

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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

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received MAR 18 1982

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1. Name

historic Goodwood

and/or common Goodwood

2. Location

street & number Summit Road

NA not for publication

city, town Richmond

NA vicinity of

congressional district First

state Massachusetts 01254

code

025

county

Berkshire

code

023

3. Classification

Category

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

Ownership

☐ public☒ private☐ both

Public Acquisition

NA in process

☐ being considered

Status

☒ occupied☐ unoccupied☐ work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted☐ yes: unrestricted☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture☐ commercial☐ educational☐ entertainment☐ government☐ industrial☐ military☐ museum☐ park☒ private residence☐ religious☐ scientific☐ transportation☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Raymond Leslie Buell

street & number Summit Road

city, town Richmond

NA vicinity of

state Massachusetts 01254

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Berkshire Middle Registry of Deeds

street & number 24 Wendell Avenue

city, town Pittsfield

state Massachusetts 01201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historical Assets of the Commonwealth

title

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date September, 1969

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston

state Massachusetts 02108

7. Description

Condition
☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one
☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one
☒ original site
☐ moved

date *NA*

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Goodwood is a four-square house of wood frame construction, a transitional incorporation of Georgian and Federal Style design elements. The two-story building has a pedimented central pavilion flanked by two pairs of windows on each side, all capped by a hip roof. The molded entablature is decorated with uncut modillions, while the corners are articulated by narrow, fluted pilasters. The major windows are 12/12, with molded cornices and dentil courses on the first floor windows.

The primary feature of the facade is the central pavilion, which contains a wide, pedimented entry porch, sidelighted doorway (both later additions), modified Palladian window, and semi-circular gable window. The classical porch is supported by four narrow, fluted Doric columns, with fluted pilaster strips flanking the door and sidelights. The tripartite window above is also articulated by pilaster strips, here supporting a frieze decorated with carved swags, and an entablature with entablature blocks. Other exterior design features of this building include two interior chimneys, a side doorway with molded cornice, and a two-story, hip roofed ell at the rear. Secondary elevations are assymetrical.

The interior of Goodwood remains in nearly original condition. The central hall plan with interior chimneys allows four main rooms on the first floor, each with a fireplace. The northeast room was the original kitchen, retaining its large cooking fireplace with crane and baking oven. Since 1933, this room has been used as a library, housing Dr. Buell's 2000-volume foreign affairs library. The front hall and two front rooms are the most elaborately decorated. The drawing room on the southwest corner has a fireplace with a plain over-mantel topped by a broken pediment. The doorway on each side of the fireplace as well as the doorway to the front hall is framed by floor-to-ceiling pilasters. The southwest room is similar to the southwest room but is less formal; the door and window frames here have crosseted architraves. The large front stair hall contains a sweeping three-run stairway.

The site of Goodwood should be considered to contain archaeological resources indicative of changes in land use as well as modifications to the landscape through time. Evidence of previous landscaping and former outbuildings may exist on the property in the form of archaeological features. This information would indicate the nature of the historic landscape at Goodwood and perhaps, changes in aesthetic attitudes and building needs there.

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 1792 Builder/Architect NA

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Goodwood possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, and is associated with several regionally and nationally prominent persons. Goodwood was built in 1792 and is one of the finest examples of late Colonial architecture in Berkshire County. Its occupants have been noted for their contributions to the mid-19th century missionary movement, science, and international relations.

Goodwood is located on lot number 28 in the original division of land in Richmond, then called Mt. Ephraim, in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The first proprietor was Jeremiah Peirson, 1792. In 1795, he removed to Ramago, New York, and in 1797 sold his "18 acres, dwelling house, and barn" to Benjmain Goodrich. In 1811, Goodrich sold to two Sherrill brothers, and in 1815, Augustus Sherrill sold to Gideon Deming (of Dalton, MA). In 1820, Deming sold to Rev. Edwin Welles Dwight "a dwelling house, shop, barn, and other buildings". This is Goodwood, now the residence of his great-granddaughter, Frances Dwight Buell.

Edwin W. Dwight of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, graduated from Yale in 1819. He received his divinity degree under Lyman Beecher of Litchfield, Connecticut.

While at Yale, Dwight found a young southsea islander named Henry Obookiah who was "full of dispair" because he was unable to get the education that he desperately wanted. Edwin Dwight made arrangements for Henry to live with his brother, Doctor Timothy Dwight, who was president of Yale, and to further his education.

Edwin Dwight became the first principal of the Foreign Mission School in Cornwall, Connecticut. Henry Obookiah became a student of the mission school and was helpful in making the school a success.

When Obookiah died of typhus in 1818 the whole world learned of the foreign mission school and Henry Obookiah. Edwin Dwight wrote a modest "memoir of Henry Obookiah".

The small book went into 12 editions, swept New England and New York, and resulted in the first mission to the Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii) in 1820.

Dwight became the minister of the Richmond Congregational Church, serving 1819-1837. In 1821, he married Mary Sherrill, daughter of Henry Sherrill.

Local tradition is that Henry's wedding present to his daughter was "Goodwood", however, Rev. Dwight had purchased the property in 1819. Writing the chapter on Richmond in David Dudley Field's "History of Berkshire County" 1829, Edwin Welles Dwight said, "The elevation of Richmond is 1147 feet above

9. Major Bibliographical References

Annin, Katherine H., Richmond, Massachusetts: 1765-1965 North Adams, Massachusetts, Excelsior Printing Co., pp. 55-56, 168.
Field, David D., A History of the Town of Richmond, by Rev. Edwin Welles Dwight. p. 320, p. 324
Holmes, William G., Stephen Reed, M.D., and the "celebrated" Richmond Boulder Train of Berkshire County, MA, U.S.A., Journal of Glaciology, Vol. 6, No. 45, 1966. p. 431-437.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 17.33 more or less

Quadrangle name Pittsfield West

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UMT References

UTM NOT VERIFIED

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification The property nominated is rectangular and is located at the intersection of Summit Road and Dublin Road. It is bounded northerly on land formerly of one Chapin, and westerly on land of Catherine Peirson. Summit Road forms the south boundary with approximately 700 feet frontage and Dublin Road forms the east boundary with approximately

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

state MA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner with William F. Edwards, Chairman. Richmond Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date September 10, 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Peter L. Weslowski

title Executive Director Massachusetts Historical Commission date 12/11/80

For HCRS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 4/15/82

for Shelton Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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tidewater at the doorstep of Rev. Mr. Dwight". This is the marble step of the front porch of Goodwood. On May 22, 1838, Rev. Dwight sold the property to Dr. Stephen Reed, discoverer of the Richmond Boulder Train. Dr. Stephen Reed graduated from Yale University in 1824 and then received his medical degree at Yale Medical School.

He was a physician, schoolmaster, editor, scientific agriculturist, columnist, lecturer, and geologist.

He made a significant contribution to American geology and glacial theory, in his descriptions of the Richmond Boulder Train.

His scientific account of the Boulder Train was read at a national geological meeting and published in the American Journal of Science in 1845.

Dr. Reed's paper created international interest in the Boulder Train and resulted in its study by a large number of eminent geologists among them, Sir Charles Lyell, "the Father of Geology".

This paper also resulted in a transatlantic debate, lasting many years, involving many leading geologists, which was not resolved until the concept of glaciation was widely accepted.

Dr. Reed, among all the participants, deserves the most credit for presenting evidence supporting the theory of continental glaciation.

Several interim owners held the house between 1850 and 1896.

In 1896, Mrs. Henry March of Albany purchased the property and named it Goodwood after the county seat of the Duke of Richmond (who was also the Duke of Lenox and Earl of March).

It was this Duke who championed in Parliament the cause of independence of the English colonies, and led Mount Ephraim to become Richmond, and Yokumtown to become Lenox.

The present owner of Goodwood is Mrs. Raymond Leslie Buell, who purchased the property in 1933.

Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, longtime president of the Foreign Policy Association, was a pioneer in international relations, having written the first book by that title, published in the United States. Dr. Buell gave the first course by that title at Harvard University. A four foot shelf of his books is in the library of Goodwood, and a collection of his papers is in the Houghton Library of rare manuscripts at Harvard University. The library of Goodwood, containing some 2000 volumes on world affairs is unique.

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As an editor of Fortune Magazine, Dr. Buell held several "round table" conferences in his library in the late 30's which were attended by such notables as Wendell Willkie, John K. Galbraith, and Nelson A. Rockefeller. In 1939, a "round table" was held that developed into the nomination of Wendell L. Willkie for president. Dr. Buell became Willkie's Foreign Affairs adviser.

Goodwood is now the residence of Mrs. Frances Dwight Buell, the great-granddaughter of Reverend Edwin Welles Dwight.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Smith, J. E. A., Ed. 1885, The History of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, New York, J. B. Beers, Co., p. 490, p.495

Mrs. Raymond Leslie Buell; Personal communication, 1979

Chamberlain, Paul H., Cornwallis Foreign Mission School, The Lure of the Litchfield Hills, Vol. 28, No. 1, 1968., p. 9-11.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

For further description see deed Henry W. Dwight to Francis Dwight Buell, February 24, 1934; Book 460, Page 230.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

82004955

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Goodwood
State, County: MA, Berkshire
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 318.82.803

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 4-15-82 / 5-2-82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/15/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Entered in the
National Register

photos ☒
maps ☒

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



GOODWOOD, RICHMOND, MASS
WILLIAM F. EDWARDS, 1979
STATE ROAD, RICHMOND, MASS 01254
FRONT VIEW LOOKING NORTH
①

RICHMOND, MA
Goodwood #1 OF 3

View looking north
Photo by William
Edwards, 1979
Negative with
photographer,
State Rd, Richmond



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GOODWOOD, RICHMOND, MASS
WILLIAM F. EDWARDS 1979
STATE ROAD, RICHMOND, MASS. 01254
FRONT VIEW LOOKING NORTH
②

RICHMOND, MA
Goodwood #2 of 3

View looking north
Photo by William
Edwards, 1979
Negative with
photographer,
State Rd, Richmond



GOODWOOD, RICHMOND, MASS.
WILLIAM F. EDWARDS 1979
STATE ROAD, RICHMOND, MASS. 01254
SIDE VIEW LOOKING WEST TAKEN FROM
DUBLIN ROAD, 1890 BARN ON RIGHT
③

RICHMOND, MA
Goodwood

#30F3

View looking west

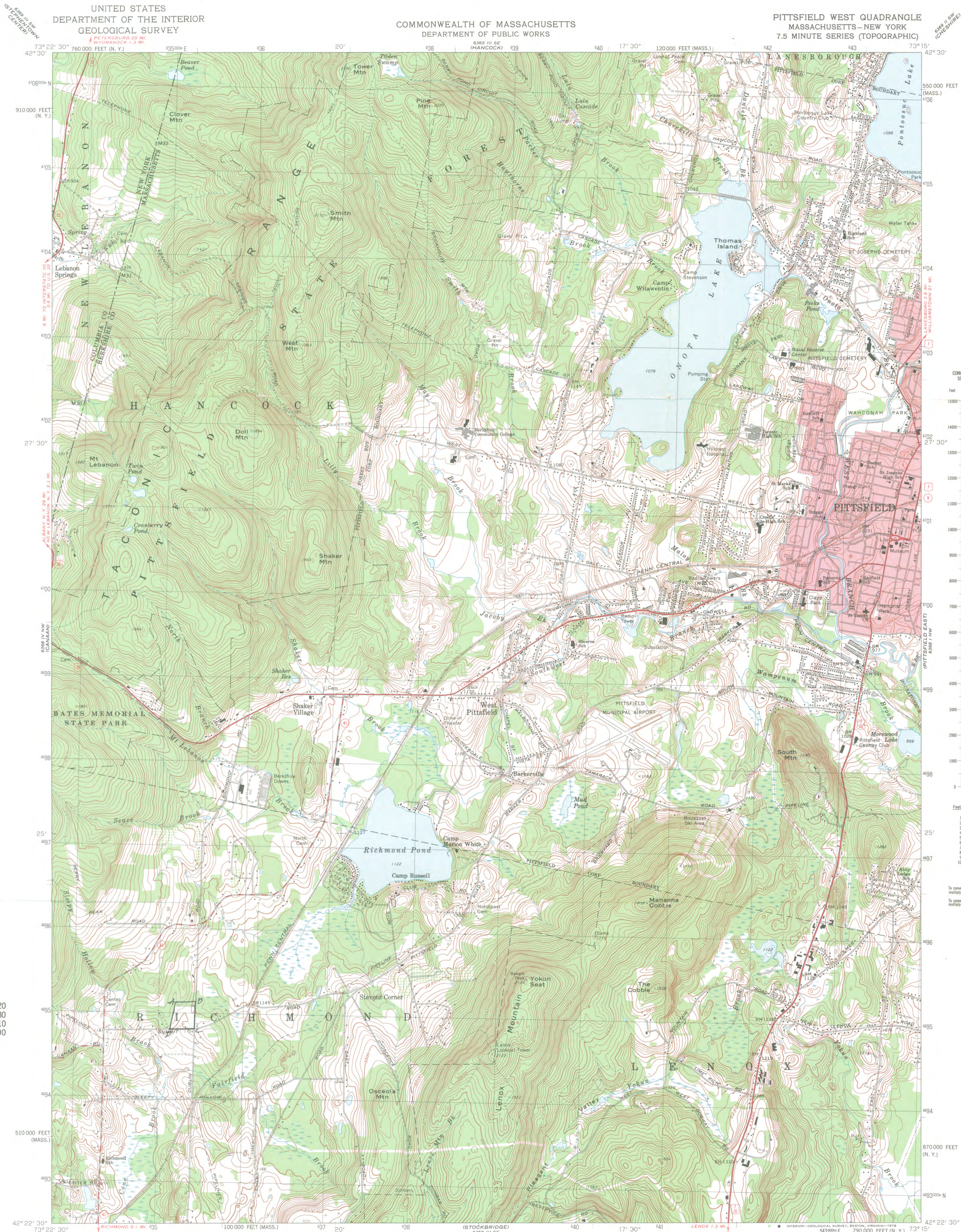
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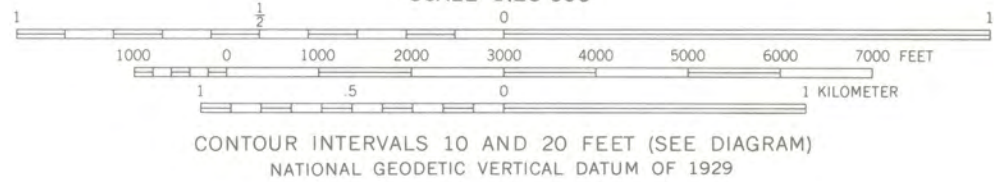
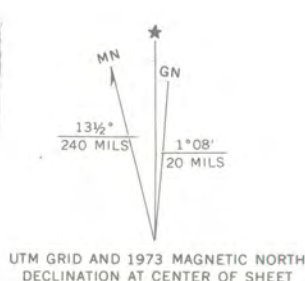


RICHMOND, MA
Goodwood

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mainland zone, and New York coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 18

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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

PITTSFIELD WEST, MASS.—N. Y.
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APRIL 15, 1982

Name
Goodwood

Location
Richmond
Berkshire County

Searles Castle

Great Barrington
Berkshire County

Notified

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

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