the Westover-Bacon-Potts Farm National Register Nomination which was returned on 3/2/90. All corrections have been made for resubmission.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure:

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Westover Bacon--Potts Farm

Berkshire County , MASSACHUSETTS

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Keeper

Arlene Byer 8/30/80

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Westover--Bacon--Potts Farm

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Berkshire

DATE RECEIVED: 8/20/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/04/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000157

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 8/30/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



August 16, 1990

Mrs. Dolores Byers
National Register of Historic Places
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Dear Mrs. Byers:

I have enclosed the Assessor's maps for the Prospects Heights Historic District, Milford nomination. The maps were inadvertently omitted from the original submission. I hope that this completes the technical documentation for the district.

Secondly, there is an incorrect entry in the Federal Register for the Westover-Bacon-Potts property located in Egremont, not South Egremont, Massachusetts (Berkshire, County). If this needs to be forwarded to another person with whom you work, I would appreciate you giving this to them.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate contacting either Betsy Friedberg, or myself.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Tait
Survey Coordinator
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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