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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Meeting House of the Third Religious Society of Longmeadow

AND/OR COMMON

First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

7 Somers Road

CITY, TOWN

East Longmeadow

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd Massachusetts

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE
025

COUNTY

Hampden

CODE
013**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

The First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow

STREET & NUMBER

7 Somers Road

CITY, TOWN

East Longmeadow

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hampden County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

55 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ MOVED DATE 1858

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

East Longmeadow's First Congregational Church is located on a triangular lot between Somers Road (Route 83) and Prospect Street (Route 186). The church faces north onto Center Square, which is the center of East Longmeadow.

Erected in 1828, the church is a simple 45' x 55' rectangle with a ridge roof, Classical Revival in style. The gable faces Center Square. The side elevations are three bays deep. The building is sheathed in clapboards except for the facade which is match board.

The facade is dominated by a smaller Ionic temple front, which projects out from the body of the church. Four pilasters are interrupted above the first floor entrance level by an entablature with a frieze and dentilated cornice. At the entrance level are a center entry and two windows framed by the pilasters. Above this entry level is the temple front proper. Between the pilasters are double hung multi-paned windows running 3/5th's of the way down from the entablature. The temple front is completed by a pediment. Above the entrance is a square bell tower with round arched windows. Above this is an octagonal enclosed cupola with corner pilasters, topped by a small ridged dome with a windvane.

The side elevations have long, double hung, multi-pane windows framed by shutters and topped by round arched, louvered fans. Just north of the first bay of the west elevation is a small, square exterior chimney. The church rests on an almost completely exposed brick basement which has been painted white.

In 1858 the building was moved 750' north to its present site.

Prior to 1911, two of the original three entrance doors were replaced by windows. A 30' x 45' addition was built at the southern end in 1926. In 1948 a chancel was extended into the addition to enlarge the sanctuary. Fellowship Hall, to the west, and a breezeway were built in 1953, at which time the basement was renovated.

The greensward in front of the church was donated with the provision that it forever remain a park or common. If it is used for any other purpose, it will revert to the donors' heirs.

The original wood clapboarding has been covered with aluminum clapboarding.

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 1828

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

First Congregational Church is significant as the oldest church and church building in the Town of East Longmeadow. It is also notable for the unique system used to finance its construction and for the role it has played in town matters.

In 1827 the "Proprietors of the Meeting House of the Third Religious Society on Longmeadow" was established. Shares in this corporation were sold at a fixed value of \$10 per with a limit of ten shares to any one holder. This corporation built the present church. There was no third religious society or other organization extant. In 1829, the Second Congregational Church and Third Religious Society of Longmeadow was founded by 45 people from the area. In 1858, after seven years of discussion, the Society bought the church building from the Proprietors and moved it down the hill to its present location.

Until 1882 and the erection of the Town Hall here in East Village, Town Meeting was held in this church, alternating yearly with West Village. In 1894 the community separated into two towns, Longmeadow and East Longmeadow.

The ecclesiastical society was dissolved in 1910 when the First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow was incorporated.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records of the First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow
Champlin, Winslow S; The History of the Town of East Longmeadow, 1948.
Town History Group; Seventy-Five Years a Town.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 2/3 acres.

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor & John Loito

Jeanne P. Goodlatte East Longmeadow
Doris Cruikshank Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

November 29, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amadon

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

6/27/77

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

ATTEST:

Wm. Cruikshank
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DATE

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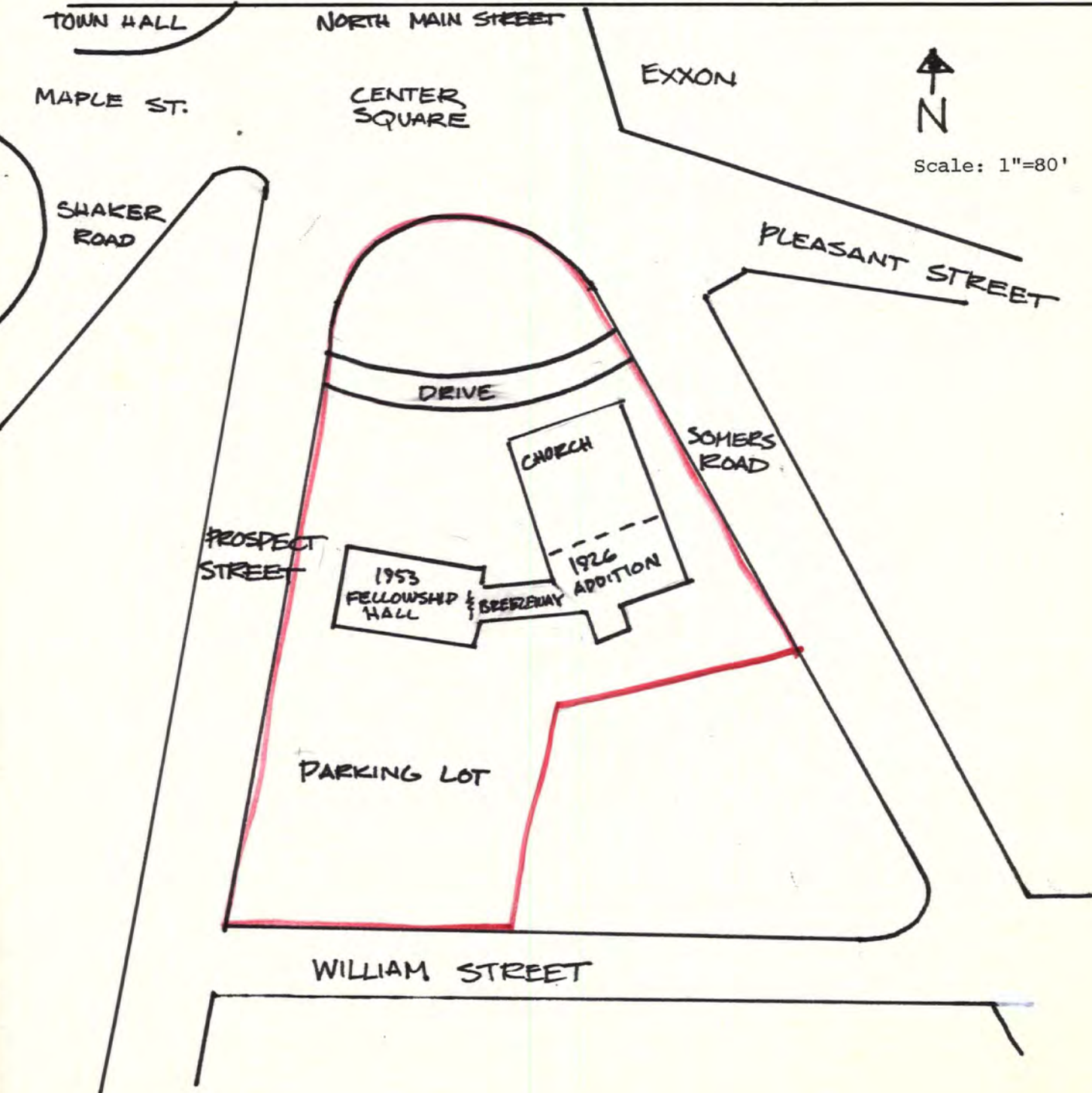
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First Congregational Church, East Longmeadow, MA. Sketch Map

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Property

78000444
First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow

State

Mass.

Working Number

7.6.77.1089

Hampden

TECHNICAL

Photos

3

Maps

1

CONTROL

OK 7.7.77

In so many ways - the important associations attributed to the church relate to the very different pre 1926 appearance. Do we list most New England town halls? Do it really present to be a "historic bldg."

HISTORIAN

"... "OLDEST CHURCH & CHURCH BUILDING IN THE TOWN." A BRIEF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, THOUGH.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
H. B. B. B.
11/21/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

additions to rear and side do not distract from original massing.
justified for religion

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Lebowich
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BRANCH CHIEF

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1.3.78

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National Register Write-up

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Federal Register Entry

3.7.78

Re-submit

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First Congregational Church *J E Long*
East Longmeadow, MA
Feb., 1977

Robert F. Heald
Holly Hill Photos

Hampden Co.

167 Pleasant Street, East Longmeadow
Photo #1 *93*
Northwest view- Facade and west elevation

JUL 6 1977

*First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow
Longmeadow, Mass.*

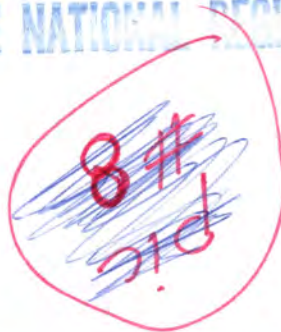
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8 Goodwin
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E-LONG
3 COL
CHURCH
(TOP)

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66%

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Photo by Ken Anderson

July - August 1975

Structure redecorated by
new pews, carpeting, draperies

Church
Longmeadow

First Congregational Church
East Longmeadow, MA.
1976
Ken Anderson
East Longmeadow Historical Commission
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Photo #203
Interior looking towards the apse.

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First Congregational Church of E. Long.
East Longmeadow, MA.
Feb., 1977

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167 Pleasant Street, East Longmeadow

Photo #3 MB

Looking toward north facade of Fellowship Hall (west of Church proper)

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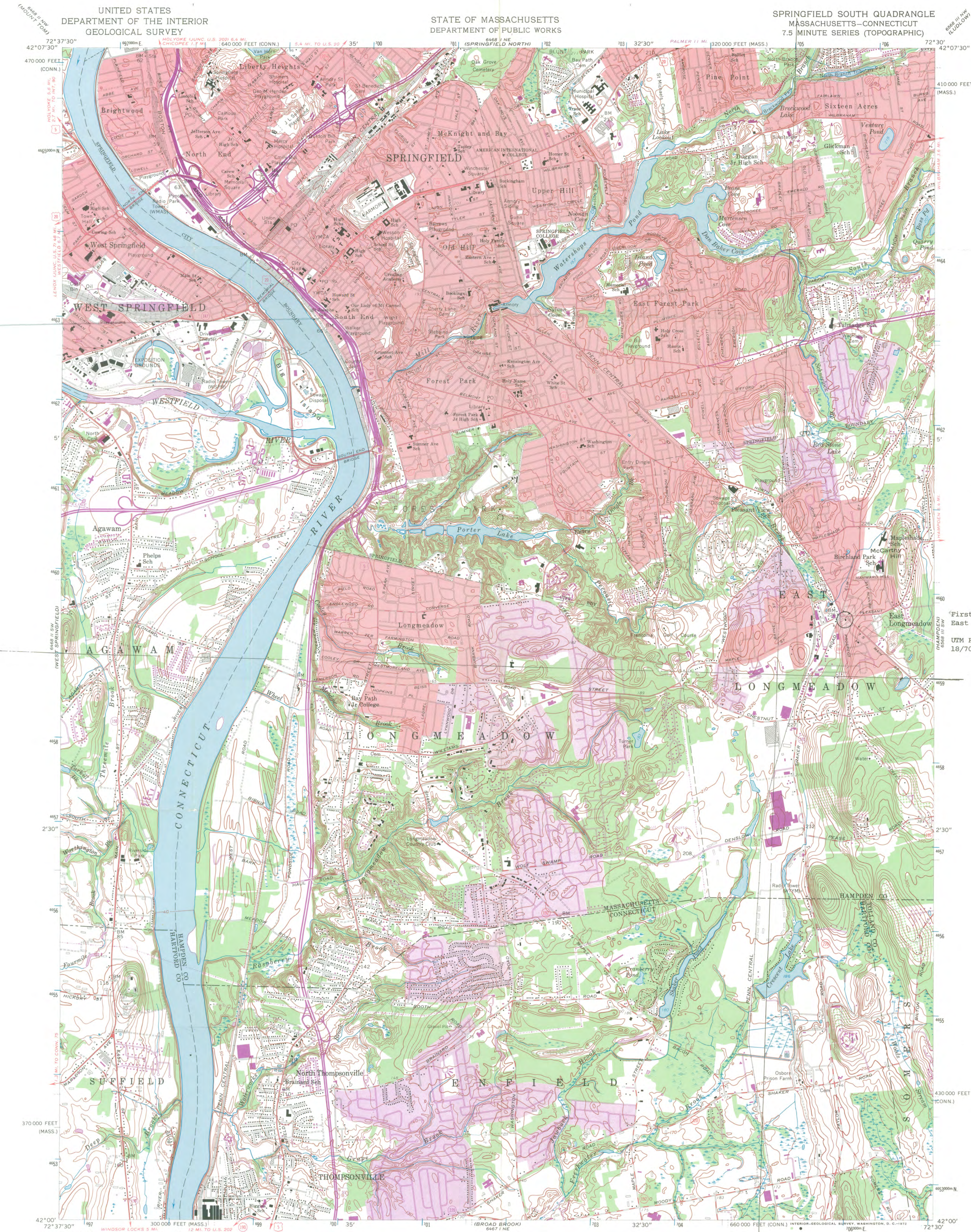
Hall

at Church of East Longmeadow

JUL 6 1977

East Longmeadow, Mass.

Feb. 1977



First Congregational Church
East Longmeadow, MA.

UTM Reference:
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Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, Massachusetts Geodetic Survey,
and Connecticut Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1933 and 1942
Culture revised from aerial photographs by photogrammetric
methods. Aerial photographs taken 1957. Field check 1958
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone, and Connecticut coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
Connecticut Highway Department from aerial photographs
taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———
SPRINGFIELD SOUTH, MASS.-CONN.
N4200 - W7230/7.5
1958
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **JAN 3 1978**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow	East Longmeadow Hampden County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward P. Boland

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

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1/9/78

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

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow		2 OTHER NAMES: of Longmeadow Meetinghouse of the Third Religious Society		3 date of entry: JAN 3 1978	4 county code: 13
5 LOCATION street & number 7 Somers Rd.		city / town East Longmeadow	vicinity of MA	state MA	county Hampden
7 OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)		8 ADMINISTRATOR:			
9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL		10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 2nd	
12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL		if state who prepared form?			
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		15 ACRES	
16 CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ fair ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated		17 features: ☐ original site ☐ altered ☐ moved ☐ unaltered ☐ unknown ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated		18 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO	
19 ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☐ no	
22 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE : ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10		☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20		☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		24 dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:		25 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐	
26 architectural style(s):		27 architect:		28 master builder:	
29 landscape architect / garden designer:		30 interior decorator:		31 artist:	
32 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:		33 artisan:		34 builder/contractor:	
35 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP					