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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Massachusetts
COUNTY:	Norfolk
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JAN 21 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Stoughton Railroad Station**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**53 Wyman Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Stoughton**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**eleventh**

STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025** COUNTY: **Norfolk** CODE: **021**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Metropolitan Boston Transportation Authority**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**500 Arborway**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Jamaica Plain**

STATE: **MA** CODE: **02130**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
**Norfolk County Registry of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**650 High Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Dedham**

STATE: **MA** CODE: **025**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1968**  Federal  State  County  Local

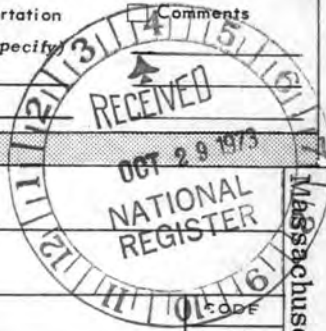
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Massachusetts Historical Commission**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**40 Beacon Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Boston**

STATE: **MA** CODE: **025**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



STATE: Massachusetts

COUNTY: Norfolk

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stoughton Railroad Station, designed by Charles Brigham in 1888, is situated one block from the town's main street, facing east on Wyman Street. The railroad tracks run perpendicular to the street, on the south side of the station.

The building is constructed of random ashlar, roofed in slate, with attached clock tower and carriage porch. The main building provides a polygonal women's waiting room at the south, and a rectangular men's waiting room and small rooms used as telegraph offices and luggage storage at the north end. Centrally located is the ticket booth with windows on three sides, facing on the men's and women's waiting rooms and the front facade. Each waiting room has its own fireplace and chimney. The women's waiting room chimney is on the building's front roof slope while the men's waiting room chimney is at the back.

The clock tower, situated at the northeast end of the building, and the men's waiting room have segmental arch windows. Lancet windows light the upper portions of the tower. In contrast, rectangular shaped windows are used for the ticket booth and women's waiting room. The entrance has a pedimented portico with half-timbering in the tympanum. A carriage porch, consisting of four granite piers covered by a hip roof, is north of the tower and set back from the street. A covered wooden platform runs perpendicular to the station on the west side.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1888**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Stoughton Railroad Station (1888) has local importance as the most significant public building in Stoughton. It is well located, essentially unaltered, in excellent condition, and is historically linked to the development of local industry.

The building has state-wide historic importance because of its pivotal involvement with the early extension of the railroad in southeastern Massachusetts. It is currently unique for both its distinction of design and as the only remaining example of the towered stations built in Massachusetts cities and towns by the railroads during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Between 1870 and 1890 the tower was one of the most vital elements in building design, and in stations its use was reserved for more important station locations, adding impressiveness and assymetry to the building design. Time and circumstance have given the Stoughton Railroad Station a unique role in the area, for all other stone stations of any pretense on the line have been destroyed.

Additionally the station holds potential for national architectural significance. It is the first independent and possibly the most significant public building by Charles Brigham, whose stature for his crucial role in the development of the Classical Revival of the 1890's is now being recognized. The station is one of the best of his designs and indicates a deep understanding of the Richardsonian motifs of the 1880's. His Second Church of Christ Scientist and the powerful but sensitive addition to the Massachusetts State House, both in Boston, are important examples of his work in the Classical Revival style.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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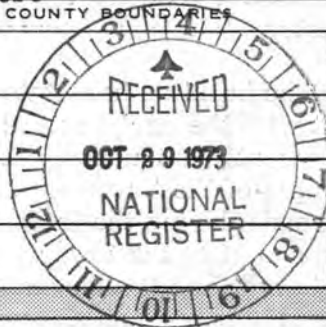
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	42 °	07'	29"
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**William Lebovich for Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director**

ORGANIZATION: **Massachusetts Historical Commission** DATE: **5/15/73**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**40 Beacon Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Boston** STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name **John F. X. Davoren**  
**JOHN F. X. DAVOREN**  
Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
Title **Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission**

Date **October 17, 1973**

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

**AR Martens**  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **1/21/74**

ATTEST:  
**Ronald M. Greenberg**  
Keeper of The National Register

Date **1/18/74**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY Stoughton Railroad Station STATE Mass.

WORKING NUMBER 10.29.73.3850

Norfolk

TECH REVIEW  
PHOTOS 1  
MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW  
OK

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HISTORIAN  
Accept  
12-12-73  
C.S.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST  
Inventory by HABER

Accept  
End  
1/3/73

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept  
KHC  
12/7/73

BRANCH CHIEF

accept  
CMB  
1-17-74

KEEPER

P. Greenberg  
for Muntash  
1/18/74

National Register Write-up 3-13-74

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry 3-5-74

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered \_\_\_\_\_

JAN 21 1974



Stoughton RR Station  
East facade and south elevation

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FORM 10-301 A  
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

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JAN 21 1974

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COUNTY

TOWN

Massachusetts

Norfolk

Stoughton

STREET AND NUMBER

53 Wyman Street

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

DATE

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1973

805 Washington Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Stoughton Railroad Station, East facade and south elevation



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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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Norfolk

TOWN

Stoughton

STREET AND NUMBER

53 Wyman Street, Stoughton, MA

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

U. S. G. S. Brockton, MA

DATE

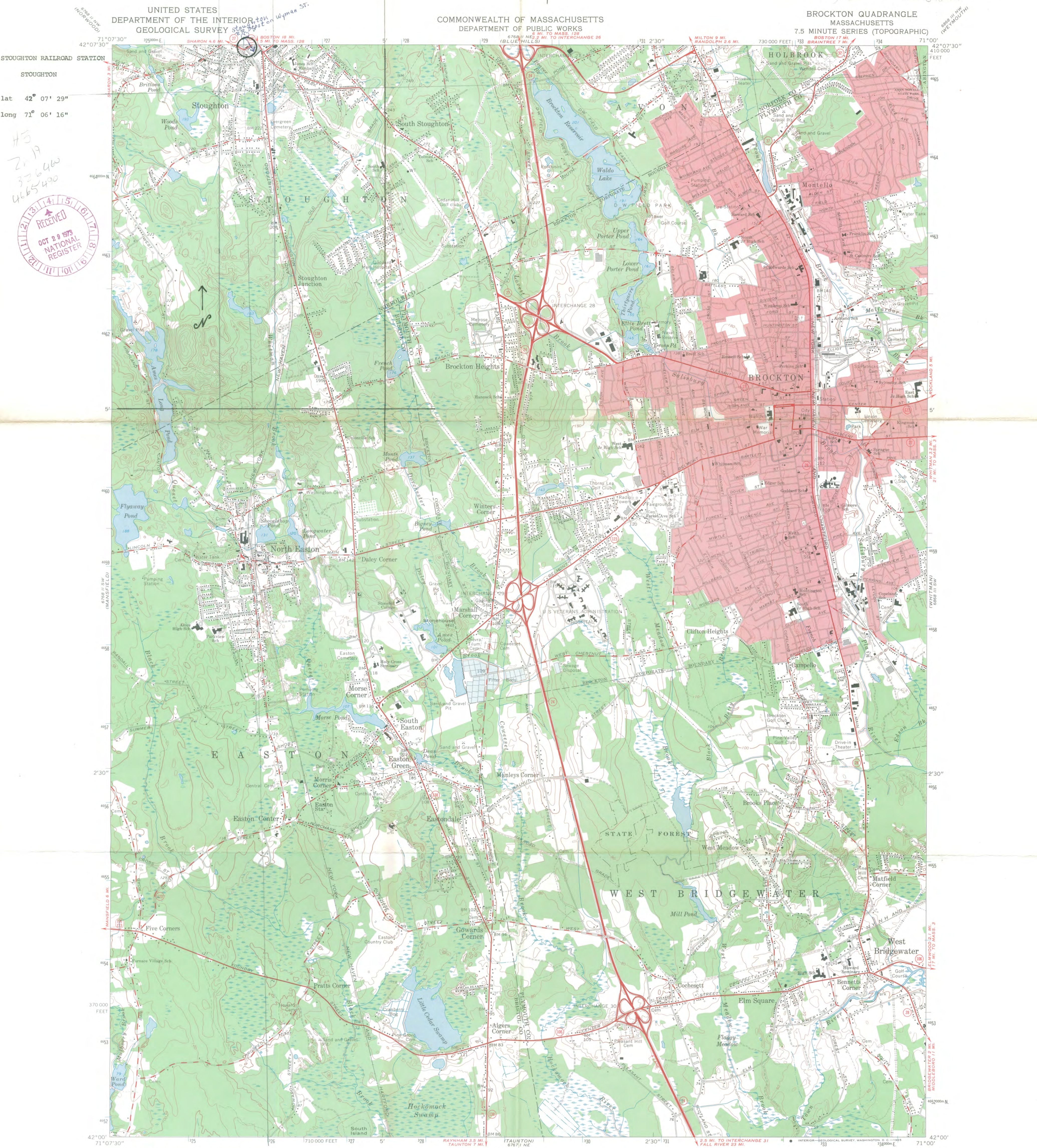
1963

SCALE

1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:





lat 42° 07' 29"  
long 71° 06' 16"



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
Topography by planimetric surveys 1936. Revised 1963  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1963 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -  
○ State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

BROCKTON, MASS.  
N4200—W7100/7.5  
1963  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

JAN 21 1974

Date Entered

Name

Location

**Stoughton Railroad Station**

**Stoughton  
Norfolk County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Edward M. Kennedy**

**Hon. Edward W. Brooke**

**Hon. James A. Burke**

**Director, North Atlantic Region**

**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**Hon. John F.X. Davoren**

**Secretary of the Commonwealth**

**Chairman, Massachusetts Historical  
Commission**

**40 Beacon St.**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02108**

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Norfolk Co Mass

Advisory Council on  
Historic Preservation  
1522 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

AUG 21 1978

Mr. Daniel Duff  
Attorney/Advisor  
Urban Mass Transportation Administration  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Duff:

This concerns an outstanding Urban Mass Transportation Administration(UMTA) loan to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority(MBTA) for purchase of the Stoughton Railroad Station, Stoughton, Massachusetts, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. It is the Council's understanding that your office is currently involved in negotiating an agreement among MBTA, UMTA, the Massachusetts Historical Commission(MHC), and the Stoughton Restoration Committee, that would give MBTA title to the property and maintenance responsibility to the Stoughton Restoration Committee. The money for repair and maintenance of the station would be provided for by 50% Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Grant-in-Aid funds and matching money from the Stoughton Restoration Committee. Apparently UMTA is also considering awarding a grant to MBTA to enable them to repay the original loan for purchase of the property.

The Council is concerned that there be adequate conditions or restrictions regarding preservation, maintenance and use of the structure in the deed or lease. UMTA should make a determination of effect for the proposed grant to MBTA pursuant to Section 800.4 of the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800) (attached) and inform us of your findings at your earliest convenience.

If you should have any questions concerning this transmittal or our Procedures, please call Ms. Sharon Conway at 202-254-3967.

Sincerely,



Myra F. Harrison  
Assistant Director  
Office of Review  
and Compliance

Enclosure

Norfolk Co Draft

Advisory Council on  
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1522 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

AUG 27 1978

Mrs. Albie R. Petruzzo, Chairman  
Stoughton Railroad Restoration Committee  
1062 West Street  
Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072

Dear Mrs. Petruzzo:

This letter is in response to your May 4, 1978, letter to the President concerning the sale and maintenance of the Stoughton Railroad Station, Stoughton, Massachusetts, a property that is included in the National Register of Historic Places. Your letter was routed through several federal agencies prior to receipt by the Council and we sincerely regret the delay in a response to your inquiry.

The Council has contacted the Urban Mass Transportation(UMTA) and requested that they evaluate their involvement with the property relative to the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Culture Properties" (36 CFR Part 800)(attached). UMTA will report their findings to the Council and we will keep you advised of the project's status.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter or the Council's Procedures, contact Ms. Sharon Conway at 202/254-3967.

Sincerely,



Myra F. Harrison  
Assistant Director  
Office of Review  
and Compliance

Enclosure